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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 18: International Equal Pay Day



Under an initiative of the United Nations, this day was observed for the first time in 2020, to highlight the importance of ending sexual discrimination in relation to the gender pay gap in earnings/salaries between men and women.

Paying women less than men in similar positions is strongly unacceptable in the modern world. Bridging the pay gap contributes toward creating a fairer society where everyone has equal opportunities. Currently, on a global average, women earn 20% less than men for work of the same value.

2. September 18: World Bamboo Day

It is observed every year by the World Bamboo Organisation to generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry. Also known as poor man's timber, bamboo is omnipresent in tribal cultures and community living. Bamboo is a tall, tree-like grass of the genus Bambusa in the family Poaceae. It comprises more than 115 genera and 1,400 species.

After China, India is the world's second-largest cultivator of bamboo. To boost bamboo production and exploitation in the country, the Government amended the century-old Indian Forest Act in 2018 to delist bamboo as a tree and classify it as a grass.

3. Hoysala temples get world heritage status



Three ancient sacred Hoysala temples located in Belur, Halebidu, and Somanathapura in Karnataka have become the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site in India. The announcement was made by the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO on Sep 18 in its 45th session in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The Hoysala Temples were built in the 12th and 13th centuries by the Hoysala kings. They are known for their magnificent architecture and show the sculptural as well as artistic achievement of the temple complexes. The temples are a testament to India's rich cultural heritage and the exceptional craftsmanship of our ancestors.

The three temples include the Chennakeshava temple, the main temple in the complex at Belur; the Hoysaleswara Temple on the banks of Dwarasamudra tank in Halebidu; and the Keshava Temple at the centre of Somanathapura village (Mysore district). These three temples are dedicated to Lord Vishnu, Lord Shiva and Lord Krishna, respectively.

4. S&P puts India's growth at 6.6%



Global rating agency S&P Global Market Intelligence announced on Sep 18 that India's growth prediction for FY24 was raised upward to 6.6 per cent on the strength of strong growth in the April-June quarter. This represents a significant change from the 5.9 per cent growth predicted in August. The agency reported that "India's economic growth momentum was buoyant in the April-June quarter, growing at a pace of 7.8 per cent year-on-year, supported by robust growth in domestic demand."

5. Mondo Duplantis, reigning world and Olympic pole vault champion from Sweden, created yet another new record at the 2023 Diamond League Final in Eugene, USA on September 17 by clearing the bar at 6.23 metres, improving his own previous record of 6.22 metres created in February this year in France.

6. Shri Narendra Modi: Indian prime minister retained his top position as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 76 percent, according to a survey by US-based consultancy firm 'Morning Consult'. As per the 'Global Leader Approval Rating Tracker' 76 percent of people approve of PM Modi's leadership, while 18 percent disapprove of it and six percent did not give any opinion. The approval ratings are based on data collected from September 6 to 12 this year.



He was followed by Switzerland President Alain Berset (64 percent) and Mexico President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (61 percent).

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Some Other Minor News!

1. 'Operation Sajag,' a comprehensive drill was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the west coast on September 18. Over 118 ships, including vessels from Customs, Marine Police, Ports, and the Indian Navy took part in the drill.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Three ancient sacred Hoysala temples located in Belur, Halebidu, and Somanathapura have been listed as the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site in India. They are located in which state?
 - a. West Bengal
 - b. Karnataka
 - c. Madhya Pradesh
 - d. Chhattisgarh
 - e. Tamil Nadu

2. Mondo Duplantis, star athlete from Sweden is the reigning world and Olympic champion in which event?
 - a. Triple jump
 - b. High jump
 - c. Shot put
 - d. Pole vault
 - e. Discuss throw

3. According to a survey by US-based consultancy firm Morning Consult, Shri Narendra Modi, Indian prime minister, was rated as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 76 percent. Which country's president was next in the ranking with a popular vote of 64 percent?
 - a. France
 - b. Germany
 - c. Australia
 - d. Switzerland
 - e. Mexico

4. Santiniketan, the town in West Bengal, was included in the UNESCO World Heritage list on Sep 17. It is in which district of West Bengal?
 - a. Birbhum
 - b. Bardhaman
 - c. Murshidabad
 - d. Purulia
 - e. Hooghly

5. What is the original name of the university established by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921 at Shantiniketan?
 - a. Brahmo Sadan
 - b. Vidya Bharti
 - c. Visva Bharati
 - d. Kalaniketan
 - e. Vidya Sadan

6. One of the world's largest MICE facilities, the India International Convention and Expo Centre was inaugurated on Sep 17 in Dwarka, New Delhi. What is its name?
 - a. Utsav Sadan
 - b. Ma Bharti Sthal
 - c. Bharat Mandapam
 - d. Yashobhoomi
 - e. Bharat Gaurav

7. India demolished hosts Sri Lanka by registering a 10 wicket win in the final played on Sep 17 in _____ to lift the ACC Asian Cup:
- a. Colombo
 - b. Trincomalee
 - c. Jaffna
 - d. Galle
 - e. Kandy
8. The French government conferred Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres to Rahul Mishra for his contribution to art and culture. He is a renowned _____:
- a. Musician
 - b. Sculptor
 - c. Dress designer
 - d. Tabla player
 - e. Sand artist

Answer Key

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

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