

## SIRI MATHRUSHREE INDUSTRIAL PARK INAUGURATION (KARNATAKA)

**Syllabus Mapping:** National Issues | Rural Development | Women Empowerment

### 1. PROJECT & INAUGURATION DETAILS

- **Event:** Inauguration of the **SIRI Mathrushree Industrial Park**.
- **Inaugurated By:** The Vice-President of India, **Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan** (May 31, 2026).
- **Location:** Belthangady, Dakshina Kannada district, **Karnataka** (Inaugurated virtually from Dharmasthala).
- **Key Dignitaries Present:** Governor of Karnataka Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Rajya Sabha MP Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, and Lok Sabha MP Shri Brijesh Chowta.

### 2. 'SIRI' INSTITUTION – BACKGROUND & SIGNIFICANCE

- **Key Leadership:** Led by Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade (Rajya Sabha MP) as President and founded by Smt. Hemavathi V. Heggade.
- **Core Objective:** To blend traditional skills with modern management practices to drive rural women empowerment and promote cottage industries.
- **Social Impact:** The institution directly supports the livelihoods of **over 3,000 individuals** and indirectly impacts **more than 10,000 people**, the vast majority being women from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Human-Centric Infrastructure:** The new industrial park incorporates extensive worker welfare amenities, including:
  - Hostel facilities and residential quarters for women employees.
  - Childcare / day-care support systems.
  - Safe transportation and hygienic community kitchens.

### 3. NATIONAL POLICIES – KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE VP'S ADDRESS (MAINS PERSPECTIVE)

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** The Vice-President emphasized that the goal of a developed India by 2047 must be rooted in **inclusive development** and rural empowerment that touches everyday lives.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat & Vocal for Local:** SIRI serves as an innovative blueprint for rural self-reliance. Highlighting its balance of social responsibility and environmental consciousness, the Vice-President described it as a **"Model worthy of national replication."**

### 4. SOCIO-CULTURAL CONTEXT

- **Secularism & Harmony:** The address highlighted that Indian civilization inherently respects all faiths. However, the Vice-President noted that the spirit of secularism must be preserved and **forced religious conversions should be discouraged**.
- **Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala:** The Vice-President commended the centuries-old tradition of community service and free mass feeding ('**Annapoorna Prasada Nilaya**') practiced at the Sri Manjunatha Swamy Temple, transcending caste and religious barriers.

### QUICK REVISION BITS (PRELIMS & OBJECTIVE EXAMS)

- **Bit 1:** In which state was the 'SIRI Mathrushree Industrial Park' recently inaugurated?
  - **Answer:** Karnataka (Belthangady).
- **Bit 2:** The rural women's empowerment organization 'SIRI' is associated with which prominent spiritual/social center?

- **Answer:** Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala (led by Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade).
- **Bit 3:** Who is the current Vice-President of India?
- **Answer:** Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan.

#### 140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF DEEPIKA MALAYALAM DAILY

**Syllabus Mapping:** National Issues | Media Challenges | Democracy & Freedom of Expression (GS Paper 2 & 4)

#### 1. EVENT DETAILS

- **Event:** 140th Foundation Anniversary celebrations of Deepika Malayalam Daily and presentation of the 'Deepika Excellence Awards'.
- **Chief Guest:** The Vice-President of India, **Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan** (May 31, 2026).
- **Location:** K.C. Mammen Mappillai Hall, Kottayam, **Keralam**.
- **Key Dignitaries Present:** Governor of Keralam Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Chief Minister of Keralam Shri V. D. Satheesan, and Speaker of the Keralam Legislative Assembly Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan.

#### 2. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND & SIGNIFICANCE OF 'DEEPIKA'

- **Legacy:** With a remarkable 140-year-old history, the newspaper was established in the late 19th century—a time when access to education and communication was highly restricted.
- **Social Contribution:** The daily has played a pivotal role across generations in promoting social harmony, education, culture, and public discourse, significantly enriching Keralam's literary sphere.

#### 3. CORE TAKEAWAYS FROM THE VP'S ADDRESS (MAINS PERSPECTIVE)

*Key arguments regarding the role of the Fourth Estate and Media Ethics suitable for answers on democratic governance:*

- **The Dharma of Journalism:** The Vice-President noted that constructive criticism must remain fair and balanced. The true dharma of journalism lies in fearlessly criticizing wrongdoing while simultaneously appreciating good work.
- **News vs. Opinion:** Editorials are the legitimate space for opinions, but **news reporting must remain objective and factual**. The Vice-President cautioned against the growing contemporary tendency to editorialize news reporting.
- **Constructive Journalism:** Journalism extends beyond reporting events; it must highlight stories of hope, innovation, compassion, and scientific progress. This structural approach builds confidence among youth and motivates them toward nation-building.

#### 4. CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES FACING THE MEDIA LANDSCAPE

- **Misinformation & Trust Deficit:** The rapid transformation brought by digital platforms has introduced severe challenges of misinformation and a decline in public trust due to commercial pressures.
- **Superficial Consumption:** There is a growing tendency where audiences are increasingly influenced by superficial captions and headlines without engaging deeply with core issues and policy debates.

🔗 QUICK REVISION BITS (PRELIMS & OBJECTIVE EXAMS)

- **Bit 1:** 'Deepika', which recently celebrated its landmark 140th foundation anniversary, is a prominent daily newspaper of which language?
  - **Answer:** Malayalam (Keralam).
- **Bit 2:** The 140th Foundation Anniversary celebrations of Deepika Malayalam Daily were hosted in which city of Kerala?
  - **Answer:** Kottayam.
- **Bit 3:** Who is the current Chief Minister of Kerala as of the event held in May 2026?
  - **Answer:** Shri V. D. Satheesan (Governor: Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar).

## IAF AIRLIFTS SACRED BUDDHIST RELICS TO MONGOLIA

**Syllabus Mapping:** International Relations (India - Mongolia Bilateral Ties) | Cultural Diplomacy | Defence (IAF)

### 1. MISSION DETAILS

- **Event:** Strategic airlift of the sacred relics of Gautama Buddha's chief disciples from Delhi to Mongolia.
- **Conducted By:** Indian Air Force (IAF).
- **Date:** May 30, 2026.
- **Objective:** To strengthen cultural ties with friendly nations and contribute to India's global cultural outreach initiatives (Soft Power projection).

### 2. DEFENSE & TECHNOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Aircraft Used:** **IL-76 (Ilyushin-76)** strategic airlift transport aircraft.
- **IAF Nomenclature:** Popularly known as '**Gajraj**' within the Indian Air Force.
- **Significance:** The successful overnight long-haul flight demonstrates the IAF's high capability to support national strategic objectives and execute long-range transport missions.

### 3. HISTORICAL & CULTURAL CONTEXT (ART & CULTURE - GS PAPER 1)

- **Identity of the Relics:** The sacred relics belong to **Arahant Sariputta** and **Arahant Mahamoggallana**, the two chief disciples of Gautama Buddha.
- **Cultural Diplomacy:** India leverages its rich shared Buddhist heritage as a key tool of cultural diplomacy to deepen bilateral engagements with East and Central Asian nations like Mongolia, where Buddhism holds immense spiritual value.

### 🔗 QUICK REVISION BITS (PRELIMS & OBJECTIVE EXAMS)

- **Bit 1:** In May 2026, the Indian Air Force airlifted sacred Buddhist relics to which friendly country?
  - **Answer:** Mongolia.
- **Bit 2:** Which strategic airlift aircraft of the IAF, codenamed 'Gajraj', was used for the Mongolian relic mission?
  - **Answer:** IL-76 (Ilyushin-76).
- **Bit 3:** The sacred relics recently transported to Mongolia belong to which two chief disciples of Gautama Buddha?
  - **Answer:** Arahant Sariputta and Arahant Mahamoggallana.