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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 (24): Happy Daughters' Day

It is celebrated globally on the fourth Sunday of September every year. On this day, parents celebrate and appreciate their daughters by making special gestures to cherish their children. The day was conceptualised for honouring daughters and to fight against the stigma around having a girl child.



2. September (24) World Rivers Day

It is celebrated on the last Sunday of September to highlight the importance of waterways in our life. This day encourages people to conserve and save water and rivers around the world. Rivers in every country face an array of threats, and only through our active involvement can we ensure their contribution to a sustainable ecosystem and green environment.

3. September 25: World Pharmacist Day



This day is celebrated to create awareness about the critical role of a pharmacist in the healthcare system. It is an initiative of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, The Hague (Netherlands). This year's theme, developed by the FIP, is “Pharmacy strengthening health systems”. It aims to support global health by enabling the advancement of pharmaceutical practices, sciences and education.

4. September 25: Antyodaya Diwas

Observed across the country to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, a noted philosopher, political activist and strong advocate of the concept of Antyodaya. He was a veteran leader of political party Jan Sangh, from which the present BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) emerged. *Antyodaya means uplifting the poorest of the poor and, hence, the day is observed with the aim to reach out to the last person of the society.*

5. Sep. 26: World Environmental Health Day



Observed annually with the support of International Federation of Environmental Health, London, to spread awareness about the pressing need for a healthier environment. It aims to highlight the fact that the health of the human race is irrevocably intertwined with the health of the environment.

Therefore, in order to protect and improve human health, preserving and enhancing the planet's health is not a matter of choice, but a matter of concern. The theme for this year is "Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health, each and every day".

6. 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.

7. 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.'



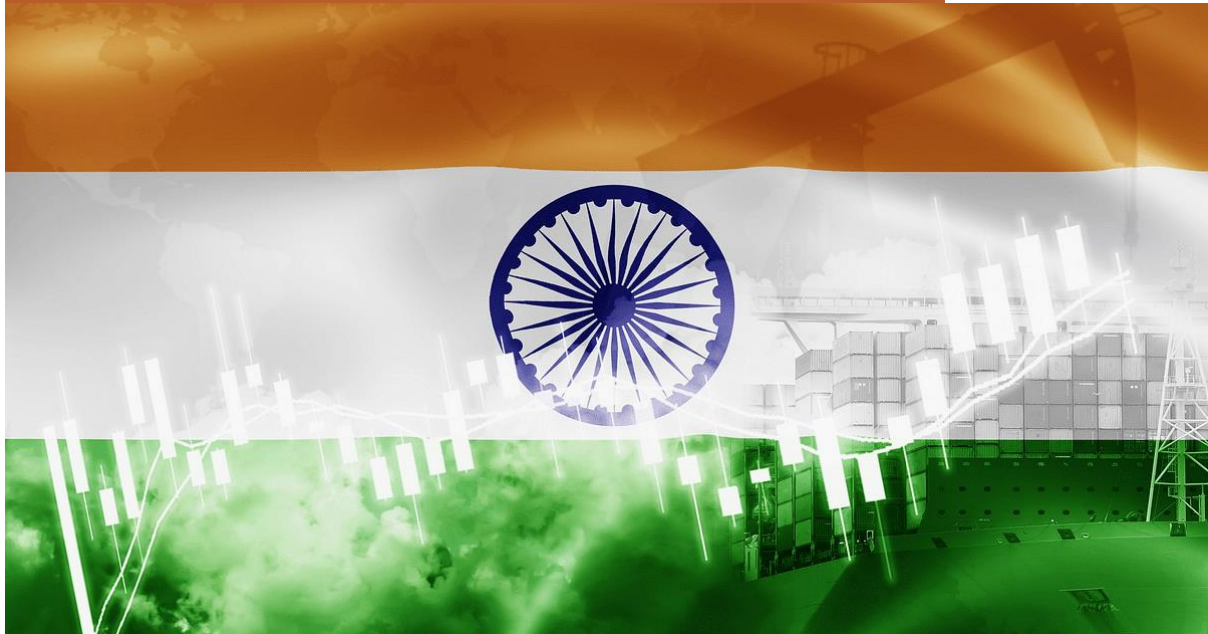
8. India to have Primary Reference Time Clock

The Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), and CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL) signed an agreement for the development of NavIC based IST traceable Primary Reference Time Clock (PRTC) for the telecom sector. The PRTC will provide direct Indian Standard Time (IST) traceability to all the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) within ± 20 nanoseconds.

Time synchronisation of the telecom networks will become the foundation for a strong cyber secured nation, as every bank transaction, stock market transactions, and online exchange of information is done through the TSPs and ISPs.

9. Vivek Bhasin: Distinguished scientist took over as the 14th Director of BARC – Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay (Mumbai).

10. India ranked 87th in economic freedom



According to a report released by the Canadian think tank Fraser Institute on Sep 19, Singapore pushed Hong Kong to second place to claim the title of the world's freest economy, marking the end of Hong Kong's 53-year reign at the top. It was followed by Switzerland and New Zealand at 3rd and 4th spot, respectively. India ranks 87th out of 165 countries covered by the report.

The Economic Freedom of the World: Annual Report measures the economic freedom of individuals—their ability to make their own economic decisions—by analysing the policies and institutions of 165 countries. The policies examined include regulation, freedom to trade internationally, size of government, legal systems, property rights, and sound monetary policy.

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11. Saroja Vaidyanathan: Legendary Bharatnatyam exponent passed away on Sep 21 in New Delhi. She was 86. Born in Bellary in Karnataka and raised in Chennai, Vaidyanathan was a badminton player who fell in love with dance. She established Ganesh Natyalaya in 1972 in New Delhi, an institute of eminence in Bharatanatyam teaching. She also wrote books on Bharatanatyam and was conferred the Padma Shri in 2002 and Padma Bhushan in 2013.



12. IAF holds Bharat Drone Shakti - 2023

The Indian Air Force and Drone Federation of India co-hosted a mega exhibition “Bharat Drone Shakti - 2023” on Sep 25-26 at the Indian Air Force airbase in Hindon, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The event aimed at showcasing the power and technology of Indian drones and provided a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaboration among industry leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts. Recently acquired Airbus C-295 transport aircraft was formally inducted in the Indian Air Force at the event.

Drone technology has vastly changed both the civil and defence sectors by increasing efficiency, lowering risk exposure, and raising capabilities. More than 50 live airborne displays were conducted to highlight the massive potential of the Indian drone industry.

13. Exercise Yudh Abhyas: 19th edition of the joint India US army exercise was conducted from Sep 25 to Oct 8 at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA. Both sides conducted a series of tactical drills to enhance interoperability in conducting UN peacekeeping operations. 350 personnel from Maratha Light Infantry Regiment participated in the exercise.



14. 19th Asian Games open in Hangzhou

The formal opening ceremony for the 19th Asian Games 2023 was held on September 23 in Hangzhou (China). The closing ceremony will take place on October 8. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) named Indian Hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and Olympic medallist boxer Lovlina Borgohain as the flag-bearers of the country in the opening ceremony. India sent its biggest ever contingent for the Asiad, comprising 655 sportspersons. Over 12,000 athletes from across 45 countries shall be competing in 40 sporting events across 61 disciplines.

The emblem of the Games, 'Surging Tides' is designed to resemble a hand fan, a running track and the Qiantang River, and radio waves (symbolising wireless connectivity). Also, the three mascots have been named Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen, collectively known as 'Memories of Jiangnan'.

15. Rubble sample collected from an asteroid



Crossing another historic milestone in space research, on Sep 24, an US spacecraft OSIRIS-REx released a tiny sample capsule from 100,000 km above the Earth. The small capsule containing a handful of rubble collected from the asteroid Bennu, landed four hours later on a remote expanse of military land in the desert of Utah, USA. The sample represented the biggest haul from beyond the moon. Study of the sample will help scientists better understand how the earth and life formed, billions of years ago.

Launched in Sept 2016, spaceship OSIRIS-REx reached carbon-rich asteroid Bennu in 2018. It spent two years orbiting Bennu. Using a long stick vacuum, it then scooped a cup of rubble from the small roundish asteroid in 2020. It left Bennu in May 2021 for a 1.9-billion km journey towards Earth, reaching near Earth on Sep 24 when it dropped the collected sample and set off to its search for another asteroid.

16. Marco Bezzecchi (Italy) from team Mooney VR46 won the MotoGP on Sep 24 at the Indian Grand Prix - Buddh International Circuit, in Greater Noida, UP.



17. Team India achieved a significant milestone in cricket on Sep 24 by becoming the first ever team to hit over 3000 ODI sixes. The team scored 18 sixes playing against Australia in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The West Indies is the second team on the list with 2953 sixes.

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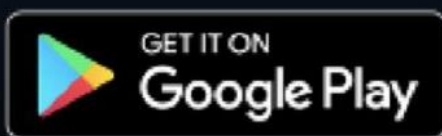
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