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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??

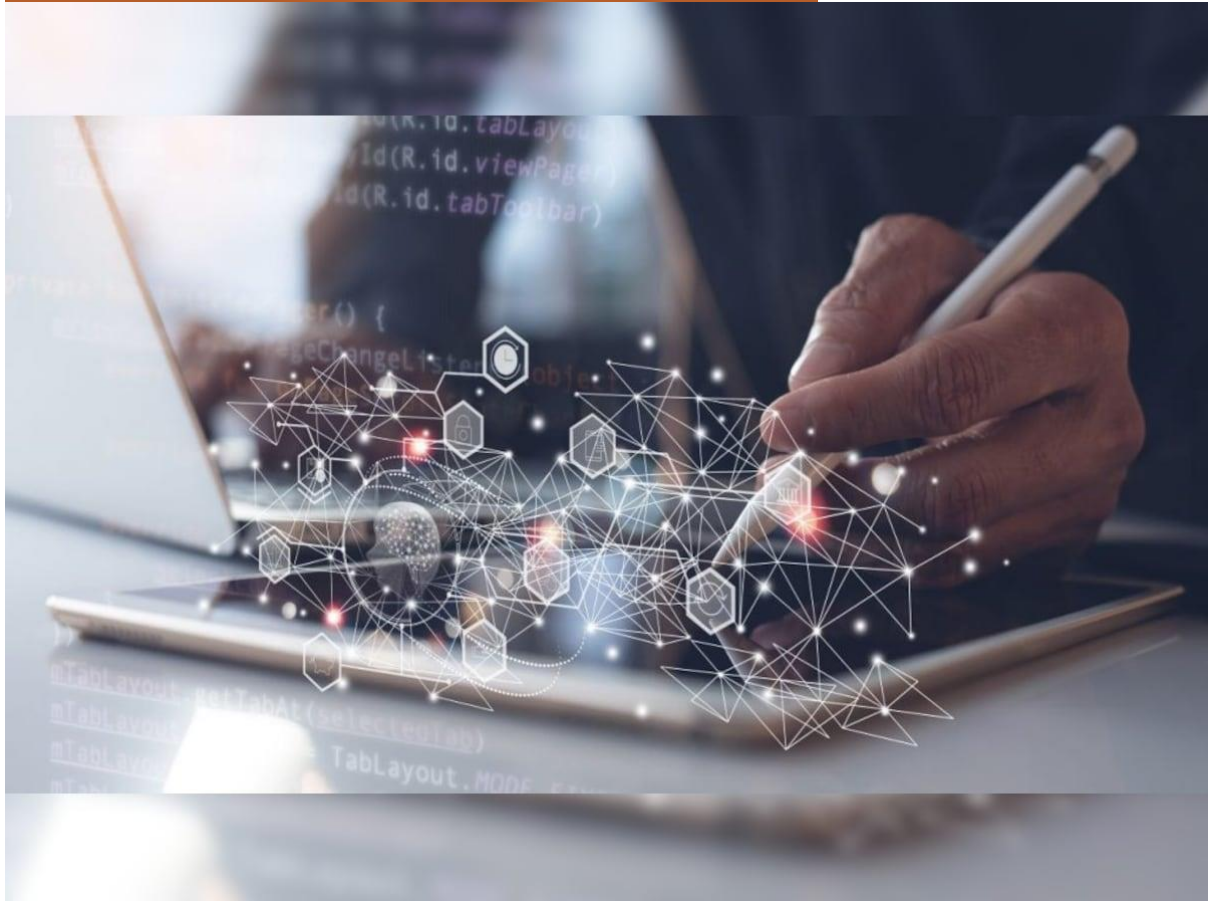
Don't worry!!

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. India improves ranking in digital life



Surfshark', a Netherland based network security firm, released its 5th annual Digital Quality of Life Index for 121 countries, ranking them on the basis of five significant parameters to assess their quality of digital life. The index placed France at the top, followed by Finland and Denmark.

India was ranked 52nd in the world, up from 59th last year. The increase is largely due to the country's surge in internet quality, for which it now ranks 16th. Since last year, mobile internet speed in India has improved by 297 percent. However, the country faced challenges in e-infrastructure, ranking 91st.

The DQL index comprises five pillars: Internet quality, Internet affordability, e-infrastructure, e-government, and e-security.

2. Sashidhar Jagdishan: RBI approved his re-appointment as the MD & CEO of the HDFC Bank, till October 2026.



3. Elavenil Valarivan, 24 year old star shooter from Tamil Nadu won the gold medal on Sep 16 in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

4. SIMBEX-23: The 30th edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), between the Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy was held in two phases - Harbour Phase at Singapore from 21 to 24 September, followed by a Sea Phase.

5. ADB lowers India's growth rate to 6.3%

On Sep 09, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) lowered its growth forecast for India's economy to 6.3% for the year 2023-24, from 6.4% estimated earlier, citing the impact of falling exports and erratic rainfall patterns that could hit farm output.

6. 3 Game-Changing Initiatives for Farmers



With a view to revolutionise agriculture, enhance financial inclusion, optimise data utilisation, and improve the lives of farmers across the nation, the government launched three initiatives on Sep 19. The three initiatives are – Kisan Rin Portal (KRP), Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyaan, and WINDS Manual.

The KRP portal will serve as an integrated hub, offering a comprehensive view of farmer data, loan disbursement specifics, interest subvention claims, and scheme utilisation progress.

Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyaan aims at ensuring that every farmer has unhindered access to credit facilities via Kisan Credit Card to meet their financial needs. The campaign will last from 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023.

The Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) will establish a network of Automatic Weather Stations & Rain Gauges at the taluk/block and gram panchayat levels to create a robust database of hyper-local weather data. It will help in improving various agricultural operations, improved crop management, and risk mitigation.

7. Army gets anti-tank mines- Vibhav



The Indian Army inducted 600 indigenously-manufactured self-neutralising anti-tank mines, named "Vibhav". They will provide mobility kill against all enemy armoured vehicles. These mines can be laid both mechanically or manually. Made from new age plastic, the mines have adequate strength and durability to withstand the requirements of storage, handling and operating in varying field conditions.

8. September 21: International Day of Peace

Also called World Peace Day, it is observed around the world with UN support to strengthen the ideals of peace and harmony by observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. The theme for this year is "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals." It is a call to action that recognizes our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace.

9. September 21: The World Alzheimer's Day



Observed globally to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. The disease is named after a German psychiatrist, Alois Alzheimer, who first diagnosed the disease in 1901 in a 50-year-old woman. The theme for this year is “Never Too Early, Never Too Late,” reflecting the need to identify risk factors of the disease and take steps to reduce the risk and prevent the onset of dementia.

Alzheimer disease is a progressive neurologic disorder that causes the brain to shrink (atrophy) and brain cells to die. It is the most common cause of dementia — a continuous decline in thinking, behavioural and social skills that affects a person's ability to function independently.

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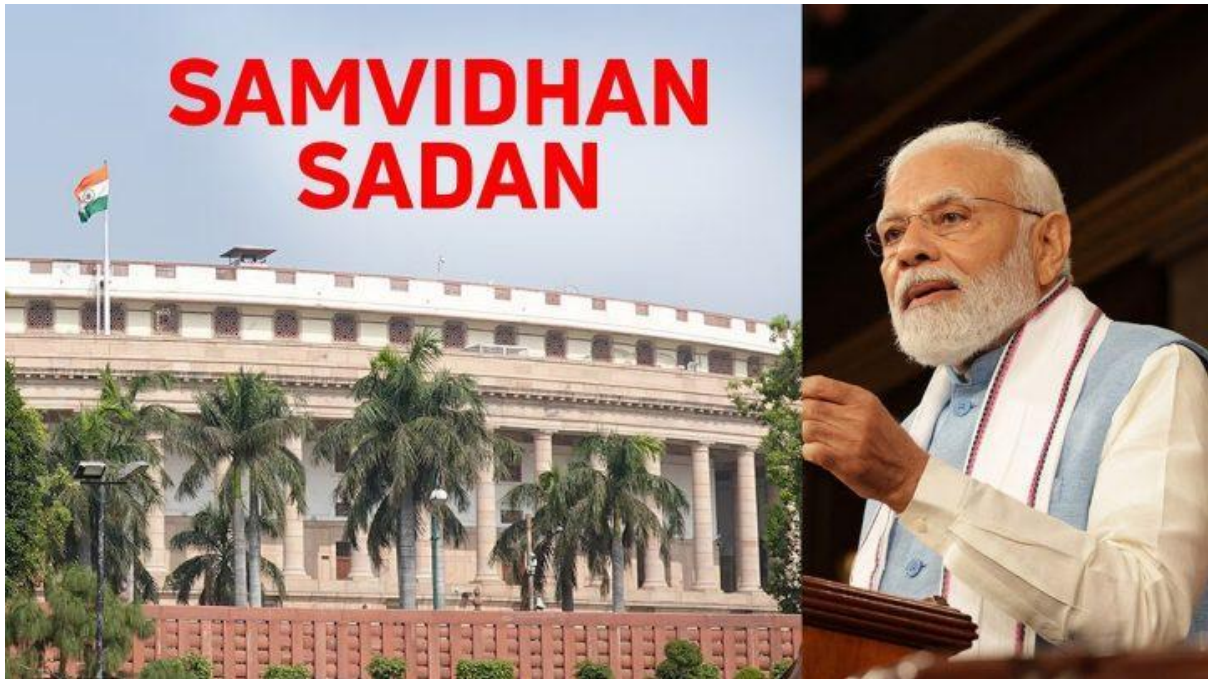
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Some Other Minor News!

1. Lok Sabha Secretariat issued a notification on Sep 19 for designating the old Parliament building as Samvidhan Sadan. The last session in the old Parliament building was held on 18th September. The new Parliament building has been designated as the Parliament House of India.



2. The Jammu and Kashmir administration passed an order to approve renaming of Udhampur railway station of the Northern Railway to 'Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station', in honour of the Army braveheart.

3. The Group of 77 developing countries and China (G-77+China) held a two-day summit on Sep 15–16 in Havana, Cuba. The UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres called for nations to build a world that is more fair for developing countries. The G77 and China are a bloc of countries from the Global South, representing 80% of the world's population.

4. The 14th edition of the Global Skills Summit was held on Sep 20-21 in Delhi with the theme of “Building skills, empowering youth, and creating a future. The Summit focussed on creating a road map for a high-quality industry-led skilling ecosystem in India.



5. The 14th edition of the World Spice Congress was held on Sep 15–17 in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. This three-day event was organised by the Spices Board India, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Surfshark's 5th annual Digital Quality of Life Index for 121 countries, placed which country at the top for best quality of digital life?
 - a. Belgium
 - b. France
 - c. Finland
 - d. Denmark
 - e. Switzerland

2. Name the Indian shooter who won the sole gold medal for India on Sep 16 in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil:
 - a. Apurvi Chandela
 - b. Rahi Sarnobat
 - c. Hina Sidhu
 - d. Elavenil Valarivan
 - e. Shreyasi Singh

3. RBI approved the re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as the MD & CEO of which bank for next three years?
 - a. HDFC Bank
 - b. ICICI Bank
 - c. Axis Bank
 - d. PNB
 - e. IDBI Bank

4. What is the name of the indigenously-manufactured self-neutralising anti-tank mines, 600 of which were recently inducted in the Indian Army?
- a. Prahaar
 - b. Vinashini
 - c. Vibhav
 - d. Vikrant
 - e. Pralay
5. September 21 is observed as World Alzheimer's Day. What is Alzheimer?
- a. Name of the brain cells associated with memory
 - b. Name of the brain tissues that communicate with nerves
 - c. Name of a group of nerves that release Alzheimer chemical
 - d. Name of the doctor who first diagnosed this disease
 - e. Name of the scientist who discovered medicine for this disease

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	B
2	D
3	A
4	C
5	D

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