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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. August 10: National Deworming Day

This day is observed twice every year, on August 10 and on February 10. The event is organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the National Health Mission across the country to tackle worm infections, targeting more than 11 crore children in the age group of 1 to 19 years. The children are orally administered anti worm tablets Albendazole, free of cost.

2. August 10: World Lion Day

This day is observed to raise awareness about lions and to mobilise support for their protection and conservation. Lion is known as the "King of beasts" or "King of the jungle". They are the second largest cats in the world after Tigers. In 2020, the population of Asiatic lions increased by almost 29% to 674 in Gujarat's Gir forests.

Lions have been designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



3. August 10: World Biofuel Day

Observed every year to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. Three major types of Biofuels are -- Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas.

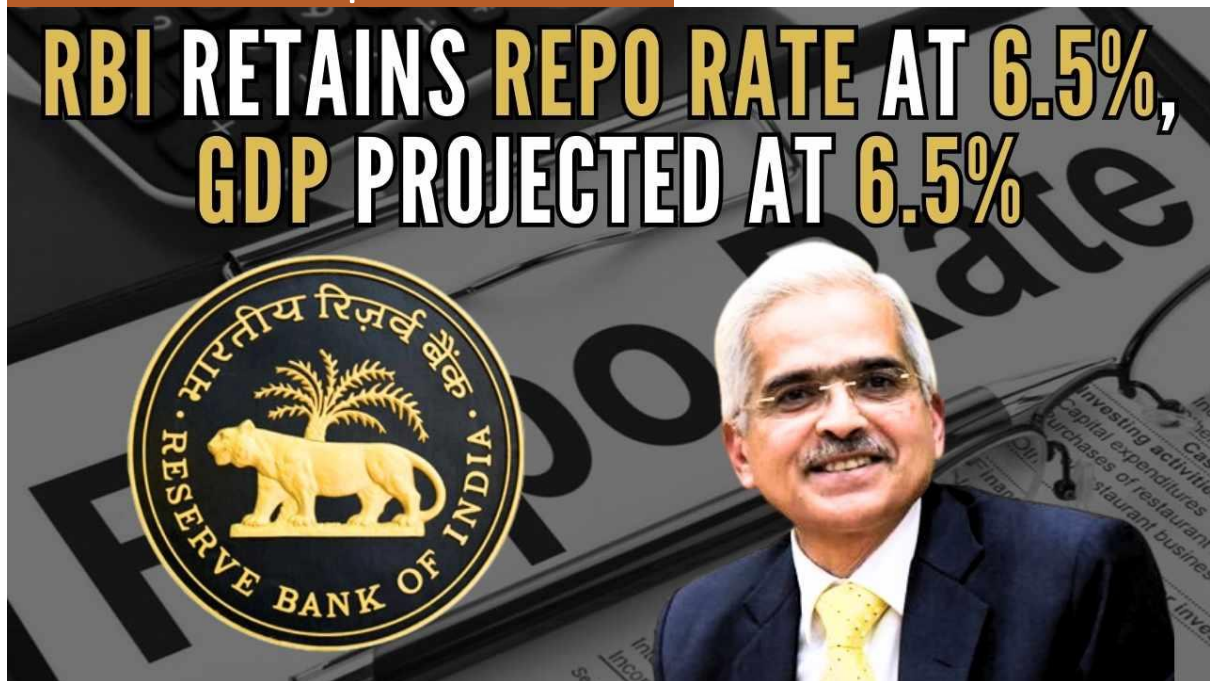
On this day in 1893, Sir Rudolph Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine, for the first time successfully ran a mechanical engine with Peanut Oil, marking the beginning of biofuels.

In India, the Day has been supported by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas since 2015.

4. Exercise Malabar 2023: The 11 day multilateral naval exercise started on August 11 off the Sydney coast in Australia. Indian Navy's warships INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata participated in the event. Ships and aircrafts from the US Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and the Royal Australian Navy also participated in the exercise.



5. RBI retains repo rate at 6.5%



The RBI Monetary Policy Committee in its review meeting ended on August 10 kept the key policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5%. Consequently, there was no change in the Standing Deposit Facility rate (6.25%) and Marginal Standing Facility Rate (6.75%) and Bank Rate (6.75%).

RBI pegged inflation for FY24 at 5.4% and Indian GDP's growth rate was projected at 6.5% in FY24.

6. Exercise Zayed Talwar: Indian Navy held this bilateral Naval Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Navy of UAE, near Dubai in the Persian Gulf on August 11. Two warships, INS Visakhapatnam and INS Trikand took part in this exercise.

7. MATSYA-6000 to explore deep oceans

The Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijiju announced in the Rajya Sabha on August 10 that the country has developed a manned scientific submersible named MATSYA-6000. It can carry three humans for a period of 12 hours up to a depth of 6,000 meters in the ocean for deep sea mining and exploration.

It will allow scientific personnel to observe and understand unexplored deep-sea areas through direct intervention. It has been developed under the Samudrayaan project by the National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai.

8. Maui Island: The island in the Hawaii state of USA was in the news as the catastrophic wildfires there claimed at least 70 lives in the second week of August. Strong winds and dry weather helped fuel destructive wildfires on Hawaii's second-largest island. More than 1,700 buildings were destroyed in the fire.



9. Srinagar tops in Jal Jeevan Survekshan

District Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir secured the top spot in the "Front Runners" category of the Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023 conducted by the union ministry of jal shakti. It outshined 114 Har Ghar Jal certified districts across India.

The survey conducted from October 2022 to June 2023, evaluated various districts across the country on the effectiveness of their water supply and management systems.

10. Army inducts Swathi Mountains radar



The Indian Army has inducted a lighter and compact version of indigenously developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) called Swathi Mountains. Developed by Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru, it is an advanced, electronically scanned phased array radar, specifically designed for operations in mountainous and high-altitude areas.

11. Bhartiya Vastra evam Shilp Kosh

The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in collaboration with the Ministry of Textiles launched an e-portal, “भारतीय वस्त्र एवं शिल्प कोष” (Treasure of Indian Clothing and Crafts), a Repository of Textiles and Crafts, on the occasion of the National Handloom Day, August 7. It is an attempt to create a comprehensive catalogue of India’s diverse clothing on a single platform. It has a craft atlas, a cultural artefact display, and a visual museum, among other things.

12. India's first 24x7 video banking service



AU Small Finance Bank, India's largest SFB launched 24x7 video banking service on August 7. The bank claims to be the pioneer in India to introduce video assisted branch-like experience, delivering a seamless banking experience at customers' fingertips, regardless of time or location (seven days a week). This service provides a virtual platform where customers can communicate with a video banker in real-time via video calls, like video conferencing.

13. 'Neerakshi'- India's first AUV launched

An autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) designed to detect mines and a first of its kind in the country was launched on July 28 in Kolkata. The AUV named 'Neerakshi' is a 2.1-metre long cylindrical unmanned vehicle, about a foot in diameter and weighing around 45 kg.

It has been developed by Kolkata-based warshipmaker Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. It can be used for a variety of functions ranging from mine detection to mine disposal to underwater survey.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. Paradip Port in Odisha has become the fastest major port to handle 50 million metric ton cargo in the current fiscal year, registering a growth of 6.5 per cent.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1. India celebrates National Deworming Day on August 10 and February 10. Which medicine is administered free on these days to children in the age group of 01 to 19 years for deworming?
 - a. Vermicin
 - b. Albendazole
 - c. Mebendazole
 - d. Pyrantel
 - e. Wormidixin

2. August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day. Which of the following is NOT a biofuel?
 - a. Bioethanol
 - b. Biogas
 - c. Biobutanol
 - d. Biocarbonol
 - e. Biohydrogen

3. Which country hosted the Exercise Malabar 2023 from August 11 to 21?
 - a. Japan
 - b. Australia
 - c. USA
 - d. India
 - e. Malaysia

4. The RBI Monetary Policy Committee in its review meeting ended on August 10, did NOT change which of its policy rates?
 - a. Repo Rate
 - b. Standing Deposit Facility Rate
 - c. Marginal Standing Facility Rate
 - d. Bank Rate
 - e. All of these

5. Indian Navy's two warships participated in the Exercise Zayed Talwar hosted by _____ on August 11:
 - a. Saudi Arabia
 - b. UAE
 - c. Oman
 - d. Iran
 - e. Egypt

6. National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai has developed India's first manned scientific submersible. What is its name?
 - a. MATSYA-6000
 - b. Mariner-6000
 - c. Sagarika-7000
 - d. Jalnetri-9000
 - e. Samudrakar-5000

7. Maui Island was in the news as the catastrophic wildfires there claimed at least 53 lives in the second week of August. It is in which country?
 - a. Japan
 - b. Philippines
 - c. Britain
 - d. USA
 - e. Mexico

8. Which district in Jammu & Kashmir secured the top spot in the "Front Runners" category of the Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023 conducted in 114 districts of the country by the union ministry of jal shakti?
 - a. Jammu
 - b. Kathua
 - c. Poonch
 - d. Rajouri
 - e. Srinagar

9. What is the name of the indigenously developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) recently inducted by the Indian Army?
 - a. Him Prabha
 - b. Swathi Mountains
 - c. Netra Hills
 - d. Mount Drill
 - e. Giri Shikhar

10. Which small finance bank (SFB) became the first bank in India to launch a 24x7 video banking service on August 7?
- a. AU Small Finance Bank
 - b. Capital Small Finance Bank
 - c. Suryoday Small Finance Bank
 - d. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
 - e. Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
11. What is the name of India's first indigenously developed autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) designed to detect underwater mines and neutralise them, launched on July 28 in Kolkata?
- a. Minaxee
 - b. Neerakshi
 - c. Jaldristi
 - d. Jalnashak
 - e. Ripunashak

Answer Key

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

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