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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 09: Himalaya Day** Observed every year to sensitise the people on the importance of the fragile Himalayan ecosystem as also to highlight the various issues concerning it. The Day was first observed in Uttarakhand in 2010 as an initiative of a group of noted environmentalists.



Himalaya plays an important role to save and sustain nature and protect the country from adverse weather conditions. The Himalayan range is also responsible for rains in the Indian subcontinent, besides being a rich repository of floral and faunal biodiversity.

## **2. September 09: World EV Day 2022**

It is observed all over the world to emphasise the importance of e-mobility. The day helps to spread awareness about sustainable transport facilities to the people. Emissions from the conventional fossil fuel-based vehicles is the major source causing the dreaded air pollution. In contrast, electric vehicles (EVs) are one of the major alternatives to decrease air pollution.

### 3. September 10: World Suicide Prevention Day

Supported by the WHO and International Association for Suicide Prevention, USA, it is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the threatening risks of suicide and the challenges faced in trying to prevent suicide. It is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally. It is responsible for over 800,000 deaths every year. The theme for the day for 2021 to 23 is "Creating Hope Through Action".

### 4. September (10): World First Aid Day

Observed on the second Saturday of September every year to create awareness about the importance of first aid in attending injuries and saving lives. The day was started by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva in 2000 to promote awareness in the world about the benefits of first aid, need of first aid and the right way to do it.

With knowledge of first aid, one can easily prevent major mishaps by providing immediate primary medical care while waiting for experts to attend. The theme for this year is "First Aid in the Digital World." The theme focuses on creating digital innovations in first aid so that it is available easily and quickly to everyone.



## 5. US Open 2023 concludes in New York



Novak Djokovic (Serbia) created history on Sep 10 by winning a record 24th Grand Slam title by beating Daniil Medvedev of Russia to win the Men's Singles title.

American teenage tennis sensation Coco Gauff secured her maiden Women's Singles title, defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus.

**6. 2023 FIBA World Cup:** Germany beat Serbia 83-77 to win the top basketball championship on Sep 10 in Manila, Philippines. **FIBA**—International Basketball Federation.

**7. Kiran George,** promising badminton player from Kerala, won the men's singles title at the Indonesia Masters badminton championship on Sep 10 in Medan, Indonesia by defeating Japan's Koo Takahashi.

**8. Exercise Varuna-23:** The 21st edition of bilateral naval exercise between the Indian and French Navy was conducted in the first week of September in the Arabian Sea.



## 9. Amrawati and Parwanoo top in clean air

The report of the Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2023 (clean air survey) for the cities with population below 10 lakh, was released on Sep 7 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The survey was conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Amravati in Maharashtra topped in the category of cities with populations ranging from 3 to 10 lakhs, followed by Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh. Among cities with populations below 3 lakhs, Parwanoo and Kala Amb in Himachal Pradesh took the first two spots.

## 10. 18th G-20 summit concludes at New Delhi



The 18th G20 Leaders' Summit kickstarted on Sep 09 at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. More than 30 top world leaders including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and several others, attended the summit. Besides, top officials from the European Union, African Union and invited guest countries and 14 heads of major international organisations such as UNO, IMF, World Bank, OECD also attended the summit.

On the first day of the Summit, two sessions were held, namely One Earth and One Family. Several key issues ranging from food and energy security to clean energy transition and climate change were deliberated at length at the summit.

In the One Earth session, India and several other countries launched the 'Global Biofuels Alliance', urging members to make efforts to take ethanol blending with petrol globally to 20 per cent. Biofuel is a renewable source of energy derived from biomass, which is plant or algae material or animal waste. Since such feedstock material can be replenished readily, biofuel is considered to be a source of renewable energy.

As a landmark step towards 'One Family', the African Union-AU was inducted as a permanent member of the G20. Chairman of the African Union, Azali Assoumani, represented the AU. He is the president of Comoros, a tiny island nation east of Mozambique, in the Indian Ocean. AU was established in 2002 and represents all the 55 African countries.

Another important decision was the launch of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor and Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, for establishing a direct trade corridor from India to Europe, via Dubai and the Middle East. The countries involved in the project include the USA, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, France, Germany, Italy and the European Union.

Prime Minister Modi chaired the third session namely One Future on the second and concluding day of the summit. G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration was adopted unanimously which reflects the growing stature of India at the world stage. Inclusive growth, accelerating actions to deal with climate change and increasing medical supplies to be future ready for health emergencies among others are the focus areas of the Declaration. With 83 paras and absolutely no dissent, the Declaration symbolised unparalleled global consensus.

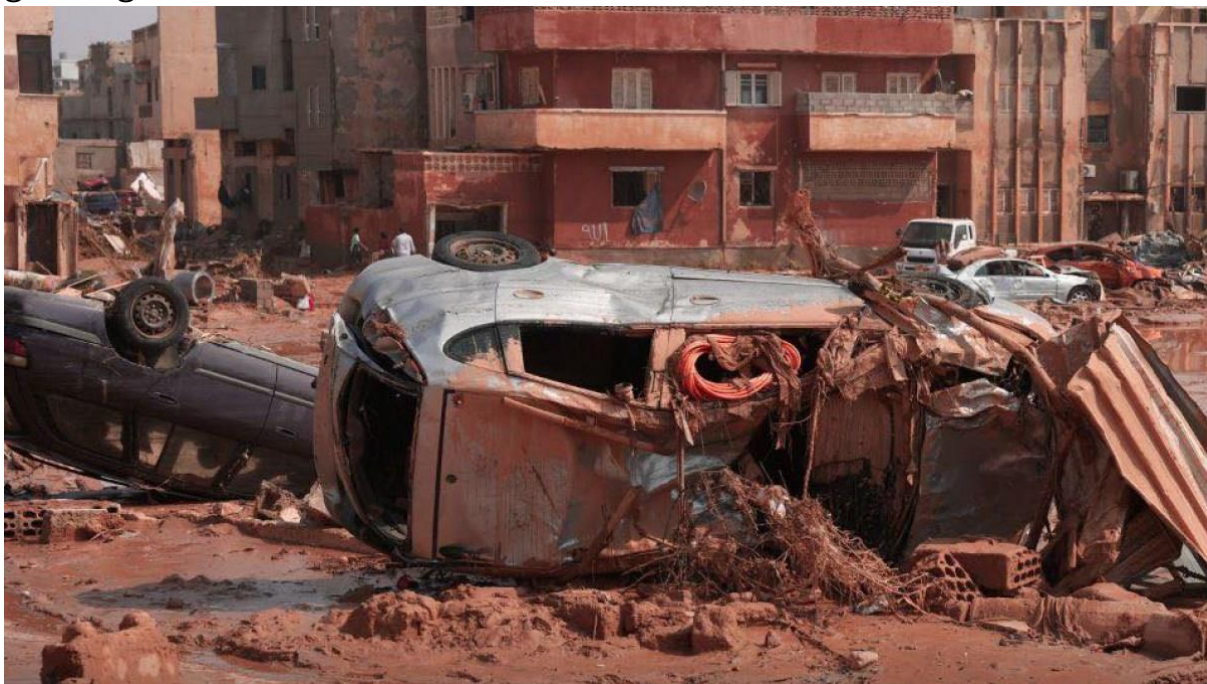
With a total of 112 outcomes and presidency documents, India has more than tripled the substantive work from the previous presidencies. In the closing ceremony, Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the ceremonial gavel to the President of Brazil Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva for the next year presidency of G-20.

## 11. September 11: The National Forest Martyrs Day

Observed every year in India to remember the martyrs who laid their lives to protect nature in the remote corners of the country. On September 11, 1730, over 360 people of the Bishnoi community were massacred in Khejarli near Jodhpur (Rajasthan) because they objected to felling of Khejri trees by the king of Jodhpur.

The day is devoted to paying respects to hundreds of forest officials who sacrificed their lives while protecting the country's forest wealth and wildlife, fighting against poachers, smugglers, diseases and loneliness. Celebrations for the day are supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, currently headed by Sh. Bhupender Yadav.

**12. Storm Daniel, Libya:** In Libya, at least 2000 people were feared dead and thousands more missing due to heavy flooding caused by the Storm Daniel on Sep 11. Flash floods swept away entire neighbourhoods in eastern Libya and wrecked homes in multiple coastal towns. Coastal city of Derna in north Libya was worst hit by gushing waters.



**13. Morocco:** Coastal country in north west Africa was devastated by a massive earthquake on Sep 08. The death toll from the 6.8 magnitude earthquake swelled to at least 2,862 people, while at least 2500 were reported injured. The quake's epicentre was at a relatively shallow depth of 18.5 km. It occurred about 72 km southwest of Marrakesh.

**14. Virat Kohli** became the fastest batsman in the world to complete 13,000 ODI runs on Sep 11 playing against Pakistan in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He surpassed the record of fellow Indian veteran Sachin Tendulkar (321 innings), by achieving the feat in just 277 innings.



**15. SAFF U-16 Football Championship:** India defeated Bangladesh to clinch the championship in the final match played on Sep 10 at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.

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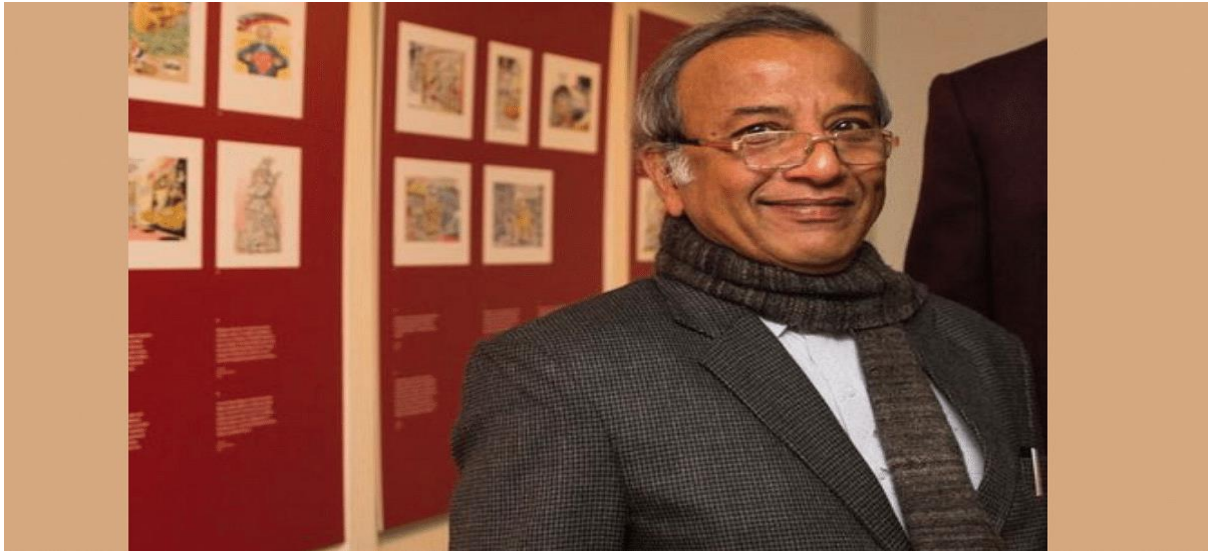
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## Some Other Minor News!

1. Ajit Ninan, renowned cartoonist who worked as political cartoonist for India Today and the Times of India and several other news publications, passed away on Sep 8 at his residence in Mysuru, Karnataka. He was 68.



2. India and Saudi Arabia signed eight agreements on Sep 11 in several areas including energy, digitalization, and investment, during the State visit of the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud in New Delhi.

3. Country's top annual science prize, Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards, were announced on Sep 11. This year 12 scientists will get the awards in seven categories, physics, biology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, chemistry, and earth sciences.

4. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is set to launch construction of the world's highest fighter jet airfield at Nyoma in Ladakh.

5. Dennis Austin, one of the two creators of Microsoft PowerPoint, passed away at the age of 76. Austin created PowerPoint in 1987 with Robert Gaskins.

## Multiple Choice Questions!

1. September 09 is observed as Himalaya Day. It was first observed in 2010 by which state?
  - a. Uttarakhand
  - b. Himachal Pradesh
  - c. Jammu & Kashmir
  - d. Assam
  - e. Arunachal Pradesh
  
2. The second \_\_\_\_\_ of September every year is celebrated as World First Aid Day:
  - a. Monday
  - b. Sunday
  - c. Friday
  - d. Saturday
  - e. Tuesday
  
3. Which US city hosted the final matches of the last Grand Slam of the year, the US Open 2023?
  - a. Los Angeles
  - b. Washington
  - c. Chicago
  - d. San Francisco
  - e. New York

4. In the US Open 2023, Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated which player to win the Men's Singles title?
  - a. Carlos Alcaraz
  - b. Daniil Medvedev
  - c. Holger Rune
  - d. Stefanos Tsitsipas
  - e. Andrey Rublev
  
5. Coco Gauff secured her maiden Women's Singles title in the US Open 2023. She hails from which country?
  - a. Greece
  - b. France
  - c. Sweden
  - d. USA
  - e. Italy
  
6. Germany beat which country on Sep 10 to win the top basketball championship 2023 FIBA World Cup?
  - a. Italy
  - b. Brazil
  - c. Argentina
  - d. Belarus
  - e. Serbia
  
7. Which country hosted the 2023 FIBA World Cup?
  - a. France
  - b. Greece
  - c. Philippines
  - d. Peru
  - e. Portugal

8. Kiran George, promising badminton player who won the men's singles title at the Indonesia Masters badminton championship on Sep 10, hails from which state?
  - a. Goa
  - b. Kerala
  - c. Meghalaya
  - d. Nagaland
  - e. Telangana
  
9. With which country India participated in the bilateral naval exercise Varuna-23 in the first week of September?
  - a. France
  - b. Britain
  - c. UAE
  - d. Saudi Arabia
  - e. Japan
  
10. The African Union was admitted as the permanent member of G-20 on Sep 09. African union represents how many African countries?
  - a. 43
  - b. 47
  - c. 51
  - d. 55
  - e. 59

11. India and several other countries launched the 'Global\_\_\_\_\_Alliance' at the G[20 summit on Sep 09, urging members to make efforts to take ethanol blending with petrol globally to 20 per cent:
- a. Ethanol
  - b. Clean fuel
  - c. Biofuels
  - d. Green Energy
  - e. Green Fuels
12. Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the ceremonial gavel to the President of which country on Sep 10 for the next year presidency of G-20?
- a. Brazil
  - b. South Africa
  - c. Egypt
  - d. Argentina
  - e. Japan
13. India celebrates National Forest Martyrs Day every year on Sep 11. Who is the current union minister for the Environment, Forest and Climate Change ministry?
- a. Hardeep Singh Puri
  - b. Kiren Rijiju
  - c. Bhupender Yadav
  - d. Parshottam Rupala
  - e. Dr. Jitendra Singh

14. In which country at least 2000 people were feared dead and thousands more missing due to sudden heavy flooding caused by the Storm Daniel on Sep 11?
- a. Italy
  - b. Greece
  - c. Spain
  - d. Libya
  - e. Egypt
15. In which country a massive earthquake on Sep 8 claimed around 3,000 lives and left over 2500 injured?
- a. Morocco
  - b. Portugal
  - c. Algeria
  - d. Tunisia
  - e. Guinea
16. Who became the fastest batsman in the world to complete 13,000 ODI runs on Sep 11, in just 277 innings?
- a. Imam-ul-Haq
  - b. Rohit Sharma
  - c. Virat Kohli
  - d. Babar Azam
  - e. David Warner

17. Which team won the SAFF U-16 Football Championship on Sep 10 in Thimphu, Bhutan?

- a. Bhutan
- b. Nepal
- c. Pakistan
- d. Bangladesh
- e. India

## Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	A
2	D
3	E
4	B
5	D
6	E
7	C
8	B
9	A
10	D
11	C
12	A
13	C
14	D
15	A
16	C
17	E

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