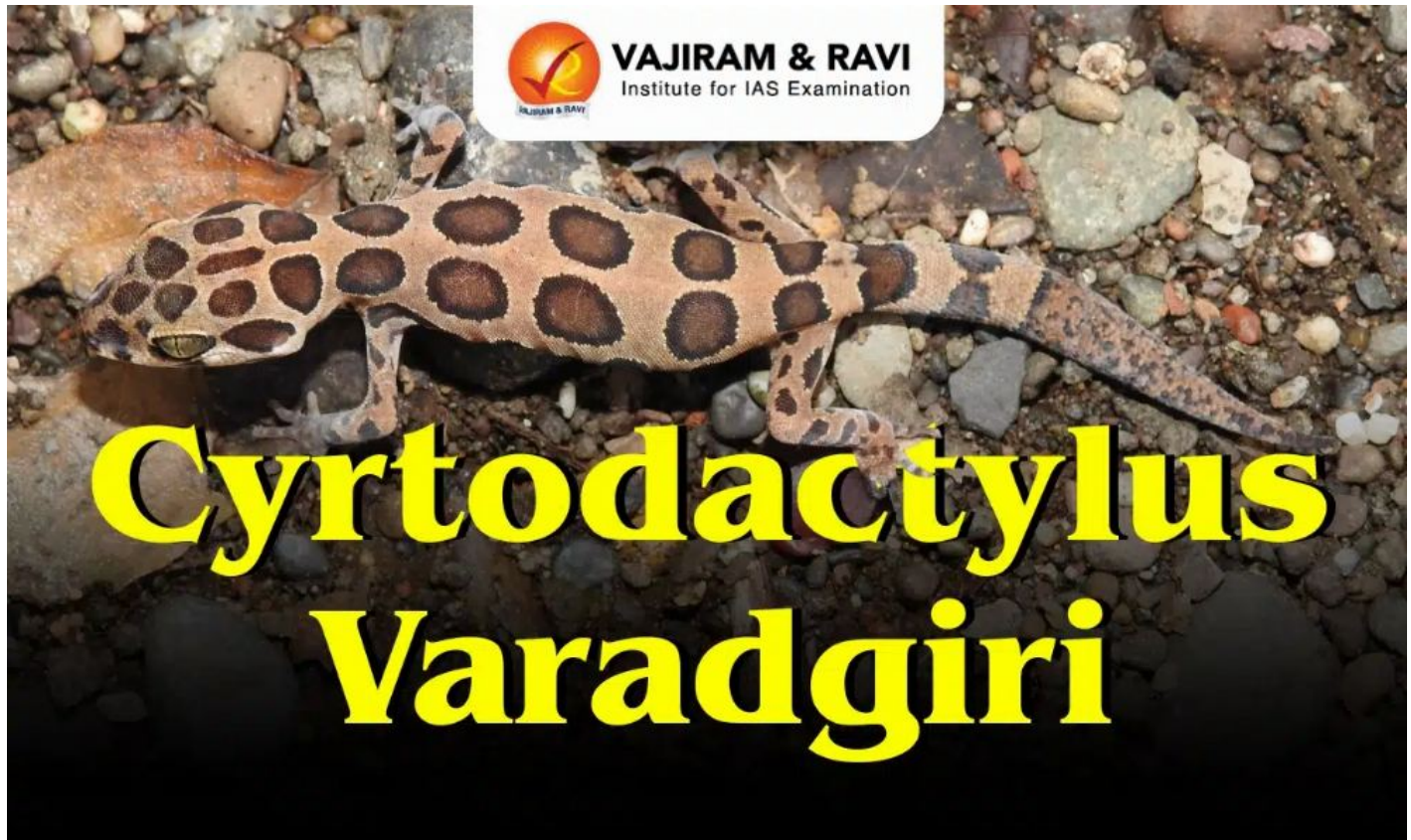


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A relatively uncommon gecko species, *Cyrtodactylus varadgiri*, named after noted scientist Varad Giri, was recently spotted in Aarey forest by wildlife enthusiasts and a researcher.

About *Cyrtodactylus varadgiri*

- *Cyrtodactylus varadgiri* (**Giri's Geckoella**) is a species of **gecko** in the gekkonidae family.
- It is **nocturnal, insectivorous**, and **terrestrial, living in dense leaf litter on the forest floor**.
- It is **endemic to India** and found in parts of **western and Central India, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh**.
- The gecko was **first discovered in 2016**.
- It is one of the **widely distributed but poorly known** ground-dwelling geckos from India.
- It is also unusual among its close relatives in **being associated not only with natural habitats but also with open and human-modified landscapes**, including urban green spaces.

- Except for the record of the **occurrence** of this species from various locations, **mostly during the monsoon**, information on other aspects of its natural history is highly understudied.

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