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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!**

#### August 14: Partition Horrors Remembrance Day



The Government of India on August 15, 2021 declared August 14 to be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (विभाजन विभीषिका स्मृति दिवस), to remind the present and future generations of Indians of the pain and suffering faced by the people of India during the partition. Pakistan was carved out as a separate country after the Partition in 1947 on August 14-15. The partition caused one of the largest migrations in human history, affecting about 20 million people. Millions of families from both the countries had to abandon their ancestral villages/towns/cities and were forced to find a new life as refugees. Lakhs of them lost their lives in the communal violence that followed.

#### 2. This July was hottest since 1880

According to scientists at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in New York, July 2023 was hotter than any other month in the global temperature record since 1880. Overall, July 2023 was 0.24 degrees Celsius warmer than any other July in NASA's record, and it was 1.18 degrees Celsius warmer than the average July temperature between 1951 and 1980.



High sea surface temperatures contributed to July's record warmth. NASA's analysis shows that especially warm ocean temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific, led to the development of El Nino that started around May 2023. The record-breaking July continues a longterm trend of human-driven warming driven primarily by greenhouse gas emissions that has become evident over the past four decades.

3. Bindeshwar Pathak: Founder of 'Sulabh International', a pioneer of public toilets in India, popularly known as the "Toilet Man of India", passed away on August 15 in New Delhi, due to cardiac arrest. He was 80. He established the Sulabh International Social Service in 1970 and it became synonymous with public toilets. He campaigned extensively against manual scavenging.



Now Sulabh is operating and maintaining more than 9,000 community public toilet complexes in 1,600 towns.

A Padma Bhushan awardee, Pathak was also the recipient of the Energy Globe Award, the Dubai International Award for Best Practices, the Stockholm Water Prize, the Legend of Planet award from the French senate in Paris, among others.

#### 4. IAF inducts Heron Mark 2 advance drones



Taking another step in capacity boosting, the Indian Air Force inducted Heron Mark 2 drones at a forward air base in the northern sector. These drones have been procured from Israel. These have strike capability and can carry out surveillance along the borders with both China and Pakistan in a single sortie itself.

The Heron Mark-2 is a medium-altitude long-endurance drone, with a maximum range of 3,000 kilometres and an endurance of 24 hours. It is equipped with a variety of sensors, including a synthetic aperture radar (SAR), an electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) camera, and a laser designator. These drones are equipped with satellite communication links and are the most advanced drones in the Indian armed forces.

5. R. Doraiswamy: Appointed as the Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).



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#### Some Other Minor News!

1. Anwarul Haq Kakar, a renowned ethnic Pushtun politician with extensive ties to the country's powerful military, has been appointed as the caretaker prime minister of Pakistan.



2. Myra Grover, noted author and secretary of the New Delhi Social Workers Association (NDSWA), was honoured with the esteemed "Women Icon Award" by the <u>House of Lords</u>, <u>UK Parliament</u>, for her outstanding work on mental wellness.

### Multiple Choice Questions!

1.	Bindeshwar, founder of 'Sulabh International', a pioneer of public toilets in India, popularly known as the "Toilet Man of India", passed away on August 15 in New Delhi:
	a. Tyagi b. Dubey c. Pathak d. Yadav e. Choubey
2.	The Indian Air Force inducted Heron Mark 2 drones at a forward air base in the northern sector. These drones have been procured from which country?
	<ul><li>a. Argentina</li><li>b. Israel</li><li>c. Japan</li><li>d. France</li><li>e. USA</li></ul>
3.	R. Doraiswamy has been appointed as the Managing Director of which public sector insurance company?
	a. LIC b. GIC c. UIIC d. NIC





#### **Answer Key**

Q	ANSWER
1	С
2	В
3	Α

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