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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??

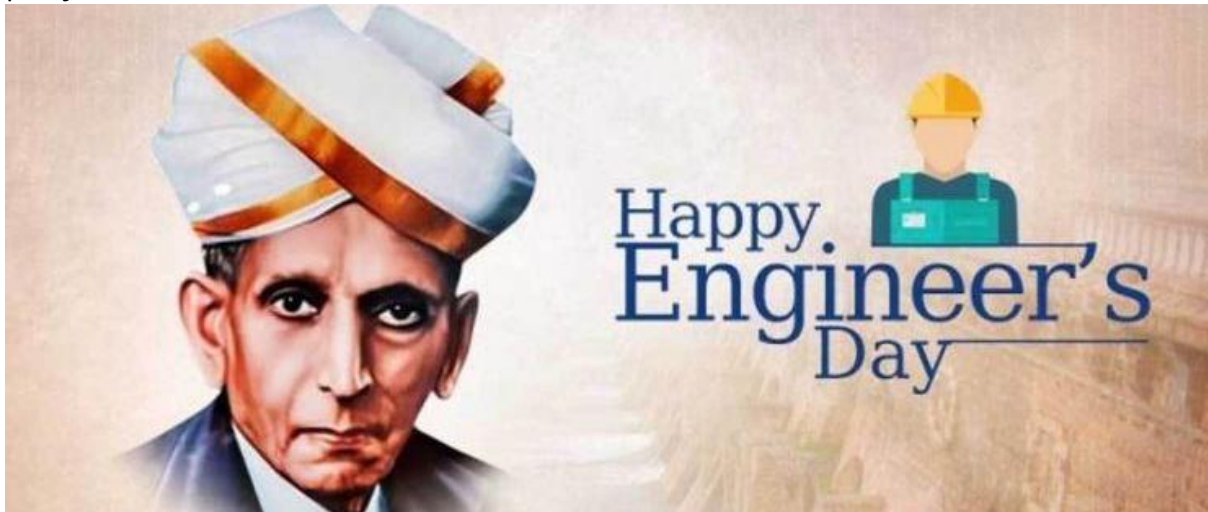
Don't worry!!

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 15: Engineers' Day This day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of acclaimed civil engineer Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. Decorated with Bharat Ratna in 1955, he had extraordinary skills for designing dams and several other hydro projects.



He patented and installed an irrigation system with water floodgates at the Khadakvasla reservoir near Pune to raise the food supply level and storage to the highest levels. He was also conferred the British Knighthood by the then King George V, which puts before his name. He was fondly called Sir MV.

2. September 15: International Day of Democracy The United Nations (UN) General Assembly passed a resolution in 2007 that September 15 of each year would be observed as the International Day of Democracy. It is an opportunity to recall that democracy is about people as it gives voice to the common man and ensures that all are equal before the rule of law.

This year, the day is focused on “Empowering the next generation”. It highlights the young people's essential role in advancing democracy and ensuring that their voices are included in the decisions that have a profound impact on their world.

3. September 16: World Ozone Day Also known as the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer, it is observed annually to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for possible solutions to preserve it. The day commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, in 1987. Under the Montreal Protocol, nations worked together to cut out 99 percent of ozone-depleting substances.



This Protocol was followed by the Kigali Amendment wef Jan, 2019 to reduce the projected production and consumption of hydro fluoro carbons (HFCs) by more than 80 per cent over the next 30 years. Kigali is the capital of Rwanda, a tiny landlocked country in Central Africa.

“Montreal Protocol: fixing the ozone layer and reducing climate change” has been chosen as this year's theme to encourage sustainable development. The Ozone Layer is a fragile shield of gas that protects the Earth and its ecosystem from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. It is formed mainly in the lower portion of the Stratosphere, at approximately 15 to 35 kilometres above Earth.

4. India can now issue OIML certificates

India has become the 13th country in the world that can issue internationally accepted OIML (International Organisation of Legal Metrology) Certificates. Domestic manufacturers of weighing and measuring instruments can get their products tested within the country and sell them in the international market. This system ensures uniformity and trust in measurement worldwide and saves resources by avoiding repeated certifications.

The certificates will be issued by the Legal Metrology Division, Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

5. Santiniketan becomes World Heritage site

Santiniketan, the town in West Bengal, was included in the UNESCO World Heritage list on Sep 17 during the 45th Session of the World Heritage Committee held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. It is located near Bolpur town in Birbhum district of West Bengal.

Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, father of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, in 1863, acquired 20 acres of land here to build a bungalow and named it Shantiniketan, (abode of peace), primarily for meditation and spiritual pursuits. Gradually, the whole surrounding area came to be known as Shantiniketan.



In 1901, Rabindranath Tagore established here a small residential school and centre for art based on ancient Indian traditions and a vision of the unity of humanity transcending religious and cultural boundaries. Later, in 1921, he established here a 'world university' – Visva Bharati as a centre for pursuit of art and culture with the objective of exploring the arts, language, humanities, music etc. in a structured manner. It was declared to be a central university and an institute of national importance in 1951 through an act of Parliament. Santiniketan becomes the 41st UNESCO World Heritage Site in India and the third in West Bengal, after the Sundarbans National Park and the Darjeeling Mountain Railways. Last year, the state's Durga Puja got space in "Intangible Cultural Heritage of humanity" under UNESCO.

6. Yashobhoomi: Architectural crown for India

One of the world's largest MICE facilities, the India International Convention and Expo Centre 'Yashobhoomi' was inaugurated on Sep 17 in Dwarka, New Delhi. MICE stands for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions. The complex has been developed by the Government of India.



Spread over 220 acres, it has a total built-up area of more than 1.8 lakh square metres. A new metro station here connects it directly to the Delhi Airport Metro Express line. The convention centre, built across more than 73,000 sqm of area, comprises 15 convention rooms including the main auditorium, the grand ballroom and 13 meeting rooms with a total capacity of holding 11,000 delegates. It has the largest LED media facade (frontage) in the country.

The main auditorium is the plenary hall for the convention centre and is equipped with a seating capacity of around 6,000 guests. This auditorium has one of the most innovative automated seating systems which allows the floor to be a flat floor or an auditorium style tiered seating for different seating configurations.

7. Rohan Bopanna: Having played for 21 years for India with consistency, 43 year old top doubles tennis player bid an emotional adieu to his Davis Cup career on Sep 17 by winning his last match against Morocco in Lucknow.



8. ACC Asia Cup: India demolished hosts Sri Lanka by registering a 10 wicket win in the final played on Sep 17 in Colombo, to lift the Cup. ACC - Asian Cricket Council.



Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres: (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) awarded by the French government to Rahul Mishra, the visionary Indian designer, for his contribution to art and culture.

9. September 17: The World Patient Safety Day

Supported by the WHO, the Day is observed to create a global awareness for patient safety. It calls for global solidarity and concerted action by all countries to improve patient safety during healthcare. Furthermore, the Day brings together patients, families, caregivers, communities, health workers, health care leaders and policy-makers to show their commitment to patient safety.

The theme selected for this year is "Engaging patients for patient safety" in recognition of the crucial role patients, families and caregivers play in the safety of health care.

10. Sep. (17): The International Coastal Clean-up Day



This day is traditionally held on the third Saturday of September. It encourages people to come together and help clean up our beaches. It is also an occasion to spread awareness about preserving and protecting the world's oceans and waterways.

The most common types of garbage found on the beaches include cigarette butts, food wrappers, plastic straws, plastic bottle caps, and plastic beverage bottles. The theme selected for this year is “#SeaTheChange” focusing on plastic pollution.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. 84 performing artists from various fields were honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards on Sep 16 in New Delhi. The special achievement awards were given to artists above the age of 75 from all over India who have not been bestowed any national honour yet. The honour carries purse money of one lakh rupees along with Tamrapatra and Angavastra.



2. The 35th edition of the annual Gandhi Walk was held on Sep 17 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The event was organised after three years of delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 2,000 people joined the new format of a fun six-kilometre walk that ended with a wide range of entertainment.

3. Carlos Sainz from Spain, of the team Ferrari won the Singapore Grand Prix on Sep 17.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. India celebrates September 15 as the Engineers' Day to mark the birth anniversary of acclaimed engineer M Visvesvaraya, Bharat Ratna awardee. He was from which field of Engineering?
 - a. Mechanical
 - b. Bridges & Roads
 - c. Electrical
 - d. Automobiles
 - e. Hydro projects

2. September 16 is observed as World Ozone Day to highlight the importance of protecting the Ozone layer for human safety. Ozone layer is found approximately at what height from the Earth?
 - a. 10-15 km
 - b. 15-20 km
 - c. 10 - 30 km
 - d. 15-35 km
 - e. 20-50

3. India has become the 13th country in the world that can issue internationally accepted OIML certificates. These are associated with which field?
 - a. Quality of petroleum products
 - b. Certification of weighing and measuring instruments
 - c. Certification of mechanical instruments
 - d. Certification of oil measuring equipments
 - e. None of these

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	E
2	D
3	B

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