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**KARNATAKA/INDIA/INTERNATIONAL-CURRENT AFFAIRS**



September -2024

- **The Kodava community's** special privilege to **own firearms** without a license has come under the spotlight after a writ petition was filed in the Karnataka High Court.
  - **Kail-podh:** Festival of Weapons (Kodavas; Coorg/Kodagu district, Karnataka)
  - Kailpodh is celebrated within the Kodagu community where arms and weapons like guns, knives, swords, bows, and arrows are cleaned and prayer lamps are lit
  - It is celebrated in the month of **September**. It is a time which marks the end to the sowing season and then they have to remain watchful and protect the crop.
  - The weapons used to **protect the crop** hence are taken and decorated on this day and pooja is offered.



- The Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) population **in Uttara Kannada**, believed to be the **largest in the country**, is found to be stable as per a scientific study, despite forest fragmentation, habitat loss and anthropogenic pressure.
  - The report states that the rare and critically endangered primates, **numbering 730** are the largest group in the country and perhaps the world, as the species are **endemic** to Western Ghats and are restricted to the rain forests in the region.
- Recently the first International Solar Festival was organized in **New Delhi**. The International Solar Alliance was established in 2015 during the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Paris.
- 6 September, 2024, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) unanimously adopted a resolution proclaiming **July 6 every** year as the **“World Rural Development Day”**.
  - **Bangladesh initiated** the resolution and a core group comprising Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Peru, the Philippines and Thailand tabled it at the plenary of the 78th session of UNGA.
  - Why 6th July? To commemorate the date of establishment of the **“Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)”** on July 6,



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1979, as a recognition of the organizations significant role in sustainable rural development endeavors in its member states in the Asia-Pacific region'

- **CIRDAP Hq: Bangladesh**

### Ramon Magsaysay Award 2024

- It was founded to preserve former Philippine **President Ramon Magsaysay's** example of integrity in governance and idealism in a democratic society.( use his model in Ethics Answer writing) - It was established in 1957.
- Prominent Indians who have won the award include Vinoba Bhave in 1958, C. D. Deshmukh in 1959, Mother Teresa in 1962, Kamala Devi Chattopadhyay in 1966, Satyajit Ray in 1967, Kiran Bedi in 1994, T. N. Seshan in 1996, Mahasweta Devi in 1997.
- In recent years, Arvind Kejriwal (2006), Anshu Gupta of Goonj (2015), human rights activist Bezwada Wilson (2016), and journalist Ravish Kumar (2019) have won the award.
- Oncologist R. Ravi Kannan of the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (Assam) won 2023 Ramon Magsaysay award.

### Ramon Magsaysay Award 2024

Name	Field
Hayao Miyazaki	Japanese animator
Phuntsho Karma	Bhutanese scholar and social worker
Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong	Vietnamese doctor who works for victims of Agent Orange used during the Vietnam War
Farhan Farwiza	Founder of Yayasan Hutan Alam dan Lingkungan Aceh (HAKA), dedicated to preserving the Leuser ecosystem.
Rural Doctors Movement	Thailand

- Asian Champions Trophy 2024 final, **India beat China** 1-0, lift record-extending 5th title.
- Karnataka's **first Waste-to-Energy (WTE)** set up in Bidadi (Ramanagara Dt) , It is a joint project of the KPCL and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).
- Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (**Bio-RIDE**) scheme. Its aim is to foster research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in biotechnology, positioning India as a global leader in this field.



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- Its aim is to foster research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in biotechnology, positioning India as a global leader in this field.
  - To make India a USD 300 billion bioeconomy by 2030 and achieve the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**
  - The proposed budget for the scheme's implementation is ₹9,197 crore for the **15th Finance Commission** period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The Government of Karnataka has decided to hold many celebrations on the occasion of 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50', to mark the golden jubilee of the renaming of Mysore State as Karnataka on November 1, 1973.
  - The the celebrations would be conducted as 'Kannada Janotsava' by presenting the Rajyotsava Award to 69 people on November 1, Rajyotsava day.  
An award selection committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Kannada and Culture Minister **Shivaraj Tangadagi**.
    - The 25-ft bronze statue of Bhuvaneshwari will be unveiled on the premises of the Vidhana Soudha on November 1.
    - A memorial of **Ramzansab Pinjar** will be installed in Ballari.
    - A statue of **Adargunchi Shankargouda** will be installed in Dharwad.
    - A statue of **Andanappa Doddameti** will be erected in Gadag
    - The statue of Devaraj Urs would be unveiled at the new Deputy Commissioner's office in Mysuru on the occasion
  - Writer Hampa Nagarajaiah to inaugurate Dasara 2024, Known by his pen name Hampana, is an Indian scholar in Kannada language and Jainism.
  - India witnessed its 'best-ever campaign' in **the Paris Paralympics 2024** bagging a total of 29 medals. It included 7 gold, 9 silver and 13 bronze medals.
    - **Mascot:** The Paralympic Phryge, inspired by the Phrygian cap, is the mascot for Paris Paralympic Games 2024. It symbolises liberty and freedom.
    - China finished on top with 94 gold medals. Great Britain finished second with 49 golds while the United States came third with 36 golds.
    - India finished in **18th position**.



**Centre renames  
Port Blair as Sri Vijaya  
Puram to 'free nation  
from colonial imprints'**

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- The CACP recommends MSPs for 22 mandated crops and fair and remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane
- The mandated crops include 14 crops of the kharif season, 6 rabi crops and 2 other commercial crops.
- MSP is based on the recommendations of the **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)**
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister of India takes the final decision (approve) on the level of MSPs



## Laos to host ASEAN business, investment summit to boost regional economic integration

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**Only landlocked country of south East Asia**



- **Harini Amarasuriya** sworn in as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister
- Party : The 54-year-old National People's Power (NPP) leader was sworn in by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake,
- **Srimavo Bandaranaike** first women prime minister of Sri Lanka



- The Kasturirangan committee report has proposed 37% of the total area of Western Ghats to be declared as ESA (Eco sensitive Area)
- The Karnataka's Government is of the opinion that declaring Western Ghats as ESA would

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## Karnataka cabinet rejects Kasturirangan panel's recommendations for protecting Western Ghats

The government accepted a ban on mining but was in favour of stone quarrying and sand mining on the grounds of local development.



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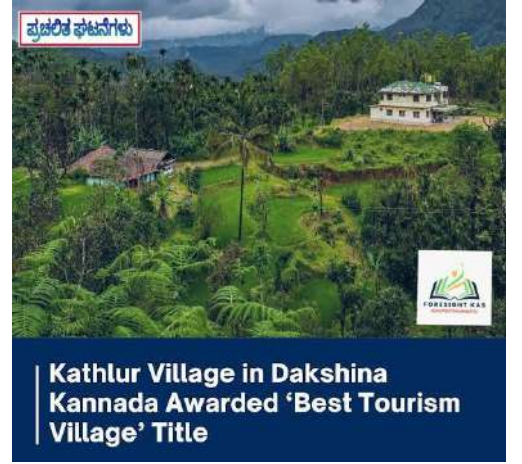
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adversely affect the livelihood of people in the region.

- About the **Mahatma Gandhi Seva Award**
- The award, which carries Rs. **5 lakh cash**, presented on October 2



- The Ministry of Tourism launched the 'Best Tourism Village Competition' last year to deepen pride among India's villages.
- a total of 35 villages were recognized as Best Tourism Villages.



- Recently, ISRO formalised 'Project SOORYA', to start build the New Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV).
- Aim –To develop NGLV and build the country's own space station to send Indians to the Moon

- **Rubina Francis** made history as India's first female Para shooter by winning a bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event at the Paris Paralympics.

- The world's first fast-charging e-bus, named '**Veera Mahasamrat**', was launched in Bengaluru by Veera

Vahana and Exponent Energy. This innovative bus aims to enhance the travel experience by eliminating range anxiety with its rapid charging capabilities. Initially, it will operate on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad route, supported by the installation of four charging stations along the way. The introduction of this e-bus marks a significant advancement in sustainable transportation within the region.





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- **The Krishi Nivesh Portal**, along with the AgriSURE Fund, is part of a new initiative aimed at improving agricultural infrastructure and supporting farmers.
- **AgriSURE Fund** focuses on strengthening infrastructure and promoting investment in agriculture, the Krishi Nivesh Portal is designed to streamline these investments and provide direct support to farmers.
- **VisioNxt** is India's first fashion forecasting initiative, launched by Union Minister Shri Giriraj Singh, which utilizes AI and Emotional Intelligence to provide trend insights for the fashion industry. Developed by NIFT with support from the Government of India, VisioNxt offers India-specific fashion trends through a web portal and the Fashion Trend Book 'Paridhi 24x25', enabled by the DeepVision AI model that decodes fashion patterns.
- The world's **first dedicated Asian King Vulture** Conservation and Breeding Centre was inaugurated in Bharivaisi, Campierganj Range of the Gorakhpur Forest Division in Uttar Pradesh on September 6, 2024. This facility, opened by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath
- The Home Minister of India, Shri Amit Shah, has announced that Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be renamed **Sri Vijaya Puram**. This decision aims to remove colonial imprints and honour the significant role of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India's freedom struggle. The new name symbolizes the victory achieved during the freedom struggle and acknowledges the islands' historical importance, including **the first unfurling of the Tiranga by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** and the presence of the cellular jail where freedom fighters, including Veer Savarkar, were imprisoned.
- **Jared Isaacman**, a billionaire entrepreneur and space enthusiast, completed the first private spacewalk as part of the "Polaris Dawn" mission. His crew orbited at nearly 460 miles above Earth, setting a record for the highest private spacewalk.
- **Operation Sadbhav** is a humanitarian relief operation launched by the Government of India to provide assistance to countries affected by Typhoon Yagi, including Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar. The operation is part of India's broader effort to contribute to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) within the ASEAN region, aligning with its **Act East Policy**
- **The Polaris Dawn mission** was a historic achievement, marking the world's first commercial spacewalk and the farthest journey by humans since NASA's Apollo Program. SpaceX's mission included a crew of four, Jared Isaacman, Scott "Kidd" Poteet, Anna Menon, and Sarah Gillis, who accomplished several milestones during their five-day spaceflight.

The mission demonstrated the capabilities of SpaceX's extravehicular activity spacesuit and its Starlink satellite network. SpaceX's successful completion of the Polaris Dawn mission represents a significant step forward in private space exploration and commercial spaceflight.

- **Angkor Wat**, located in Cambodia, has been recognized as the most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site in Asia by Times Travel. This accolade highlights the temple's stunning visual appeal, placing it ahead of other notable landmarks such as the Taj Mahal, the Great Wall of China, and Petra.
- The Union Cabinet approved the **Chandrayaan-4 mission**, which aims to develop and demonstrate technologies necessary for safely landing on the Moon and returning to Earth. A key aspect of this mission is to establish foundational technologies for an Indian moon landing, planned for the year 2040.
- India's ambitious space program has set its sights on launching the first module of the **Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2028**, marking a significant milestone in the country's space research and exploration journey. This endeavour is part of the revised Gaganyaan program, approved by the Union Cabinet, with a **total funding of ₹20,193 crore**.
- Niti Aayog has proposed the development of '**EduCities**' in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) to enhance higher education and boost its status as a leading education hub. This initiative aims to stimulate job creation through improved infrastructure and connectivity
- **Madhya Pradesh** has achieved a significant milestone by conducting India's first entirely paperless election for the post of sarpanch in Ratua Ratanpur. This groundbreaking initiative, spearheaded by the state election commission, aims to eliminate paper usage in the electoral process, enhancing both efficiency and transparency
- India has secured the 39th position among 133 global economies in **the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024**, marking a significant improvement from its 81st position in 2015.
- India's rank in the **International IP Index 2024** is 42nd, remaining unchanged since 2022. The index evaluates the intellectual property (IP) environment across various economies, providing a roadmap for nations to improve their innovation and creativity ecosystems.



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- **Satellite toll collection** : -MoRTH developed GIS-based software for real-time monitoring of wait times at highway toll plazas.
  - -Allows commuters to check congestion at specific lanes for smoother traffic.
  - -Software developed by Indian Highways Management Company Ltd (IHMCL), promoted by NHAI.
  - -Ministry working on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) tolling, which may replace FASTag.
  - -Users pay for the specific stretch of highway travelled.
- **The 'Nambike Nakshe' scheme** allows property owners to get temporary (provisional) approval for their building plans from authorized architects or engineers
  - This scheme is designed to help property owners get approval for buildings up to 4,000 square feet within the areas managed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)

## Important Days in September

Date	Event	Importance
8th September	International Literacy Day	Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies
15th September	International Day of Democracy	Protecting Press Freedom for Democracy
16th September	World Ozone Day	Montreal Protocol: fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change
21st September	Day for Peace and Non-Violence (UN)	Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals
27th September	World Tourism Day	Tourism and Green Investment

## KAS –Current Affairs Mains Practice Questions

1. Discuss the historical and cultural significance of the renaming of Mysore State to Karnataka 50 years ago, and how it has shaped the state's identity over the years.
2. What was India's medal tally at the Paris Paralympics 2024, and how did this performance mark its best-ever campaign in the history of the Paralympic Games?

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3. What milestones were achieved during the Polaris Dawn mission, and how did it set a new benchmark in commercial space exploration?
4. How does the Chandrayaan-4 mission plan to demonstrate technologies for a safe lunar landing and return to Earth, and what significance does this hold for India's space program?
5. How will the development of 'EduCities' in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region contribute to enhancing its status as a global education hub and attract talent from across the world?



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