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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. Sep 7: International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies



Supported by the UNO, the day aims to raise alarm against increasing air pollution. It is the single largest environmental risk to human health and one of the main avoidable causes of death and disease globally. Around seven million premature deaths across the world are attributed to indoor and outdoor air pollution.

The theme selected for this year is “Together for Clean Air”, focusing on the need for strong partnerships, increased investment and shared responsibility to overcome air pollution. In India various activities are conducted under the National Clean Air Programme to improve the quality of air, particularly in urban areas.

2. Sep. 08: International Literacy Day

Countries across the world celebrate this day to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies. The 8th of September was proclaimed International Literacy Day by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1966. The theme selected for this year is ‘Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies’.

3. Modi attends 20th ASEAN-India Summit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a two day visit to Indonesia on Sep 6-7 to attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit. The 43rd annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5th to 7th of September. The leaders discussed strengthening ASEAN integration and expanding collaboration in key areas such as the digital and green economies.

4. UN general Assembly holds 78th session

The 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly commenced on Sep 05 with Dennis Francis, permanent representative of Trinidad and Tobago, taking over as the President of Assembly. The theme of the session 'Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress, and sustainability for all,' focused on several critical areas. The session acknowledged the challenges posed by climate change, conflict, and poverty in achieving global peace.

5. Sanchi: A world heritage town located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, is on the way to becoming India's first 'solar city'. A 3 MW solar plant in Nagauri, close to Sanchi, will reduce carbon dioxide emissions each year by 13,747 tonnes. This is equivalent to over 2,38,000 trees.

6. SBI Card launches super card AURUM



SBI Card, the country's largest credit card issuer, unveiled new features of its super premium card 'AURUM', targeted at top executives and high net-worth individuals. AURUM offers a sumptuous travel experience along with many special benefits.

For instance, the card now offers 1-year Club Marriott membership as a welcome gift. AURUM cardholders can avail discount benefits up to 25 per cent in stay, food and beverages, and spa in over 250 hotels under the Marriott group across Asia Pacific.

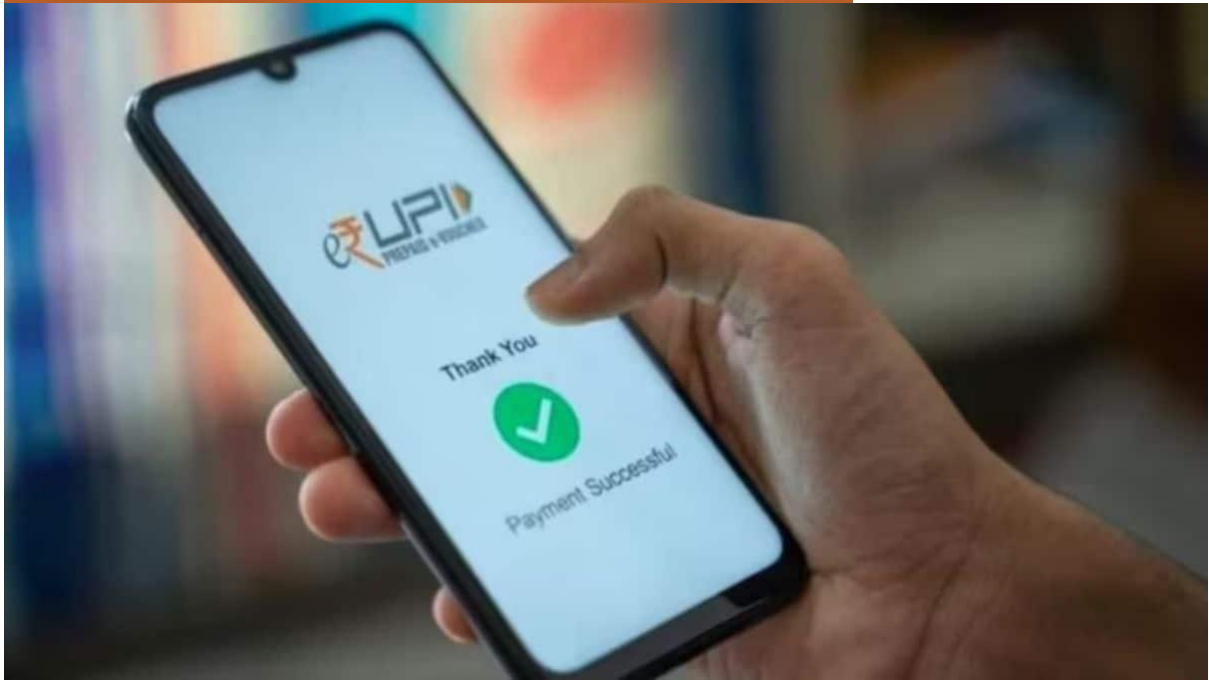
7. India's first UPI-ATM launched



The Hitachi Payment Services in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched India's first UPI-ATM, a White Label ATM on Sep 05 in Mumbai. It allows “seamless cash withdrawals”, eliminating the need to carry physical ATM cards. Instead of an ATM card, this ATM will show an ‘UPI cash withdrawal’ option and by selecting this option it will generate a QR code and simply by scanning it, one can get the desired cash from the ATM. To begin with, there is a transaction limit of Rs. 10,000.

8. Miss International India 2023: Praveena Anjana, beauty queen from Udaipur, Rajasthan was crowned Miss International India 2023 in Delhi. She will now represent India at the Miss International pageant in Japan this October.

9. New payment options from NPCI-UPI



The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has introduced several new payment options on the popular UPI (Unified Payments Interface) platform.

Hello! UPI: Users can now make voice-enabled UPI payments using Hello! UPI feature which allows transactions via apps, telecom calls, and IoT devices in both Hindi and English.

Credit Line on UPI: It allows pre-sanctioned credit lines from banks via UPI. This initiative aims to streamline customer access to credit and promote financial inclusion and innovation.

UPI Tap & Pay: This feature enhances QR code and NFC technology adoption. Users can now tap NFC-enabled QR codes at merchant locations to complete payments.

BillPay Connect: It offers Voice Assisted Bill Payments facility through Bharat Bill Pay platform. Customers can receive and pay bills through voice commands on their smart home devices and get instant voice confirmation.

10. Vijayawada Railway Station: This station was certified with Platinum rating, the highest green standard rating by the IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) on Sep 05. The Rating is based on six environmental categories as defined by IGBC which include Sustainable Station Facility, Health, Hygiene and Sanitation, Energy Efficiency, Water Efficiency, Smart and Green Initiatives and Innovation and Development.



11. Asia's largest district cooling system

Telangana government has signed a MoU with Dubai based cooling giant Tabreed, to develop Asia's largest district cooling infrastructure in industrial parks including the Hyderabad Pharma City. Tabreed will develop 125,000 refrigeration tonnes of district cooling plants and networks investing up to \$200 million.

The first-of-its-kind, ground-breaking initiative will bring multi-fold benefits of highly reliable, superior cost-efficiency, and unprecedented economies of scale, resulting in 6,800 GWh of power savings and 41,600 mega liters of water savings. This will result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions by saving 6.2 million tons of CO₂.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. A Maritime Partnership Exercise between Indian Navy Ship and Sri Lanka Navy ship was held at Port City Colombo, Sri Lanka. A clean-up drive at Crow Island beach was jointly undertaken by INS Delhi and SLN ship Vijayabahu.



2. The Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched an H-IIA rocket from Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan on Sep 07 and successfully released the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM), nick named 'Moon Sniper', for landing on Moon by February, next year.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Supported by the UNO, Sep 7 is observed as International Day of Clean Air for _____ Skies:
 - a. Blue
 - b. Clean
 - c. Clear
 - d. Bright
 - e. Deep

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a two day visit to which country on Sep 6-7 to attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit?
 - a. Malaysia
 - b. Indonesia
 - c. Vietnam
 - d. Singapore
 - e. Thailand

3. The United Nations General Assembly commenced its _____ session on Sep 05 with Dennis Francis taking over as the President of Assembly:
 - a. 76th
 - b. 77th
 - c. 78th
 - d. 79th
 - e. 80th

4. Sanchi, a world heritage town located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, was in the news recently for what reason?
 - a. It was added to UNESCO's heritage list
 - b. It was added to the list of smart cities
 - c. It was declared first fully digital city
 - d. It became India's first solar city
 - e. It hosted World Heritage Convention

5. SBI Card unveiled new features of its super premium card named _____, targeted at top executives and high net-worth individuals:
 - a. Premia
 - b. Ellee
 - c. Royaal
 - d. Empara
 - e. Aurum

6. The Hitachi Payment Services in collaboration with the NPCI, launched India's first UPI-ATM, on Sep 05 in which place?
 - a. Mumbai
 - b. Jaipur
 - c. Ayodhya
 - d. Varanasi
 - e. Surat

7. NPCI recently introduced several new payment options on the popular UPI platform. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?
- a. Hello! UPI
 - b. UPI Tap & Pay
 - c. Instant UPI
 - d. BillPay Connect
 - e. Credit Line on UPI
8. Praveena Anjana, beauty queen from _____, Rajasthan was crowned Miss International India 2023 in Delhi:
- a. Bikaner
 - b. Udaipur
 - c. Ajmer
 - d. Jaipur
 - e. Bhilwara
9. Vijayawada Railway Station was certified with Platinum rating, the highest green standard rating by the IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) on Sep 05. It is in which state?
- a. Telangana
 - b. Rajasthan
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. Odisha
 - e. Andhra Pradesh

10. Dubai based cooling giant Tabreed, has signed a MoU with which state to develop Asia's largest district cooling infrastructure in that state's industrial parks?
- a. Chhattisgarh
 - b. Gujarat
 - c. Jharkhand
 - d. Telangana
 - e. Odisha

Answer Key

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

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