Hareka Religion

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<u>In news</u>— Naga social worker Dr .Newme of Lodi Village of Dima Hasao district of Assam was awarded with Padma shri for preserving the Heraka religion for decades.

Heraka faith & Dr. Newme contributions-

- A native of Dima Hasao, Newme has acquired the title of Hero of Heraka by preserving and promoting the traditional culture of the Heraka people.
- Even the **Heraka religious text "Tingwang Hingde"** was transcribed by Newme.
- Haipou Jadonang, a Naga spiritual guide and political activist from Manipur, British India, founded the Heraka religious organisation
- The veneration of the supreme god, "Tingkao Ragwang," was emphasised by the Heraka faith.
- Although this deity was accepted as the creator god in the old religion, he or she played a very minor role in daily life as one of many gods.