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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!

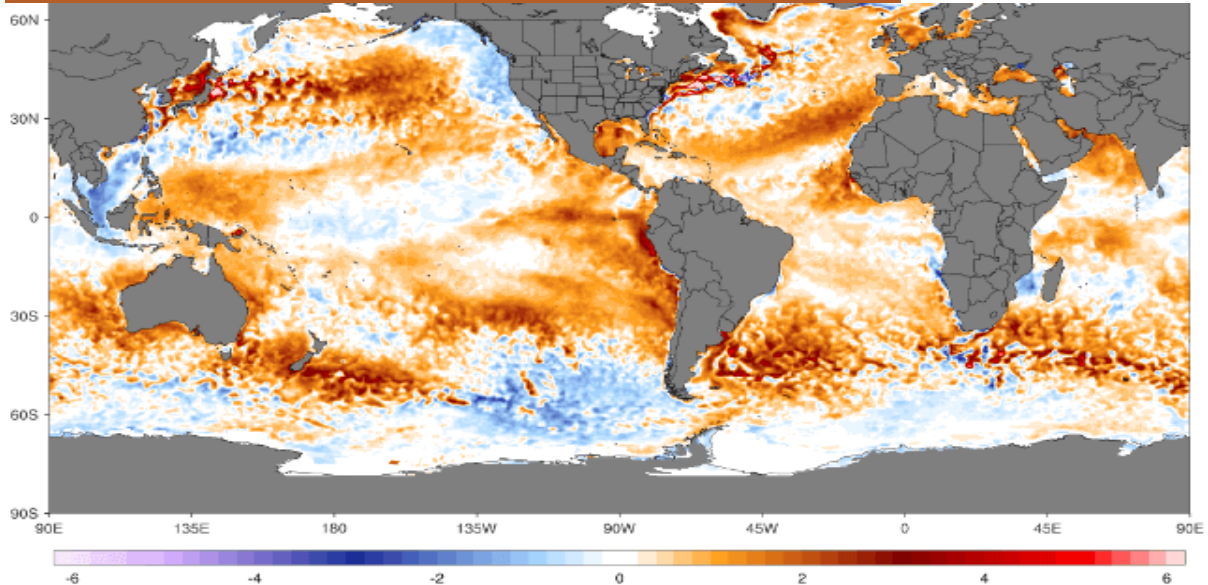
1. Deodhar Trophy: South Zone lifted the trophy on August 3 by defeating East zone at the Siechem Ground, Puducherry. This tournament is played in the 50 overs format.

2. Indian women's team of V. Jyothi Surekha, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur created history by clinching their first ever gold medal in the World Archery Championships on August 4 in Berlin, Germany by beating the top-ranked Mexico team in the compound women's team final.



Later, on Aug 5, **Aditi Swami** became the first Indian to become the senior world champion in the compound women's final by beating Andrea Becerra of Mexico.

3. Ocean temperatures record a new high



According to the European Union's climate change service, Copernicus, the average daily global sea surface temperature reached 20.96C, in the first week of August, beating a 2016 record. That is far above the average for this time of year. The oceans have hit their hottest ever recorded temperature as they soak up warmth from climate change.

Oceans are a vital climate regulator. They soak up heat, produce half Earth's oxygen and drive weather patterns. Warmer temperatures can negatively affect these abilities.

4. Oil India Ltd becomes 'Maharatna' company

The Finance Ministry approved the upgradation of the Oil India Ltd (OIL) from 'Navratna' category to the 'Maharatna'. This will impart enhanced powers to the OIL Board while taking financial decisions.

The petroleum major of Assam has become India's 13th Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). To become a Maharatna company, it should have an average annual net profit exceeding Rs 2,500 crore during the last three years.

Oil India Private Limited was incorporated on February 18, 1959, to expand and develop the newly discovered oilfields of Naharkatia and Moran in Assam.

5. India gets Spike missiles from Israel



The Indian Air Force (IAF) received the Spike Non Line of Sight (NLOS) anti-tank guided missiles from Israel to strengthen its capabilities to destroy enemy targets hidden behind mountains. It is an anti-tank guided missile developed and designed by the Israeli company Rafael Advanced Defense Systems.

It is a fire-and-forget missile with lock-on before launch and automatic self-guidance and can hit targets up to 30 km. It is particularly effective against enemy targets and assets hidden behind mountains or hills. It is available in man-portable, vehicle-launched, and helicopter-launched variants.

6. 'Rajmarg Yatra' app for highway users

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) introduced a new mobile application 'Rajmarg Yatra' to enhance the highway users experience. It provides real-time weather updates, timely broadcast notifications, and details about nearby toll plazas, petrol stations, hospitals, hotels, and other vital services, ensuring a secure and seamless journey on National Highways.

The app incorporates an integrated complaint redressal and escalation system and enables users to monitor the progress of their grievances for transparency. The app includes features like over-speeding notifications and voice assistance, aimed at encouraging safer and more responsible driving practices.

7. D. Gukesh becomes highest rated Grandmaster



D. Gukesh, the 17 year old Grandmaster dethroned Viswanathan Anand as India's top-ranked chess player in the live world rankings. Gukesh achieved this feat by defeating Mistradin Iskandarov in the second round of the FIDE World Cup, reaching a live rating of 2755.9 and climbing to the 9th position in the world classic open category. In contrast, Anand's rating of 2754.0 caused him to drop to the 10th spot.

Magnus Carlsen, Norway, with a rating of 2838, is the world's highest rated Grandmaster.

8. August 4: National Bone & Joint Day

This country-wide health campaign was started by the Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) in 2021 to highlight the importance of strong bones and joints in people of all age groups. It aims to educate people about the signs and symptoms of bone and joint issues, to facilitate early detection and timely intervention. A diet comprising calcium-rich foods (dairy products, leafy greens) and vitamin D sources (sunlight, fatty fish) is good for supporting bone health.

9. August 6: Hiroshima Day



The day highlights the horrific effects of nuclear wars and pays respect to those who got killed in those wars. In 1945, the United States detonated two nuclear bombs, nicknamed “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, respectively, killing lakhs of people instantly and paralysing several lakhs for times to come. Japan surrendered two weeks later, ending World War II, though at a terrible historic cost. These are the only two nuclear bombs that have ever been used till date.

10. August 7: National Handloom Day

Celebrated to honour the handloom weavers in the country and to highlight their outstanding skills and craftsmanship. Supported by the Union Textiles Ministry, the day aims to generate awareness about the handloom industry among the public and its contribution to socio-economic development.

On this day in 1905, the Swadeshi Movement was launched from Town Hall in Kolkata to promote indigenous craftsmen and to protest partition of Bengal announced by then Viceroy, Lord Curzon. On this occasion, artisans and weavers are honoured at the national level with 'Sant Kabir' awards for excellence in handicrafts and handloom products.

11. August 7: Javelin Throw Day

This day is celebrated with support from the Athletics Federation of India to commemorate one of the greatest moments in India's sporting history, earning India's first track and field gold medal in the Olympic Games, by Neeraj Chopra in javelin throw on this day in the Tokyo Olympics 2021.



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Some Other Minor News!

1. Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been officially granted a one-year extension by the Central government, making him the longest-serving cabinet secretary in India's history. He assumed the position of Cabinet Secretary on 30-08-19.



2. State Bank of India achieved its highest-ever quarterly profit at ₹ 16,884 crore, representing a significant jump from ₹ 6,068 crore in the same period in the previous year.

3. The Union government launched a portal called e-CARe (e-Clearance for Interlife Remains) on 3rd August to facilitate the speedy repatriation of bodies of Indians who die abroad.

4. Film Joram has won two awards at the Durban International Film Festival. Manoj Bajpai bagged the 'Best Actor' trophy, while the film's cinematographer Piyush Puty won the award for 'Best Cinematography'.

5. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights - NCPCR has developed an application named MASI for real-time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions. MASI stands for Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection.



6. The 31st FISU World University Games were held in Chengdu, China, from July 28 to August . Host China topped the medal tally securing 160 medals that included 90 gold. India was placed at 7th spot with a total of 26 medals with 11 gold. FISU stands for International University Sports Federation.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Deodhar Trophy is associated with which sports?
 - a. Kabaddi
 - b. Kho Kho
 - c. Volleyball
 - d. Hockey
 - e. Cricket

2. Which team lifted the Deodhar Trophy for the season 2023?
 - a. Central Zone
 - b. West Zone
 - c. South Zone
 - d. North Zone
 - e. East Zone

3. Indian women's team of V. Jyothi Surekha, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur created history by clinching their first ever gold medal in the World _____ Championships on August 4 in Berlin, Germany:
 - a. Archery
 - b. Fencing
 - c. Judoka
 - d. Taekwondo
 - e. None of these

4. The Finance Ministry approved the upgradation of the _____ India Ltd from 'Navratna' category to the 'Maharatna':
- a. Minerals
 - b. Mines
 - c. Coal
 - d. Oil
 - e. Steel
5. Oil India Ltd., a Maharatna company, is based in which state?
- a. Odisha
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Andhra Pradesh
 - d. Gujarat
 - e. Assam
6. From which country the Indian Air Force (IAF) recently received the Spike Non Line of Sight (NLOS) anti-tank guided missiles?
- a. Sweden
 - b. Israel
 - c. France
 - d. USA
 - e. Russia

7. Which young Grandmaster recently dethroned Viswanathan Anand as India's top-ranked chess player in the live world rankings?
- a. Nihal Sarin
 - b. D Gukesh
 - c. V S Gujrathi
 - d. Arjun Erigaisi
 - e. P Harikrishna
8. India celebrates August 7 as the National Handloom Day. The day commemorates the launching of _____ movement on this day in 1905 in Kolkata:
- a. Asahyog
 - b. Swadeshi
 - c. Hathkargha
 - d. Bunkar
 - e. Khilafat
9. Hiroshima Day on August 6 marks the dropping of the world's first nuclear bomb by the USA on Hiroshima on this day in 1945. What was the nickname of this bomb?
- a. Fat Man
 - b. Big Boy
 - c. Little Boy
 - d. Big Daddy
 - e. Fat Boy

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	E
2	C
3	A
4	D
5	E
6	B
7	B
8	B
9	C

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