Elephant Parade in Thrissur Pooram

Recently, the **Supreme Court** stayed a series of restrictions imposed by the **Kerala high court** on the use of elephants in **Thrissur Pooram.**

- Earlier the Kerala High Court mandated a **3-meter gap** between elephants, **8 meters** from the public or percussion displays, and a **100-meter buffer** from areas using fireworks.
- **Thrissur Pooram:**
    - It is an **annual Hindu temple festival** held in Thrissur, Kerala which is a symbolic meeting of deities of **10 temples.**
    - Celebrated in **Medam (April-May)** in Kerala, it is known as the **Mother of all Poorams (temple festival).**
    - It was started by **Raja Rama Varma**, famously known as **Sakthan Thampuran**, the **Maharaja of Cochin (1790–1805)**, with the participation of 10 different temples.
    - **Vibrantly decked elephants** are a major highlight of Thrissur Pooram.

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- The festival starts with the **flag hoisting** ceremony, known as **Kodiyettam**. The final day is marked by a spectacular **fireworks display.**

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