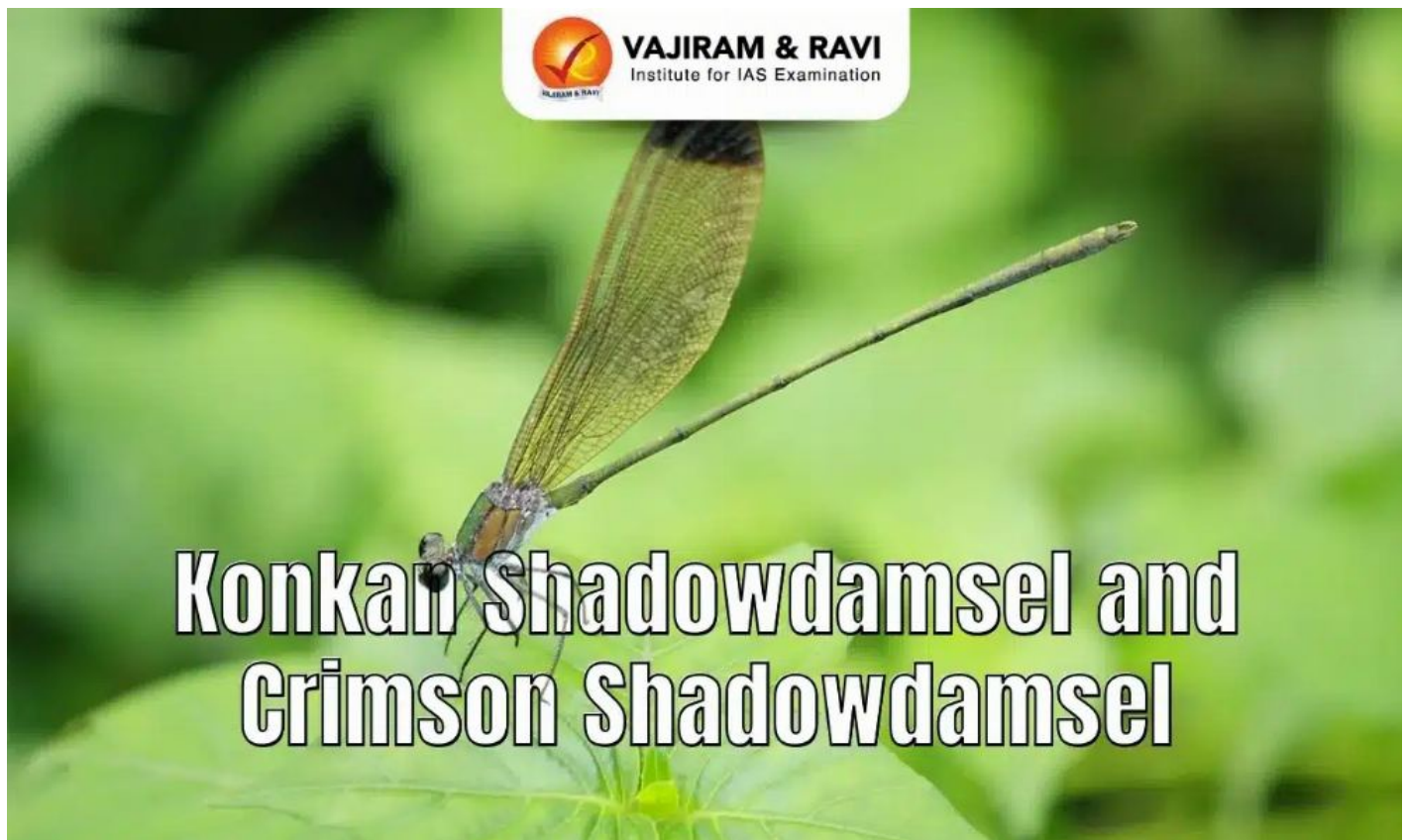


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Two new species of damselflies named Konkan Shadowdamsel and Crimson Shadowdamsel have been discovered in the Western Ghats by researchers from Maharashtra and Kerala.

About Konkan Shadowdamsel and Crimson Shadowdamsel

- They are two **new species of damselflies**.
- The species — **Konkan Shadowdamsel**, discovered in **Maharashtra's** Sindhudurg district, and **Crimson Shadowdamsel**, discovered in **Kerala's** Thiruvananthapuram district — **belong to** the group commonly called '**Shadowdamsels**' because of their **affinity for well-shaded forest habitats**.
- The **Crimson Shadowdamsel** has a **reddish body**, and the **Konkan Shadowdamsel** has a **coffee-brown ground colouration**.
- **Shadowdamsels** usually only **thrive in pristine habitats** and **small streams**.
 - They can act as **indicators of the health of our forests**. They are **pollution indicators** as well.
 - Many of them are **microendemics** restricted to certain hill ranges within the **Western Ghats**.

What are Damselflies?

- They are a group of **predatory, aerial insects** that are in the order Odonata.
- They are **found mainly near shallow, freshwater habitats** and are graceful fliers with **slender bodies** and long, filmy, **net-veined wings**.
- They are generally **smaller, more delicate**, and **fly weakly in comparison with dragonflies**.

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