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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 18: International Nelson Mandela Day



Observed every year with UN support in recognition of Nelson Mandela's (July 18, 1918–Dec 5, 2013) contribution in promoting the culture of peace and freedom. The day commemorates the birthday of the great African leader. Like Gandhi Ji, he was the man who dethroned white Europeans from South Africa and became first Black President of South Africa in 1994. He was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and Bharat Ratna in 1990.

The theme selected for 2023 is “Climate, Food and Solidarity: The Legacy Lives on Through You.”

2. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy secured a Guinness world record for the fastest shot by a male player in badminton, achieving a speed of 565 kmph with his smash played on April 14 this year in a controlled environment at the Yonex factory gymnasium at Soka, Saitama in Japan.

3. ADB puts India's GDP growth at 6.4%



In an update to its Asian Development Outlook released on July 19, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) retained India's economic growth forecast at 6.4 per cent for the current financial year, saying robust domestic demand will continue to support the region's recovery. The ADB further said that inflation is expected to continue to fall, approaching pre-pandemic levels as fuel and food prices are expected to decline.

4. Tamil Nadu tops in Export Preparedness

The Niti Aayog released its Export Preparedness Index (EPI) for 2022 on July 17 in New Delhi. The EPI aims to assess the export performance and potential of the Indian States and UTs. It also aims to identify the direct and indirect factors that promote and support the export environment throughout the region.

Index has placed Tamil Nadu at number one spot. It is followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka. Tamil Nadu has long been an export leader in sectors such as automobiles, leather and textiles, and recently became the No. 1 exporter of electronic goods.

5. Singapore – most powerful passport



According to the latest Henley Passport Index released on July 18, Singapore's passport now is the world's most powerful passport, enabling visa-free entry to 192 of 227 worldwide travel destinations. Three European countries, namely Germany, Italy, and Spain, have moved up one rank to share the second position, with visa-free access to 190 destinations.

Japan has slipped from the earlier top position to the third position. India has advanced significantly in the Index, moving up 5 ranks from the previous year, to 80th spot, allowing visa-free access to 57 countries. At the last rung is Afghanistan, having visa free access to only 27 countries.

Henley & Partners is an investment migration consultancy based in London. It is one of the most reliable passport rankings based on data sourced from the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

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Some Other Minor News!

1. India launched daily flights from Chennai to Jaffna, Sri Lanka from July 16. This upgrade from earlier 4 flights a week is expected to foster closer ties and facilitate increased tourism and business activities.



2. Government launched the sale of subsidised Chana Dal under the brand name 'Bharat Dal' at the rate of 60 rupees per kilogram for one kilogram pack and 55 rupees per kilogram for 30 kilogram pack.

3. Australia's state of Victoria declared that it will not be hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games due to projected exceeding expenditures. The 12-day sporting event is expected to cost more than 6 billion dollars.

3. Oommen Chandy, veteran Congress leader and former Chief Minister of Kerala, breathed his last on July 18 in a Bengaluru clinic. He was 80 years old. He was elected MLA of Puthuppally 12 times from 1970 to 2021.

4. HDFC Bank entered the coveted \$100 billion market-cap club on July 17, becoming the seventh largest global lender. The bank's market capitalisation reached \$151 billion, surpassing that of Morgan Stanley and Bank of China.



5. China launched the Zhuque-2 rocket successfully on July 12. It is the world's first methane propelled rocket to successfully fly into orbit.

6. Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam and flautist Shashank Subramanyam were conferred with the prestigious title of Chevalier De L'orde Des Arts Et Des Lettres on July 15 at Chennai.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Which badminton player secured a Guinness world record for the fastest shot by a male player in badminton, achieving a speed of 565 kmph with his smash?
 - a. Viktor Axelsen
 - b. Kunlavut Vitidsarn
 - c. H S Prannoy
 - d. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
 - e. Kenta Nishimoto

2. Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) for 2022 released by the Niti Aayog on July 17 in New Delhi?
 - a. Maharashtra
 - b. Gujarat
 - c. Karnataka
 - d. Tamil Nadu
 - e. Telangana

3. According to the latest Henley Passport Index released on July 18, which country's passport was ranked as the strongest, enjoying visa free access to 192 of 227 worldwide travel destinations?
 - a. Singapore
 - b. Germany
 - c. Italy
 - d. Spain
 - e. Japan

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	D
2	D
3	A

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