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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. India wins 2 golds in World Para Powerlifting



In a historic first, Honey Dabas won India's first ever gold in juniors category on Aug 22 while Parmjeet Kumar scripted history on Aug 23 by capturing the gold medal in the men's -49kg Total event in seniors category at the 2023 World Para Powerlifting Championships held at Dubai, UAE.

### 2. India's first 700 MWe unit

The third unit of the indigenously developed 700-megawatt electric (MWe) nuclear power reactor at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP3) in Gujarat commenced operations at full capacity on Aug 31. The unit had started its commercial operations on June 30 this year.

In India's civilian nuclear power generation programme, this is a landmark event as it is country's first 700 MWe unit and the biggest indigenously developed variant of the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR). The PHWRs, which use natural uranium as fuel and heavy water as moderator, constitute the mainstay of India's nuclear power fleet.

Till now, the biggest reactor of indigenous design was the 540 MWe PHWR, two of which have been deployed in Tarapur, Maharashtra.

**3. Tropical storm Idalia:** A strong cyclone dumped heavy rain, unleashed strong winds of up to 150 kmph and knocked out power in parts of southern Georgia, North Carolinas and Florida's west coast in the USA on August 30-31. Over half a million houses went without power.

**4. Jaya Verma Sinha:** Appointed as the first woman Chairperson and CEO of the Railway Board.

### **5. GDP registers a high growth of 7.8%**

According to official data shared by the National Statistical Office on Aug 31, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) registered a growth of 7.8 percent in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal (2023-2024), compared to a growth of 6.1 percent in the previous January-March quarter of fiscal 2022-23.

The main thrust came from the services sector that grew at 9.2 percent in the quarter. Manufacturing posted a growth of 4.7 percent while the Agriculture sector registered a growth of 3.5 percent.



**6. 65th Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023:** Surgical oncologist R. Ravi Kannan, Director of the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC) in Assam, won one of the four Ramon Magsaysay Awards for 2023. He is credited with revolutionising cancer treatment in Assam through people-centric and pro-poor healthcare.



The award carries a certificate, a medallion and a cash prize of \$ 50,000. The other three winners included Korvi Rakshand from Bangladesh, Eugenio Lemos from Timor-Leste, Miriam Coronel-Ferrer from the Philippines. The Award, often called the 'Nobel Prize of Asia', is given in Philip[pines].

**7. Miss Earth India 2023:** Priyan Sain, 20 year old beauty queen from Jaipur, Rajasthan, clinched the title of Miss Earth India 2023 on August 26 in New Delhi.

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## Some Other Minor News!

1. In a major move towards reducing carbon dioxide emission and improving fuel efficiency in vehicles, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched the world's first 100 percent Ethanol-fueled car on Aug 29 in New Delhi. With the implementation of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol, the country will save 35 thousand crore rupees annually as import bill.



2. India and New Zealand have signed a MoU on Aug 29 to boost cooperation in civil aviation. It will cover the scheduling of new routes, code share services, traffic rights and capacity entitlement.

3. NITI Aayog) tral think tank responsible for monitoring India's progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at expediting India's journey towards achieving its SDGs.

4. President Droupadi Murmu released a commemorative Rs. 100 coin on NT Rama Rao on Aug 28 to mark his centenary year. Late NT Rama Rao, a legendary actor, filmmaker and politician, enriched Indian cinema and culture through Telugu films.



5. Geetika Srivastava, the senior Indian diplomat, has been appointed as the first woman charg   d'affaires at the Indian High Commission in Pakistan.

6. Tamil Nadu has become the first state to launch the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme as an extension of the Mid-day-meal scheme. Children studying in primary schools in class 1 to 5 are provided with 4 nutritious breakfasts on all school days. The scheme covers 31,000 government schools across the state, benefitting 17 lakhs students.

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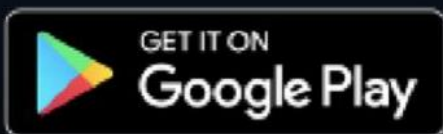
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