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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 22: World Rose Day



This day is celebrated to spread awareness about cancer which starts when cells grow out of control and push out normal cells. On this day, hand-made roses, cards, and gifts are offered to cancer patients.

The day is observed in the memory of a 12-year old girl, Melinda Rose, a cancer patient from Canada. After the diagnosis, the doctors had given her just weeks but due to her willpower and never giving hope of defeating cancer, she went on to live for six months.

2. September 22: World Rhino Day

This day provides an opportunity to work towards saving the Rhinos, as they have been the target of poachers for decades. Rhino horns are in great demand in many southeast Asian countries for their aphrodisiac and medicinal value.

Rhinos have five main species -- Greater one-horned, Sumatran, Black, White, and Javan. India is home to the largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos in the world with its population in the range of 3000 animals. Assam is home to the largest population of greater-one horned rhinos, with more than 90% in Kaziranga National Park.

3. September 23: International Day of Sign Languages



The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realisation of the human rights of people who are deaf or dumb. This day presents the opportunity to 'support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users'.

In India, the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre, New Delhi, an autonomous body within the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, celebrates this day every year. The theme for this day for the year 2023 is "A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!" It highlights the unifying power of sign languages, emphasising its importance for deaf communities, governments, and civil society organisations.

4. Ex-gratia relief rates revised

Government has revised the amount of ex-gratia relief paid to the dependents of deceased and injured passengers involved in Train Accidents and Untoward Incidents. As per the revision by the Ministry of Railways, an amount of Rs 5 lakh will be given to the kin of the deceased person and Rs 2,50,00 per person in case of grievous injury. An amount of Rs 50,000 will be paid to pain case of simple injury. However, this ex-gratia will be given only if Railways is found prima facie liable for the mishap.

In case of any untoward incident, an ex-gratia of Rs 1,50,000 will be paid for death cases; Rs 50,000 for seriously injured, and Rs.5,000 for simple injury cases.

The Railways Ministry informed that additional ex-gratia relief for 30 days will also be provided to hospitalised passengers under the grievously injured category. Further, a maximum amount of up to 50,000 rupees will be paid in cash as an immediate relief for taking care of initial expenses.

5. NMC gets global recognition

The National Medical Commission (NMC) of India has been awarded the coveted World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) recognition status for a tenure of 10 years. All of the existing 706 medical colleges in India will become WFME accredited while new medical colleges, set up in the next 10 years, will automatically become WFME accredited. The WFME is a global organisation whose primary objective is to enhance the quality of medical education worldwide, with the promotion of the highest scientific and ethical standards in medical education.



As a result of this, Indian medical graduates can now pursue post-graduation and practice in countries like the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It will also facilitate academic collaborations and exchanges, promote continuous improvement and innovation in medical education as well as foster a culture of quality assurance among medical educators and institutions. Additionally, India can become an attractive destination for international students due to globally recognized standards.

6. Parliament approves 33% reservation for women

Crossing an historic milestone towards gender equality, the Parliament passed the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, 2023 on Sep 21. It seeks to reserve one-third of the total number of seats for women in Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies and Delhi Assembly. Within the 33% quota, the law suggests sub-reservation for SCs, STs, and Anglo-Indians.



The Women's Reservation Bill, also called "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam", was approved by the Rajya Sabha with 214 votes in favour of the Bill and none against it. The Lok Sabha had already given its nod to the Bill on Sep 20.

However, the bill cannot be implemented immediately because the Government needs to bring into consideration a fresh census and delimitation exercise, in order to avoid a legal challenge. It will then require the approval of a majority of the state assemblies.

The Women's Reservation Bill's chequered legislative history started 27 years ago, in September 1996, when it was first tabled in Parliament by the H. D. Deve Gowda-led government. Since then, almost every government tried for its approval, but none could succeed, for one reason or the other. Women presently make up for nearly half of India's 95 crore registered voters but comprise only 15 percent of lawmakers in Parliament and 10 per cent in the state assemblies. Inclusion of women will kick-start democracy by giving the vast majority of people a voice in how their lives should be run.

7. First AI based chatbot for farmers

With a vision to bring positive change to the lives of farmers and improve governance through the use of technology, the government launched an AI chatbot Kisan e-Mitra on Sep 21. It acts as a comprehensive guide for the beneficiaries, providing them with timely and accurate responses to their queries related to the scheme.



This is the first AI Chatbot integrated with a major flagship scheme of the union government. It is aimed at empowering farmers with a user-friendly and accessible platform. Currently, the Chatbot is available in English, Hindi, Bengali, Odia, and Tamil. In a short period, it will be available in all 22 languages of the country.

8. Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar instituted

The Government has instituted a new set of National Awards titled 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar' for recognising outstanding contributions in the field of science, technology and innovation. The awards shall be one of the highest recognitions in this field and will have the status at par with other National Awards.

The awards will be given in four categories – Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, and Vigyan Team. The awards shall be given in the 13 domains such as Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Atomic Energy, Space Science, etc. These awards will be announced on 11th May on the National Technology Day, and the Award Ceremony will be held on 23rd August on the National Space Day every year.



9. Norman E Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application:

Dr Swati Nayak, an Indian scientist at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), New Delhi, has been named the 2023 recipient of this prestigious award given by the World Food Prize Foundation for her innovative approach to engaging smallholder farmers in demand-driven rice seed systems.

The award is given to exceptional scientists under 40 who work in the field of food and nutrition security, hunger eradication. It has been instituted in memory of the Nobel awardee and Green Revolution's chief architect Dr Norman E Borlaug.

10. 108-feet tall statue of Adi Shankaracharya

A colossal 108-feet tall statue of the eighth-century Hindu philosopher and saint - 'Adi Shankaracharya' was unveiled on Sep 21 in Omkareshwar near Khandwa city in Madhya Pradesh.

The multi-metal 'Ekatmata ki Pratima' (Statue of Oneness) portrays Adi Shankaracharya as a 12-year-old boy. - the age at which he is believed to have left Omkareshwar to promote Advaita Vedanta, a school of Hindu philosophy.



11. Biswanath Ghat, Assam: The riverfront in Assam has been bestowed with the prestigious title of "Best Tourism Village of India 2023" by the union ministry of tourism. Nestled serenely along the banks of the majestic Brahmaputra River, Biswanath Ghat is located to the south of Biswanath Chariali Town. It is famously referred to as 'Gupta Kashi'.





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Some Other Minor News!

1. The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has officially declared that the general elections in Pakistan will be held in the last week of January 2024.



2. London-based Indian-origin author Chetna Maroo's debut novel, 'Western Lane,' has earned a well-deserved place on the prestigious Booker Prize shortlist.



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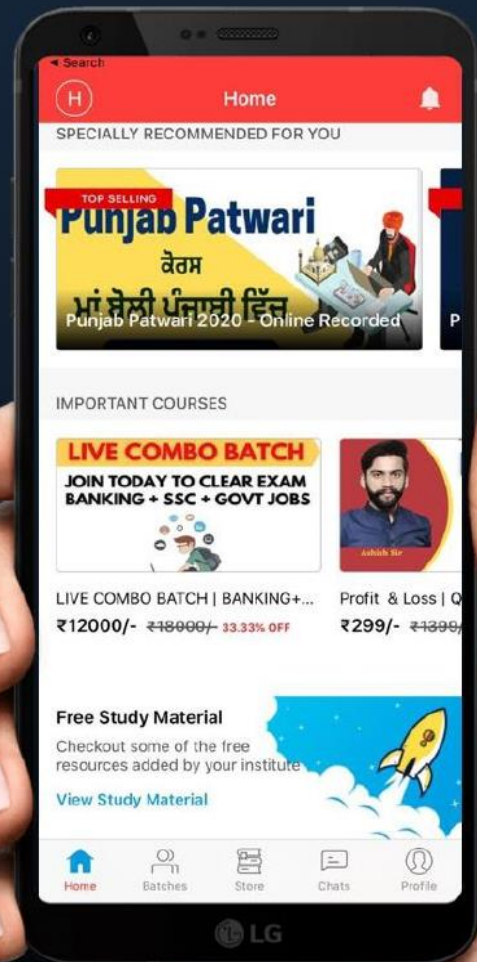
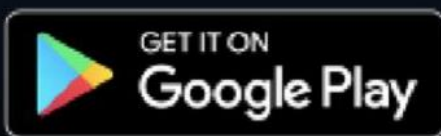
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