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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 19: World Humanitarian Day



Observed across the world with UN support to pay tribute to workers who risk their lives in humanitarian services and to gather support for people affected by crises around the world. This is a day to say 'thank you' to those humanitarian workers who gave their lives or were injured while providing life-saving support and protection to people in need.

The celebrations are supported by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - OCHA, a part of the UN Secretariat. This year's theme for the Day "No Matter What," encapsulates the steadfast dedication of humanitarians worldwide.

2. August 19: World Photography Day

The day is dedicated to the art, craft, science and history of photography. It aims to inspire photographers across the planet to share their photos with a simple purpose of sharing their world with the world. This day commemorates the invention of the daguerreotype, an early photographic process developed by Louis Daguerre in 1837, which paved the way for modern photography.

A photograph has the power to capture a place or an area, an experience, an emotion, a flash in time. That is why it is said that "a picture is worth a thousand words".

3. Bhutan becomes a carbon sink



A recent report from the World Economic Forum revealed that eight countries including Bhutan have attained an impressive feat of net zero emissions. Bhutan has not only curbed its carbon footprints, but has also transformed itself into a carbon sink, absorbing more carbon dioxide (CO₂) than what is being released.

Bhutan's unique success as the first nation to achieve net zero emissions is rooted in its population of 8 lakh and its remarkable forest coverage of 70%. The nation prioritises sustainable organic farming and forestry practices, accentuated by the reliance on hydropower and the prudent management of its main economic driver, tourism.

4. India's first 3D printed Post Office building

India's first 3D printed post office building was inaugurated on August 18 in Bengaluru. The building was built by using 3D printing technology with technical know-how from IIT Madras and L&T. The 3D printed concrete building is cost effective, reduces wastage of construction material, is environment friendly and speeds up construction with unique design possibilities.

5. Shooters Esha Singh and Shiva Narwal clinched the 10m air pistol mixed team gold on 18th August by defeating Turkey in the final of the ISSF World Championship at Baku, Azerbaijan.



6. Mayem Village, Goa: This village in Goa became the first Indian village to compile its own “Biodiversity Atlas”. This unprecedented atlas of 250 pages offers a comprehensive socio-cultural history that goes back to the 12th century, making it a remarkable repository of historical and ecological knowledge.

7. August 20: Sadbhavna Diwas (Harmony Day)

Observed across India to promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religions and languages. It commemorates the birthday of Shri Rajiv Gandhi who served as Prime Minister of India from Oct 31, 84 to Dec 02, 89.

Becoming the Prime Minister of India at the age of 40, he was the youngest incumbent of this office. He was a very ardent advocate of communal harmony, peace, and national integrity in India and was known as a goodwill ambassador to the world.

8. August 20: Akshay Urja Diwas



The day is devoted to raising awareness about the developments of renewable energy in India.

It has been observed since 2004, supported by the Ministry for New & Renewable Energy. Renewable energy is the energy that is generated from renewable resources, which are naturally replenished on a regular basis, such as water, sunlight, wind, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

Interestingly, India is the only country in the entire world to have a separate ministry for the development of renewable energy resources. Currently it is headed by Sh. Raj Kumar Singh.

9. August 20: World Mosquito Day

Observed annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. The day commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. He received the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1902.

According to the National Health Portal of India, Aedes, Anopheles, and Culex mosquitoes act as vectors (living organisms that can transmit infectious diseases among humans or from animals to humans) and spread many diseases.

10. August 21: World Senior Citizens Day



Supported by the UNO, it is observed to raise awareness about the condition of older people and to support them throughout the ageing process. It's a day to remember and celebrate the elderly persons and thank them for their contributions to enhance their inclusiveness in the society.

11. British Columbia: The western Canadian province declared a state of emergency on August 18 after an out-of-control fire in southern British Columbia almost doubled in 24 hours. More than 2,400 properties were forced to be evacuated. The fire was centred around Kelowna, a city with a population of about 150,000. The province accounted for over a third of Canada's 1,062 active fires.

12. 9th FIFA Women's World Cup: Spain made history by defeating England 1-0 to lift the title for the first time, in Sydney on 20th August. The tournament was hosted jointly by Australia and New Zealand. Aitana Bonmati of Spain won the Golden Ball for the "Best Player". Hinata Miyazawa clinched the Golden Boot for being the highest (5) goal scorer while Mary A Earps of England won the Golden Glove for being the Best Goalkeeper.

13. Anahat Singh, 15 year old girl from Delhi, clinched the gold medal in the U-17 category of the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships, held in Dalian, China from August 16-20.



14. Tulip Garden, Srinagar: The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar entered its name in the annals of the World Book of Records as Asia's largest and most spectacular garden of its kind. Spread over 74 acres in the foothills of Zabarwan Mountains, it has an enchanting variety of 1.5 million blooming Tulip flowers in 68 varieties.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The Assam Government launched the Amrit Brikshya Andolan, aimed at planting one crore plants to promote a greener and more sustainable environment in the state.



2. The Indian team secured second rank with four gold and one silver medals at the 16th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Chorzów, Poland, held from August 10 to 20.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. August 19 is observed as World Humanitarian Day. What is the theme selected for this year?
 - a. We all are humans
 - b. Humanity First
 - c. No Matter What
 - d. Humanity, Life matters
 - e. Humanity, it matters !

2. As per a recent report from the World Economic Forum, which of India's neighbouring countries has attained an impressive feat of net zero emissions?
 - a. Sri Lanka
 - b. Bhutan
 - c. Nepal
 - d. Bangladesh
 - e. Myanmar

3. India's first 3D printed post office building was inaugurated on August 18 in which city?
 - a. Chennai
 - b. Vadodara
 - c. Vellore
 - d. Tirupati
 - e. Bengaluru

4. Which village in Goa became the first Indian village to compile its own “Biodiversity Atlas”?
 - a. Siolim
 - b. Baga
 - c. Mayem
 - d. Agonda
 - e. Porvorim

5. **Sadbhavna Diwas** on August 20 marks the birthday of which great Indian personality?
 - a. Indira Gandhi
 - b. Rajiv Gandhi
 - c. Atal Behari Vajpayee
 - d. Sardar Patel
 - e. I K Gujral

6. India is the only country in the entire world to have a separate ministry for the development of renewable energy resources. Currently it is headed by which minister?
 - a. Raj Kumar Singh
 - b. Ashwini Vaishnaw
 - c. Piyush Goyal
 - d. Kiren Rijiju
 - e. Giriraj Singh

7. Spain won the 9th FIFA Women's World Cup on August 20 in :Sydney by defeating which country?
- a. Germany
 - b. England
 - c. Argentina
 - d. Brazil
 - e. Italy
8. Tulip Garden in Srinagar entered its name in the World Book of Records as Asia's largest and most spectacular garden of its kind. What is its formal name?
- a. Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden
 - b. Jawahar Tulip Garden
 - c. Sher-A-Kashmir Tulip Garden
 - d. Shaan-e-KLashmir Tulip Garden
 - e. Rajiv Gandhi Yaadgari Tulip Garden
9. Anahat Singh, 15 year old girl from Delhi, clinched the gold medal on August 20 in the U-17 category of the Asian Junior _____ Individual Championships, held in Dalian, China:
- a. Judo
 - b. Athletics
 - c. Squash
 - d. Boxing
 - e. Taekwondo

Answer Key

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

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