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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 26: Women's Equality Day



Observed every year to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment in the United States of America in 1878 that provided voting rights to women. The Day celebrates the achievements of women's rights activists and reminds us of the unique daily struggles that women face across the globe.

**Remember!!** International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8.

### 2. BOOKS & AUTHORS

**Because He Is** by Meghna Gulzar

**Western Lane** by Chetna Maroo

**Monsoon: A Poem of Love and Longing** by Abhay Kumar, Deputy Director General of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).

**None of This Is True** by Lisa Jewell

**Good Bad Girl** by Alice Feeney

**In the Likely Event** by Rebecca Yarros

**Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett

**The Heaven & Earth Grocery Story** by James McBride

**After That Night** by Karin Slaughter

**The Connelys of County Down** by Tracey Lange

### 3. BRICS admits six new members



The 15th BRICS Annual Summit was held in Johannesburg, the largest metropolitan of South Africa, from August 22 to 24, under the chairmanship of President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa. The Group decided to admit six countries as the new members including Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and UAE. The membership will come into effect on the 1st of January 2024.

The expansion of the group is part of its plan to build dominance and reshape global governance into a “multipolar” world order that puts voices of the Global South at the centre of the world agenda.

### 4. Tele-Law - 2.0 launched for better legal help

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice, launched the Tele-Law - 2.0 app on August 25 in New Delhi. The new app integrates Tele-Law and Nyaya Bandhu App to ensure easy access to justice. It will enable the common citizen to access legal advice, legal assistance and legal representation through a single registration and single gateway of Tele-Law. The app is a big step towards realising the government's vision to strengthen the legal aid ecosystem and to ensure “Justice for All”.



## 5. Shri Modi attends BRICS Summit in Johannesburg

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a four day trip from August 22 to 25 to visit South Africa and Greece. He participated in the 15th BRICS Summit on August 22, till August 24, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Later, he travelled to Greece on August 25 at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis. He was given a ceremonial welcome in Athens, capital of Greece. The President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou conferred him with “The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour”, the country’s top civilian honour. He interacted with business leaders from both countries, as well as with the Indian community in Greece. This was the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Greece in the last 40 years.

**6. FIDE Chess World Cup 2023:** Magnus Carlsen of Norway beat India's R. Praggnanandhaa in tie-breaks to become the world champion on August 24 at Baku in Azerbaijan. While Carlsen got Gold, Praggnanandhaa bagged silver. Pragg, who turned 18 during the World Cup, is the youngest World Cup finalist ever.



## 7. Committee formed to transform DRDO



The Ministry of Defence has formed a nine member committee to undertake a comprehensive revamp of the DRDO. It will be headed by K. Vijay Raghavan, former Principal Scientific Advisor to the government. The committee will propose a revamped structure for the DRDO that aligns with contemporary defence research needs along with organisation's priorities, resource allocation, and operational processes.

**8. C Radhakrishnan Rao:** One of the world's most eminent statisticians, who spent nearly all of his professional career in India, died on August 23 at the ripe age of 103 years, in the USA. Dr. Rao pioneered several fundamental statistical concepts such as the Cramer–Rao inequality and Rao–Blackwellization, concepts that appear in undergraduate textbooks on statistics and econometrics. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan in 1969 and 2001, respectively. He was conferred the National Medal of Science in the USA.



## 9. 69th National Film Awards



The winners of the 69th National Film Awards for the films released in the year 2021, were announced on August 24. The awards were announced by noted director, Ketan Mehta, Chairperson, Feature Films Jury.

**Best Feature Film: Rocketry:** The Nambi Effect, by R Madhavan

**Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment:** RRR by S. S. Rajamouli

**Nargis Dutt Award for Best Film on National Integration:** The Kashmir Files by Vivek Agnihotri

**Best Hindi Film:** Sardar Udham by Shoojit Sircar

**Best Director:** Nikhil Mahajan for Godavari (Marathi)

**Best Actor:** Allu Arjun for Pushpa:The Rise

**Best Actress:** Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi and Kriti Sanon for Mimi

**10. Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve:** The National Tiger Conservation Authority accorded its approval for the 54th tiger reserve in the country. Located in the Dholpur-Karauli districts of Rajasthan, it is the fifth Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan. India is home to approximately 75 percent of the world's tiger population.



### **11. Indore number one in air quality**

In the category of cities with a population of more than 10 lakhs in the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan -2023 conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, Indore has secured the first position, followed by Agra and Thane. In the category of cities with population between 3 to 10 lakh, Sagar from MP topped the list while Dewas, also from MP, secured top position in the category of cities with population below 3 lakh.



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## Some Other Minor News!

1. The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas achieved a significant milestone as it successfully fired the Astra indigenous Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missile off the coast of Goa.



2. China sent a new Earth observation satellite Gaofen-12(04) into space on Aug 21 from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in China.
3. The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Naval trainer prototype NP5, developed by Hindustan Aeronautical Limited, successfully completed its maiden flight on August 18 from HAL airport in Bengaluru.
4. Iran unveiled a new advanced combat drone Mohajer-10 on August 22. With a fuel capacity of 450 litres, it can fly at a maximum speed of 210 kmph with a range of up to 2,000 km. It can fly up to 7 km in height and stay in the air for 24 hours. It is equipped with various smart bombs with pinpoint accuracy as well as electronic warfare equipment and intelligence systems.

## Multiple Choice Questions!

1. National Sports Day on August 29 commemorates the birthday of which great sportsperson?
  - a. S. Milkha Singh
  - b. Major Dhyan Chand
  - c. Balbir Singh
  - d. Tenzing Norgay
  - e. P T Usha
  
2. August 30 is observed as the International \_\_\_\_\_ Shark Day:
  - a. Blue
  - b. White
  - c. Whale
  - d. Tiger
  - e. Basking
  
3. As per the Hindu calendar, the Poornima of the Shravana (Sawan) month, is celebrated as World \_\_\_\_\_ Day:
  - a. Vedic
  - b. Scriptures
  - c. Puranas
  - d. Sanskrit
  - e. Mantras



4. The book titled "Because He Is" has been authored by whom?
- a. Meghna Gulzar
  - b. Rakhi Gulzar
  - c. Shekhar Kapoor
  - d. Ved Rahi
  - e. Anand Bakshi

## Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	B
2	C
3	D
4	A

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