



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 03, 2024

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ Exercise Varuna

- ✓ The P-8I aircraft of the Indian Navy is in France to take part in the 22nd edition of Exercise Varuna with the French Navy.



- ✓ This is the first time it has ever been deployed in Europe.
- ✓ The India-France bilateral naval Exercise Varuna is being conducted in the Mediterranean Sea from September 2-4.
- ✓ Advanced tactical drills will be part of the exercise, highlighting the growing cooperation and interoperability between the navies of France and India.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

#### ➤ Vulture Count 2024

- ✓ A tracking initiative 'Vulture Count 2024' launched by WWF-India to keep track of nature's 'sanitation workers.'



- ✓ WWF-India has launched this initiative that involves counting vultures and raising awareness about the critically endangered bird species.
- ✓ This campaign will start from 7 September and will run till 6 October.
- ✓ This initiative has been launched on the occasion of International Vulture Awareness Day.
- ✓ The aim of the Vulture Census 2024 is to address this crisis by systematically monitoring the vulture population.

## SPORTS

### ➤ Vithya Ramraj



- ✓ At the 63rd National Open Athletics Championships, held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, Vithya Ramraj from TN made history by breaking a 39-year-old record in the women's 400m hurdles.
- ✓ She completed the race in 56.23 seconds, surpassing the previous record of 56.80 seconds, which was set by the legendary Indian athlete P.T. Usha in 1985.

