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**News: World Heritage Day**

- April 18 is celebrated as the International Day for Monuments and Sites (also known as World Heritage Day) by International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).
- The theme for this year is “Heritage Changes,” which focuses on the role of cultural heritage in climate action and its importance in protecting vulnerable communities.

**International Council on the Monuments and Sites  
(ICOMOS)**

- International Council on the Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) is global monument conservation body (non-government organisation) dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology and scientific techniques for the conservation of architectural and archaeological heritage across the world.
- It is also an advisory body to UNESCO for cultural heritage, in particular for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.
- It was founded in 1965 in Warsaw (Poland) as a result of the Venice Charter of 1964.

- It is headquartered in **Paris, France**.
- International Council on the Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) **has declared April 18 as International Day for Monuments and Sites (also known as World Heritage Day)**.

**News:** TeLEOS–2

## **TeLEOS – 2**

- TeLEOS – 2 is an **Earth Observation Satellite developed by Singapore** weighing **741 kg** and has **synthetic aperture radar** capable of providing data in **1-meter resolution**.
- It is **equipped with a high-resolution camera** that can capture images with a **ground resolution of up to one meter**.
- **ISRO, through its New Space India Limited (latest commercial arm of ISRO), has been decided to launch TeLEOS–2 through Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)**.

## Objectives

- The primary objective of TeLEOS-2 is to provide high-resolution imagery of the Earth's surface for various applications, including urban planning, disaster management, maritime safety, and environmental monitoring.
- The satellite is also expected to support Singapore's Smart Nation initiative, which aims to harness technology to improve the quality of life for citizens.