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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. September 2: World Coconut Day The day aims to create awareness about the importance of the coconut and its benefits. The day is specially marked in countries under Asian and Pacific regions by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) as they house most of the world's coconut growing production centres.

One of nature's most versatile products, the coconut and its various parts can be used for food and drink, bakery, sweets, oil, cosmetic preparations, decorating and a variety of coir products. The theme for this year's celebrations is "Sustaining the Coconut Sector for the Present and Future Generation".

India is the largest producer of coconuts, producing over 20 billion nuts annually, roughly one third of global coconut production. Harvesting 9,687 nuts per hectare, our productivity is highest in the world.



2. Sep. (2): International Vulture Awareness Day

Celebrated annually on the first Saturday of September to encourage the initiatives to boost numbers and ensure conservation of common vultures. Regarded as nature's scavengers, vultures provide crucial ecosystem services by feeding on carcasses and keeping the environment clean and disease-free.

India's vulture populations crashed in the 1990s, losing over 90% of them, due to the use of Diclofenac, a pain reliever administered to cattle. Vultures feeding on cattle carcasses used to die extremely painful deaths as this drug entered their system and proved fatal. However, after ban of Diclofenac in 2008 and increase in conservation efforts, a sizable increase has been noticed in the vulture population.

3. Tharman Shanmugaratnam: Indian-origin Singapore economist won the Presidential election in the country.



4. R. Madhavan: Senior Bollywood actor has been appointed as the President of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune and Chairman of its governing council.



5. NCERT granted 'deemed university' status

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was granted deemed university status on Sep 01. As the apex organisation for school education, the NCERT undertakes various activities and programmes, including educational research and innovation, curriculum development and development of textual and teaching-learning materials.

NCERT is an autonomous organisation set up in 1961 by the Government of India to assist and advise the Central and State Governments on policies and programmes for qualitative improvement in school education.

6. INS 'Mahendragiri', the Nilgiri class stealth frigate warship built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd., Mumbai was launched in Mumbai on Sep 01. It is the seventh and the last ship of the Project 17A Frigates. The warship has been named after a mountain peak in the Eastern Ghats located in the state of Odisha.

7. 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar' app launched



The Government of India launched an 'Invoice incentive Scheme' by the name 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar' on Sep 01 to encourage the culture of customers asking for bills for all purchases.

Two bumper prizes of one crore rupees each will be given away every quarter. There will also be 800 lucky draws having a prize value of ten thousand rupees each, and 10 draws with a prize of 10 lakh rupees each every month.

All residents of India will be eligible to participate in this Scheme irrespective of their State and UT. Maximum 25 invoices can be uploaded by an individual in a month to be considered for lucky draw.

Bills with minimum value of 200 rupees can be uploaded on Mobile App 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar' available on IOS and Android or on web portal 'web.merabill.gst.gov.in'.

8. The 53rd ISSF World Shooting Championships were held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 14 August to Sep 01. Punjab's Amanpreet Singh became the first Indian to win the men's 25m standard pistol gold on August 23. Tiwana, Sakshi Suryavanshi and Kirandeep Kaur combined to clinch gold in the women's 50m pistol event. India finished at third spot with six gold and eight bronze medals in total.

9. RBI governor ranked top central banker



Sh. Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve Bank of India was ranked as the top central banker globally by US-based financial magazine Global Finance. Das has been rated 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023, covering 101 countries. He has been placed at the top of the list of three central bank governors who have been rated A+.

Ranking celebrates bank governors whose strategies outperformed their peers through originality, creativity and tenacity. Grades are based on a scale from A to F for success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability and interest rate management.

11. ISRO scripts history by launching Aditya



India scripted history once again on Sep 02 as the ISRO successfully launched its first solar space observatory 'Aditya L-1' aboard PSLV C57 launch vehicle from Sriharikota. The spacecraft, after travelling about 1.5 million kms from the Earth over the next 125 days, is expected to be placed in a Halo orbit around the Lagrangian point L1 which is considered closest to the Sun.

For common understanding, L1 is a location in space where the gravitational forces of two celestial bodies, such as the Sun and Earth, are in equilibrium. It marks the end of Earth's gravitational pull, and the beginning of the Sun's gravitational pull. Any satellite placed in this slot would move in harmony with the Earth's orbit around the Sun, providing uninterrupted observations of the Sun without being obscured by the Moon or the Earth.

Of seven payloads on board Aditya L-1, four will observe sunlight, while the other 3 will measure parameters of plasma and magnetic fields of the Sun. Primary payload Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC) will send 1,440 images per day to ground station for the next 5 years, or even longer. First images are expected by Feb-end, 2024.

10. Moody's put Indian GDP growth at 6.7%



US based global rating agency, Moody's Investors Service raised India's growth projection for 2023 calendar year to 6.7% on Sep 01 (from 5.5% announced earlier), citing surge in growth performance helped up by robust underlying economic momentum.

In the Global Macro Outlook 2023-24 (August update), Moody's said strong services expansion and capital expenditures have propelled India's 7.8% real GDP growth in the second (April-June) quarter.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. Manish Desai took over the charge of the Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Sep 01.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1. September 2 is celebrated as World Coconut Day. Which country is the world's largest producer of coconuts?
 - a. Sri Lanka
 - b. Japan
 - c. Thailand
 - d. Indonesia
 - e. India

2. International Vulture Awareness Day is celebrated annually on the first _____ of September to raise awareness about the conservation of fast depleting vultures:
 - a. Sunday
 - b. Friday
 - c. Tuesday
 - d. Saturday
 - e. Monday

3. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Indian-origin Singapore economist was in news recently for what reason?
 - a. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Economics
 - b. He won the prestigious Frisch Medal
 - c. He was elected as the President of Singapore
 - d. He was selected as the secretary of World Economic Forum
 - e. He was appointed as the prime minister of Singapore

4. Which noted Bollywood personality has been appointed as the President of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune and Chairman of its governing council?
 - a. Manav Kaul
 - b. R Madhavan
 - c. Manoj Vajpayee
 - d. Hansal Mehta
 - e. Anupam Kher

5. Which apex organisation has been granted deemed university status on Sep 01?
 - a. NCERT
 - b. CBSE
 - c. ISRO
 - d. UGC
 - e. DRDO

6. Which Nilgiri class stealth frigate warship built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd., Mumbai was launched in Mumbai on Sep 01?
 - a. Udaygiri
 - b. Himgiri
 - c. Mahendragiri
 - d. Dunagiri
 - e. Taragiri

7. An 'Invoice incentive Scheme' by the name 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar' was launched on Sep 01. Under this scheme, two bumper prizes of _____ rupees each will be given away every quarter:
- a. One crore
 - b. Seventy lakh
 - c. Fifty lakh
 - d. Thirty lakh
 - e. Twenty lakh

Answer Key

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

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