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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 20: World Chess Day



The United Nations celebrates this day to mark the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on this day in Paris in 1924. It also provides an important platform to foster dialogue, solidarity and culture of peace along with recognizing the instrumental role played by the FIDE in supporting international cooperation for chess activity. FIDE is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Invented in India in the fifth century, this board game was originally named “Chaturanga”.

2. July 20: National Moon Day (USA)

Also called “Space Exploration Day”, it commemorates the day man first walked on the moon in 1969. NASA reported the moon landing as being “.....the single greatest technological achievement of all time.”

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 carried the first two humans to the moon. Six hours after landing the lunar module Eagle on the moon, Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, becoming the first human to step on the moon surface. He spent nearly two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. His fellow astronaut, Buzz Aldrin soon followed, stepping onto the lunar surface. The third astronaut Michael Collins remained alone in orbit for more than 21 hours, piloting the command module.

3. Rakesh Pal: Appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard on July 19.

4. World's largest office building in Surat



Surat, the diamond capital of India, has surpassed Arlington, USA, home to iconic office building Pentagon (US Defence Headquarters), by laying its claim to the world's largest office building – the 'Surat Diamond Bourse.' It has been promoted and developed by the Surat Diamond Bourse, a not for profit company. Over 4200 diamond merchants have their offices in the complex.

This interconnected office structure spread across 35.54 acres, features nine 15 storied rectangular buildings emanating from a central "spine." Boasting a vast floor space of 6.6 million square feet, against 6.5 million sq ft in Pentagon, it now holds the crown as the largest office building globally, dethroning the Pentagon, which held this title for almost 80 years.

5. Manoj Yadava: Senior IPS officer from the Haryana cadre, was designated as the new Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

6. Ms. S Phangnon Konyak: In a historic move, the lone Nagaland MP in the Upper House, was nominated as one of the vice chairpersons of the Rajya Sabha.



7. Mumbai to get its first IIM

National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) in Mumbai is set to become an Indian Institute of Management (IIM). The union cabinet approved a bill on July 19 for amending the IIM Act to upgrade the NITIE as the 21st IIM in the country.

After the final approval by the Parliament, Mumbai will get its first IIM and Maharashtra will become the first state to have two IIMs, first being IIM Nagpur.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The Ministry of AYUSH hosted the ASEAN Countries Conference on Traditional Medicines on July 20 in New Delhi. The conference provided a platform to share the research outcomes of various projects implemented by the Ministry of AYUSH.



2. India signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with Japan on July 20 to develop a resilient semiconductor supply chain. Japan is an important semiconductor producer and technology developer.

3. The union ministry of health and family welfare hosted the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 on July 22-23 in New Delhi. The summit aimed at creating a global platform for regulators on enhancing food safety systems and regulatory frameworks through collaboration.

4. India has donated \$1 million to the United Nations to support the promotion of the Hindi language.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. World Chess Day on July 20 marks the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on this day in Paris in 1924. It is located in which city?
 - a. Paris
 - b. Rome
 - c. Athens
 - d. Lausanne
 - e. Lyon

2. National Moon Day on July 20 commemorates the day man first walked on the moon. It happened in which year?
 - a. 1964
 - b. 1967
 - c. 1969
 - d. 1972
 - e. 1974

3. Who has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard ?
 - a. Rakesh Pal
 - b. M L Varshney
 - c. Anil Chopra
 - d. V S Pathania
 - e. K Natarajan

4. Manoj Yadava, senior IPS officer from the Haryana cadre, has been appointed as the new Director General of which armed police force?
- a. BSF
 - b. CRPF
 - c. RPF
 - d. ITBP
 - e. CISF
5. In a historic move, the lone Rajya Sabha MP from _____ , was nominated as one of the vice chairpersons of the Rajya Sabha:
- a. Manipur
 - b. Meghalaya
 - c. Tripura
 - d. Mizoram
 - e. Nagaland
6. National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) is set to become an Indian Institute of Management (IIM). It is in which city?
- a. Bhopal
 - b. Gwalior
 - c. Mysore
 - d. Panaji
 - e. Mumbai

Answer Key

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

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