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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??

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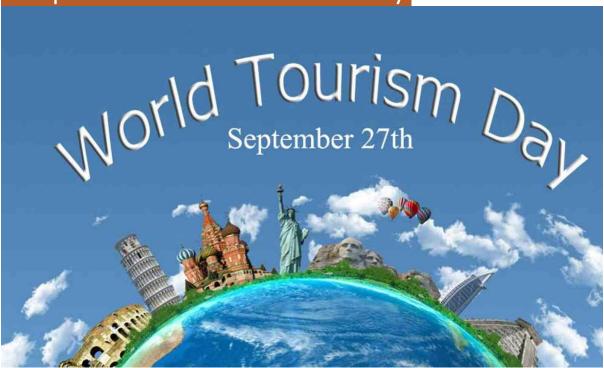
We have the solution; Gyanm team will segregate the important and the most relevant current affairs under heading Gyanm recommendations' so that you can prepare this crucial component with complete efficiency!!

So let's begin!!



Gyanm Recommendations!

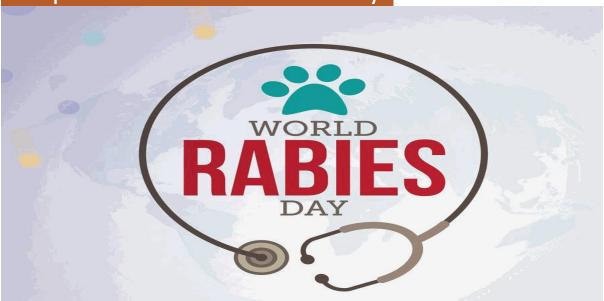
1. September 27 - World Tourism Day



Observed with the support of a UN special World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) to highlight the importance of tourism which helps in generating employment and building the future for millions of people around the world. In the aftermath of COVID pandemic, restart of tourism can help kickstart recovery and growth that will benefit all.

The main celebrations for the Day will be held this year in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from September 27 to 28. The theme for 2023 is "Tourism and Green Investments", underscoring the increasing importance of environmentally responsible tourism practices. Green investments in tourism aim to minimise the industry's ecological footprint, promote sustainable travel and protect natural and cultural heritage.

2. September 28: World Rabies Day



The day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease. The day marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first Rabies vaccine. This year's theme for the day is "All for 1, One Health for all". Rabies is a deadly virus spread to people from the saliva of infected animals. Rabies is usually transmitted through an animal bite, for example, from stray dogs or monkeys.

3. September (28): World Maritime Day

It is observed on the last Thursday of September to celebrate the maritime industry's contribution in supporting and promoting the global economy. It emphasises the importance of maritime security, marine environment and shipping safety. The day also marks the day of adaptation of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) convention in 1958. It is a special UN agency, based in London.

The theme chosen by the IMO for this year is "MARPOL at 50 — Our commitment goes on". The theme highlights the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), which covers prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes.





4. September 29: World Heart Day



Observed to spread awareness about heart disease and stroke which is the world leading cause of death. The day promotes preventative measures to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs). The theme selected for 2023 'Use Heart, Know Heart' underlines the importance of understanding and caring for our hearts.

September 30: International Translation Day

The day is supported by the UNO to pay tribute to the work of language professionals, which plays an important role in bringing together, facilitating dialogue for development and nations strengthening world peace. The day marks the feast day of St. Jerome, who translated the Bible, and is regarded as the patron saint of translators.

The theme chosen for this year's celebrations is "Translation unveils the many faces of humanity". It aims to pay tribute to the many human faces and stories that have been made visible through translation.





6. Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award:

Veteran actor Waheeda Rehman has been honoured with this prestigious award for the year 2021. The 85 year old legendary actor has worked in films such as CID, Pyasa, Guide, Prem Pujari and Reshma Aur Shera.



Waheeda ji appeared in over 90 films during the course of her fivedecade career. Among her honours are a National Film Award and three Filmfare Awards, Padma Shri in 1972 and the Padma Bhushan in 2011.

Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest recognition from the government in the field of cinema. The award comprises a Swarn Kamal, a shawl and a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh.

7. India's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus

A first-of-its-kind Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on Sep 25 from the India Gate in New Delhi. The specially designed bus has been built by Tata Motors, Pune. The technology for this has been developed by the Indian Oil Corporation. Initially, two such buses will ply locally in Delhi and contribute to reducing air pollution.



The electrochemical reaction in a fuel cell converts hydrogen at the anode and oxygen from the air at the cathode into water, releasing electrical energy in the form of electrons. The only discharge produced in the process is clean water. The fuel cells boast remarkable efficiency compared to other mobility solutions and provide distinct advantages such as extended range and shorter refuelling times in comparison to battery-powered vehicles.

8. M Rajeshwar Rao: RBI's Deputy Governor has been granted one-year extension with effect from October 9, 2023, by the government. He was appointed Deputy Governor in October 2020 for a term of three years.



India's first ever Lighthouse Festival

India's first ever Lighthouse Festival was held at Fort Aguada lighthouse, Singuerim in Goa from Sep 23 to 25. The event featured local artists, dance troupes, food and culinary stalls, music concerts etc. The similar festival will be celebrated across all the lighthouses in the country in a bid to promote these historic spots as tourist destinations.

The festival aims at boosting tourism and fostering an appreciation for the country's maritime history and the invaluable role of lighthouses in the coastal regions. The country has at least 203 lighthouses spread across its 7,517 km coastline.



10. For the first time, naval forces of India, Australia and Indonesia got together to participate in a trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise on Sep 20-21 in the Indo-Pacific zone.



11. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve: This is the 7th Tiger Reserve approved by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in Madhya Pradesh. The state is home to the most number of tigers in the country. The new tiger reserve, spread across Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts, covers an area of 1414 sq km in the core area and 925 sq km in the buffer zone.

12. Indian Navy's third Missile cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge, Yard 77 (LSAM 9) was launched on Sep 22 at Guttenadeevi in Andhra Pradesh. The barge has been developed and built indigenously by SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam.



The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Geneva, an agency of the United Nations, released the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2023 on Sep 27. The index tracks the innovation ecosystem performance of 132 global economies across 80 indicators.

Switzerland, for the 13th year – ranks first in the index. It is followed by Sweden at second and the USA at third rank. India has retained its 40th spot for the second year in the Index.

India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the GII, moving from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 40 in 2023. The consistent improvement in the GII ranking is based on the immense knowledge capital, vibrant start-up ecosystem, and the amazing work done by the public and private sector research organisations.

The GII tracks latest global innovation trends in the economies, guiding policy makers and business leaders in stimulating human ingenuity. It is a reliable tool for governments across the world to assess the innovation-led social and economic changes in their respective countries.

14. Dr M S Swaminathan: Renowned agricultural scientist, known as the Father of India's Green Revolution, passed away on Sep 28 at his residence in Chennai. He was 98 years old. He played a vital role in developing high-yield variety seeds of wheat, thereby laying the foundation of the Green Revolution in India. His visionary policies rescued India from famine-like circumstances in the 1960s and transformed the country into a food surplus state.



He was the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, 1972-80 and the Director General of the International Rice Research Institute, 1982-88. He was honoured with Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan, besides several top world awards that included Albert Einstein World Science Award, 1986, the first World Food Prize in 1987, Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, 1991, and many more.

15. AFSPA extended in Arunachal and Nagaland

After reviewing the law and order situation in Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, the central government has declared certain districts in both the states as 'disturbed area' for a further period of six months with effect from October 1, 2023, under the provisions of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).

16. IISc, Bangalore tops THE rankings in India



The latest World University Rankings (WUR) announced on Sep 27 by the London based Times Higher Education (THE) magazine, a record 91 Indian universities have made it to the list. Among them at the top is Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, returning to the global 250 for the first time since 2017. However, seven IITs — Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, and Roorkee — opted out of the rankings, casting doubt on the rankings' transparency and standards.

Oxford University, UK was ranked first for the 8th consecutive year, followed by Stanford University, USA in second place.

In the 20th year of the ranking, it covered 1,904 universities—up from 1,799 last year, from across 108 countries. The rankings assessed the universities across 18 indicators covering their core missions of teaching, research, knowledge transfer and internationalisation.

17. IAF receives new Dornier Do-228 aircraft

The Indian Air Force (IAF) received the first of the six Dornier Do-228 aircraft on Sep 27. It has been designed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore. This upgraded version of the aircraft boasts new engines, composite propellers, advanced avionics, and a modern glass cockpit. The versatile aircraft can be used for various purposes, including utility transport and maritime surveillance.





18. Kami Rita Sherpa: Nepal's 53 year old veteran summiteer made a new world record for the 'Most Climbs of 8,000 metres' and above peaks, as he scaled the 8,163 metre high Mt Manaslu in Nepal on Sep 26, achieving his 42nd 8,000 metre plus climb. He surpassed the record of famous climber Nirmal Purja, who had scaled 8,000ers 41 times.





The International Institute for Management Development (IMD) has released its 2023 World Talent Ranking, revealing that India has fallen four spots to 56th out of 64 economies, compared to its 52nd position in 2022. India fared reasonably well in future readiness, ranking 29th. However, the report highlights India's weak educational system, ranking it second to last (63rd) in quality. This is attributed to unequal access to education, particularly in rural areas, and insufficient investment.

Switzerland tops the ranking, with Luxembourg in second place, followed by Iceland and Belgium. The IMD World Talent Ranking considers various factors, including quality of life, statutory minimum wage, and primary and secondary education.



Tech giant Google has introduced an earthquake alert system for Android users in India to provide timely warnings about earthquakes, allowing them to promptly seek safety measures. This innovative system has been developed in collaboration with India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the National Seismology Center (NSC. It uses sensors within Android smartphones to detect and estimate earthquake activity.

The internet signals travel much faster than seismic waves, enabling the alerts to reach phones several seconds before the severe shaking occurs. This feature is already operational in numerous countries worldwide. The alerts will be presented in easily understandable formats and will be accessible in Indian languages supported by Android.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The currency of conflict-ridden Afghanistan, Afghani, has emerged as the best-performing currency of the September quarter in 2023. As of September 26th, the Afghani was trading at approximately 78.25 against one US dollar.



- 2. India's dressage (horse riding) team comprising Sudipti Hajela, Divyakriti Singh, Vipul Hriday Chheda and Anush Agarwall won the first ever gold for India in the equestrian event.
- 3. Max Verstappen from the team Red Bull won the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka on Sep 24.
- 4. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) hosted the 4th Edition of the Indo-Latin American Cultural Festival on Sep 28-29 in New Delhi. The festival was organised in association with the Embassies of Colombia, Ecuador, and Chile.



5. 2. Viet Jet, airlines from Vietnam, started its service on Oct 01 from Tiruchirapalli to Ho Chi Minh City, the largest city in Vietnam. The airline plans to operate 35 services in a week between the two countries.



6. India-US 2 plus 2 Intersessional Dialogue was held on Sep 26 in Washington DC, USA. The two countries held discussions on opportunities to further strengthen interoperability and logistics cooperation. Officials from the defence and foreign ministry participated in the session.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1.	The main celebrations for this year's World Tourism Day wer	·e
	held on Sep 27–28 in which city?	

- a. Rome
- b. Monte Carlo
- c. Paris
- d. Riyadh
- e. Dubai
- World Rabies Day on September 28 marks the death 2. anniversary of Louis Pasteur, the chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first Rabies vaccine. He hailed from which country?
 - a. Germany
 - b. France
 - c. Belgium
 - d. Britain
 - e. Scotland
- Supported by the UNO, September 30 is observed as the 3. International _____ Day:
 - a. Artists
 - b. Music
 - c. Translation
 - d. Pharmacists
 - e. Algebra





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- 4. Veteran actor Waheeda Rehman has been honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award. What is the amount of cash prize in this award?
 - a. Rs 2 lakh
 - b. Rs 5 lakh
 - c. Rs 10 lakh
 - d. Rs 15 lakh
 - e. No cash prize
- 5. A first-of-its-kind Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on Sep 25 in which city?
 - a. Pune
 - b. Gandhinagar
 - c. Gwalior
 - d. Visakhapatnam
 - e. New Delhi
- 6. Which RBI Deputy Governor has been granted one-year extension with effect from October 9, 2023?
 - a. T. Rabi Sankar
 - b. M. Rajeshwar Rao
 - c. Michael Patra
 - d. Janakiraman
 - e. M K Jain





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- India's first ever Lighthouse Festival was held on Sep 23-25 at 7. Fort Aguada lighthouse in which state?
 - a. Gujarat
 - b. Kerala
 - c. Odisha
 - d. Goa
 - e. Maharashtra
- For the first time, naval forces of India, Australia and 8. got together to participate in a trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise on Sep 20-21 in the Indo-Pacific zone:
 - a. Japan
 - b. Thailand
 - c. Indonesia
 - d. Malaysia
 - e. New Zealand
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority recently approved 9. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve in which state?
 - a. Uttar Pradesh
 - b. Madhya Pradesh
 - c. Chhattisgarh
 - d. Gujarat
 - e. Maharashtra







Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	D
2	В
3	С
4	С
5	E
6	В
7	D
8	С
9	В

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