



Singapore President Arrives in Jodhpur | Rajasthan | 26 Mar 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Singapore President** Tharman Shanmugaratnam **arrived in Rajasthan's Jodhpur**. His visit to India comes at a time when **External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is on a visit to Singapore**.

- Indian-origin economist, **Tharman Shanmugaratnam was sworn in as the 9th Singapore President in September 2023**.

Key Points

- According to the sources, the External Affairs Minister started his Singapore visit by paying homage to [Subhash Chandra Bose](#) and the brave [Indian National Army](#) soldiers.
 - He also engaged in discussions with prominent corporate figures from the country who offered positive feedback on India's growth story derived from their investment experiences.
- According to the High Commission of India in Singapore, the [ties between India and Singapore](#) have a history rooted in **strong commercial, cultural and people-to-people links**. India was one of the **first countries to recognise Singapore in 1965**.
 - The relations between India and Singapore are based on shared values and approaches, economic opportunities and convergence of interests on key issues.
 - There are more than **20 regular bilateral mechanisms, dialogues and exercises**.
 - The two nations have great convergence on a broad range of international issues and both are members of a number of forums, including the [East Asia Summit](#), [G20](#), [the Commonwealth](#), [Indian Ocean Rim Association \(IORA\)](#) and the [Indian Ocean Naval Symposium \(IONS\)](#).

Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

- It is an intergovernmental organisation established to promote economic cooperation and regional integration among countries bordering the **Indian Ocean**.
- IORA member states **work on various initiatives related to trade, investment, and sustainable development** in the Indian Ocean region (IOR).

Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)

- The IONS is **a voluntary and inclusive initiative that brings together navies of IOR littoral states** to increase maritime co-operation and enhance regional security.
- It also serves to develop an effective response mechanism and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) against [natural disasters](#).