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## A Note for Our Students

Current affairs form core component of General Knowledge section in almost all the competitive exams. Observing the recent trends, questions from current affairs has successively increased. But how to find out relevant current affairs from vast data available on numerous websites, apps and videos??

How to efficiently prepare current affairs keeping in mind relevance of the exam??

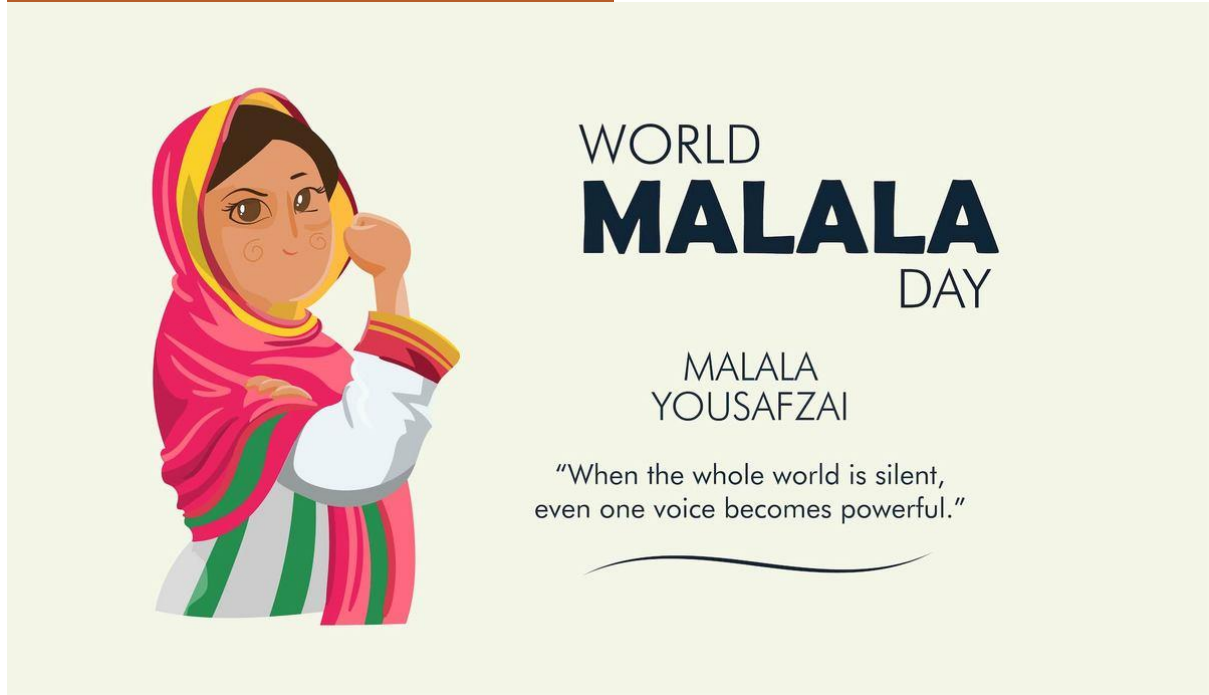
Don't worry!!

We have the solution; Gyanm team will segregate the important and the most relevant current affairs under heading 'Gyanm recommendations' so that you can prepare this crucial component with complete efficiency!!

So let's begin!!

## Gyanm Recommendations!

### 1. July 12: World Malala Day



Designated by the United Nations, this day commemorates the birthday of the young Pakistani human rights activist, Malala Yousafzai, who became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate in October 2014, at the young age of 17 years. The day aims to honour the young woman who has been a prominent activist for female education since her early teens.

She founded the Malala Fund, a non-profit organisation in 2013 along with her father to ensure free, safe, quality school education for girls around the world.

### 2. ONGC 1st to get anti bribery certification

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), a public sector Maharatna enterprise, has become the first Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India to get certified for Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) by an international accredited certification body, M/s InterCert, USA.

The ABMS has been implemented as per ISO 37001:2016 International Standard after complete assessment and validation by InterCert. An international consultancy firm Digital Age, guided implementation of the first phase across 10 departments of ONGC's Corporate Office in Delhi.

### 3. July 14: Shark Awareness Day

Celebrated worldwide to promote awareness about the need to conserve Shark fish. The worldwide demand for shark-fin soup, shark-tooth medallions, and a false sense of security on beaches everywhere, all combine to leave sharks persecuted and endangered, with millions of them being killed each year. Overfishing is the biggest threat. An estimated 100 million sharks are killed each year, mostly to meet demand for an expensive Chinese dish called shark fin soup. Sharks are the most popular predator fish found in deep and shallow waters throughout the world's oceans. They come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Most sharks eat smaller fish and invertebrates, but some of the larger species prey on other sea animals. Sharks do not have bones—they are made up of cartilage.



**4. Sumit Antil** scripted a world record in F64 javelin throw with a best attempt of 70.83m on July 13 at the World Para-Athletics Championship in Paris.



## 5. India has 4th most powerful military force

Global Firepower, a prominent data website specialising in defence-related information, released its Power Index for 145 countries in the second week of July. As per its findings, the United States possesses the most powerful military force worldwide. Russia and China follow closely at second and third spot, while India is ranked at the fourth position.

The index, which evaluates the military strength of countries over 60 factors, also highlights nations with comparatively weaker military forces such as Bhutan and Iceland.

The assessment by Global Firepower takes into account various criteria, including the number of military units, financial resources, logistical capabilities, and geographical considerations, to determine each nation's overall score.



## 6. 'Sagar Sampark' for safer navigation



The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the indigenous Differential Global Navigation Satellite System (DGNSS) named 'SAGAR SAMPARK'. It is a terrestrial based enhancement system which corrects the errors and inaccuracies in the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) allowing for more accurate positioning information.

It will help mariners to navigate safely and will reduce the risk of collisions, groundings, and accidents in the port and harbour areas. This will also help in safe and efficient movement of vessels.

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## Some Other Minor News!

1. The government has issued a draft notification mandating the installation of air-conditioning systems in the cabins of Trucks, manufactured from 1st January 2025 onwards.



2. India topped the medals tally by securing four gold medals in the 34th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) held in Al Ain, UAE.
3. July 12: World Paper Bag Day: Observed to raise awareness of the need of using paper bags rather than plastic bags to prioritise environmentally conscious choices in our everyday lives and encourages individuals and businesses to adopt more sustainable alternatives.
4. Bangladesh and India have begun trading in rupees, hoping to lessen dependency on the US dollar and strengthen regional currency and commerce.



5. Numaligarh Refinery Limited in Assam has been upgraded from Schedule B to Schedule A CPSE by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The notification to this effect was issued on July 4.



6. Sri Lanka's Northern Railway line from Maho to Omanthai was inaugurated on July 13. The line was rebuilt by the IRCON International Limited under an Indian Line of Credit of 91.27 million dollars.

7. Odisha Television Limited has introduced the state's first artificial intelligence (AI) news anchor named Lisa on July 9. Lisa utilises the power of AI and machine learning algorithms to deliver news accurately and efficiently, combining technology with journalism.

8. The President of India has appointed Telangana Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti as the new judges in the Supreme Court.

9. The Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL), Hyderabad celebrated its 120th anniversary with the release of three commemorative souvenir coins.

10. The Indian team secured two Gold medals at the 64th International Mathematical Olympiad held from July 2 to 13 at Chiba, Japan.



## Multiple Choice Questions!

1. July 14 is observed as Shark Awareness Day. Sharks are found mostly in which ocean?
  - a. Pacific Ocean
  - b. Indian Ocean
  - c. North Atlantic Ocean
  - d. South Atlantic Ocean
  - e. All of these
  
2. Para athlete Sumit Antil scripted a world record on July 13 in which event at the World Para-Athletics Championship in Paris.
  - a. High jump
  - b. Long jump
  - c. Discuss throw
  - d. Javelin throw
  - e. Shot put
  
3. India secured which rank in the Power Index recently released by the Global Firepower for 145 countries ?
  - a. 4th
  - b. 7th
  - c. 11th
  - d. 16th
  - e. 23rd



4. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the 'SAGAR SAMPARK' system for which main purpose?
  - a. To improve communication between cargo ships
  - b. To enhance security of messaging between naval ships
  - c. To ensure safe and secure navigation
  - d. To improve docking facility for cargo ships
  - e. For improving connectivity of all major ports
  
5. Which public sector Maharatna enterprise has become the first Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India to get certified for Anti-Bribery Management System?
  - a. BHEL
  - b. ONGC
  - c. SAIL
  - d. NTPC
  - e. GAIL

## Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	E
2	D
3	A
4	C
5	B

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