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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!

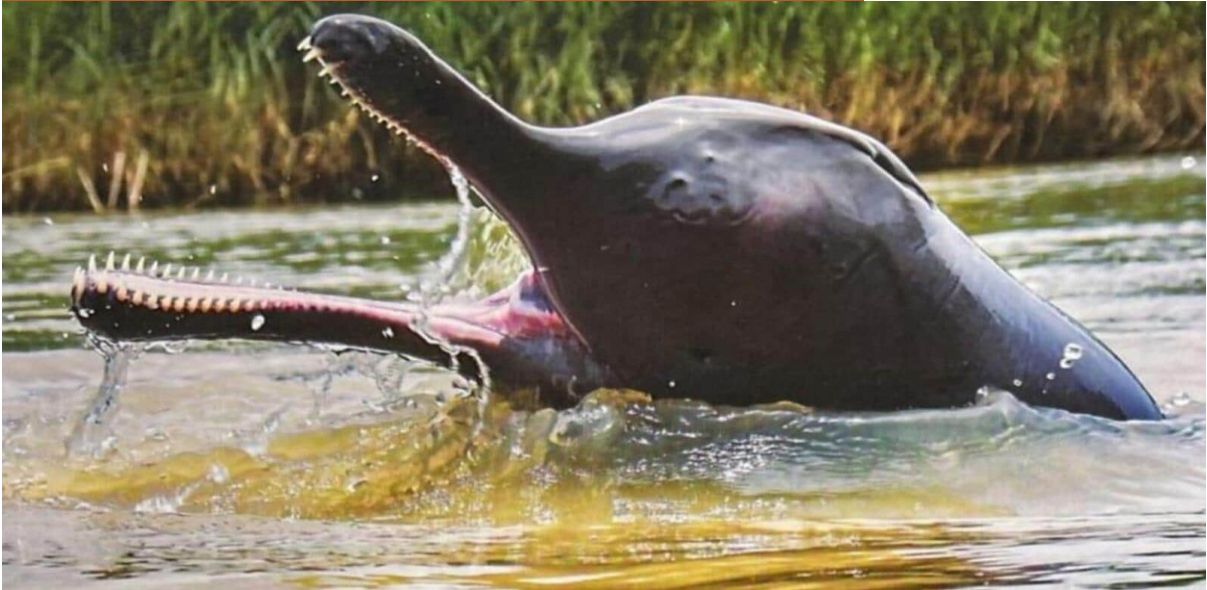
### 1. October 5: World Teachers' Day



The day is observed to acknowledge the services of the teachers and their contributions to education. It is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education but also to reflect on the support they need to fully deploy their talent and vocation, and to rethink the way ahead for the profession globally. The theme for this year is "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher Shortage". It aims to reduce the shortage in the number of teachers and increase their strength globally.

**Remember !!** India celebrates the Teachers' Day on Sep 05 to mark the birthday of former President, Dr. S Radhakrishnan.

## 2. October 05: Ganga River Dolphin Day



Observed every year to raise awareness and encourage conservation of Ganga River Dolphins. It was on this day in 2009, that Ganga Dolphin was declared “National Aquatic Animal” of India. River Dolphins survive only in fresh water of rivers.

A good number of them are found in the Bihar portion of River Ganges. A 60 km stretch of the Ganges River between Sultanganj to Kahlgaon in Bhagalpur district of Bihar has been declared a dolphin sanctuary, named Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary, the first such protected area. They are on the verge of extinction and are categorised in the ‘endangered’ category.

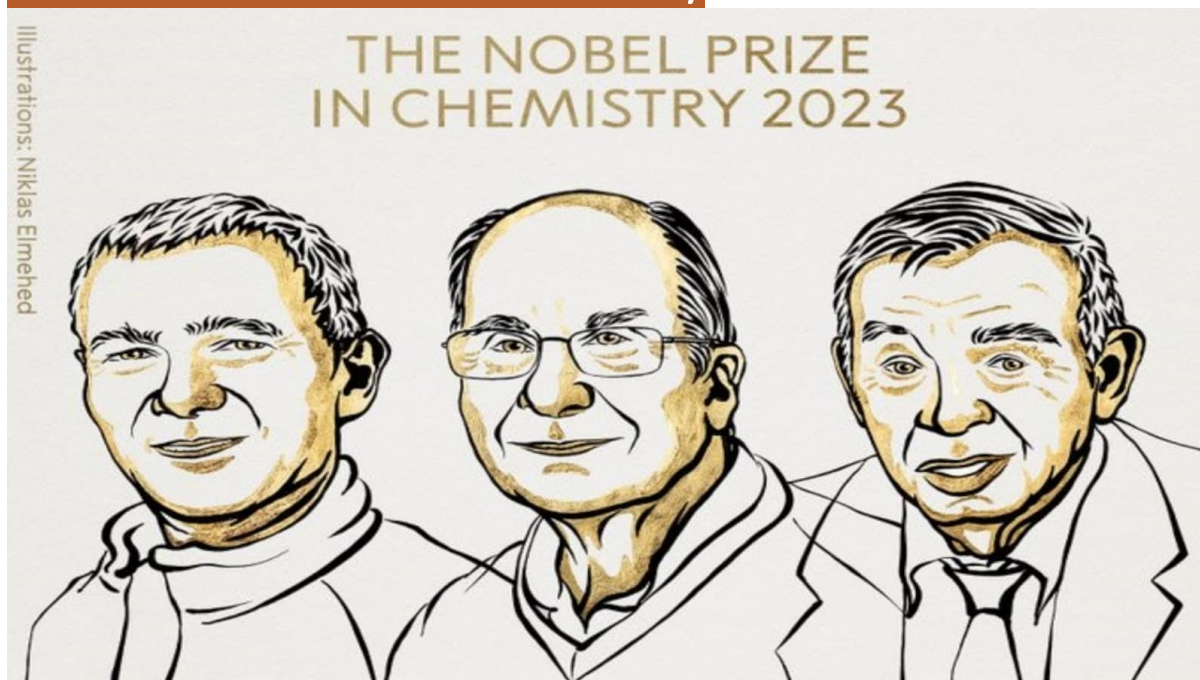
## 3. National Turmeric Board formed

The Government notified on Oct 04 the constitution of the National Turmeric (Haldi) Board. It will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country. The Board will play an instrumental role in increasing awareness and consumption of turmeric and develop new markets globally to increase exports.

India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world. More than 30 varieties of Turmeric are grown in India in over 20 states. India has more than 62 percent share of world trade in turmeric.



## 4. 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry



The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm announced the 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry on Oct 04. It has been awarded to three US-based scientists, French-American chemist Moungi G Bawendi, American Louis E Brus, and Russian-born Alexei Ekimov for their discovery and synthesis of quantum dots.

Quantum dots are tiny nanoparticles whose properties are determined by their size. Their discovery has significantly contributed to the technology of QLED televisions and LED lamps, where these nanoparticles are instrumental in creating vibrant colours.

## 5. 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature

Norwegian author Jon Fosse has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable. Fosse's works have the human condition as the central theme, irrespective of genre.

The prize was announced on Oct 05 by the Swedish Academy, Stockholm. The Academy said that Jon Fosse presents everyday situations that are instantly recognizable in people's lives.

## 6. Sikkim devastated by flash floods



A cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim on the mid-night of Oct 3-4 led to bursting of glacial lake which triggered heavy flash floods in the Teesta River, flowing downstream from Sikkim to Bengal. Sudden outburst of gushing waters accompanied by heavy slush, washed away everything in its path - homes, bridges, trees, people, and even the 88.6 metre-high Teesta Dam at Chungthang power project, the biggest hydropower project in the state. The flood destroyed 13 bridges in the state. A total of 103 people, including the 15 jawans, remained missing after the catastrophe.

## 7. RBI maintains repo rate at 6.5%

The Reserve Bank of India in its fourth bi-monthly monetary policy review on Oct 06 decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for the fourth time in a row. The rate increase cycle was paused in April this year after six consecutive rate hikes aggregating to 250 basis points since May 2022.

Governor Shaktikanta Das said the domestic economy exhibits resilience on the back of strong demand. He said the economic growth in the current year is expected to be at 6.5 per cent with risks evenly balanced.



## 8. 2030 FIFA World Cup hosts announced



World soccer body FIFA granted hosting rights for the 2030 Football World Cup jointly to Morocco, Spain and Portugal on Oct 04. The opening matches for the tournament's centenary edition will be hosted by Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay.

This is for the first time that the World Cup will be staged across three continents and six countries. The inaugural World Cup in 1930 was held in Uruguay and won by the hosts.

## 9. Narges Mohammadi wins Nobel Peace Prize

The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced on Oct 06 to award the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize to Narges Mohammadi, for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all.

Mohammadi is one of Iran's leading human rights activists, who has campaigned for women's rights and the abolition of the death penalty. She has been arrested 13 times, convicted five times, and sentenced to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes. She is currently serving multiple sentences in Tehran, amounting to about 12 years imprisonment.



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## Some Other Minor News!

1. Indian-origin professor Dr Joyeeta Gupta has received the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science for her work in the field of climate change at a ceremony in the Netherlands. Dr Gupta is a professor of Environment Science at the University of Amsterdam.



2. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) signed a strategic partnership agreement with Al Etihad Payments (AEP), a subsidiary of the Central Bank of the UAE, for Domestic Card Scheme Implementation in UAE. Both of them will work together to build, implement, and operationalize UAE's national domestic card scheme modelled on India's RuPay card.

3. The seventh India-EU Cyber Dialogue was held on Oct 5 in Brussels, Belgium. Both sides exchanged views on cyber policies, strategies, and areas of mutual interest.

4. In an extraordinary showdown, the US House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy was voted out of his post. The voting marked the first time in history that the House removed its leader.

5. The government announced on Oct 4 to raise the subsidy provided to poor women, who got free cooking gas connections under the PM Ujjwala Yojana, to Rs 300 per 14.2-kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per year. After the raised subsidy, the cylinder will now cost Rs 603 to the beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana.



6. In its latest trade and development report, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has revised India's economic growth forecast for 2023 upward to 6.6% from the earlier projection of 6%.

7. In a significant move to protect the environment, Coca-Cola India unveiled its latest sustainability initiative on Oct 4 with the launch of PET bottles made fully with recycled food grade PET. These bottles are available in pack sizes of 250 ml and 750 ml.



## Multiple Choice Questions!

1. India celebrates October 05 as the Ganga River Dolphin Day. India's only dolphin sanctuary, Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary, is located in which state?
  - a. Punjab
  - b. Uttarakhand
  - c. Uttar Pradesh
  - d. Bihar
  - e. West Bengal
  
2. The Government notified on Oct 04 the constitution of the National \_\_\_\_\_ Board.
  - a. Coriander
  - b. Cardamom
  - c. Turmeric
  - d. Ginger
  - e. Garlic
  
3. 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to three scientists for their discovery and synthesis of quantum dots. This discovery has contributed significantly to the technology of \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - a. Micro chips
  - b. Nano fibres
  - c. Quantum mechanics
  - d. QLED TVs and LED lamps
  - e. CT Scan and MRI

4. Jon Fosse has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable. He hails from which country?
- a. Armenia
  - b. Serbia
  - c. Norway
  - d. Morocco
  - e. Colombia
5. Sikkim was devastated by flash floods on October 4 in which over 103 persons were reported missing. What caused these flash floods?
- i) Cloud burst over Lhonak Lake
  - ii) Massive avalanche in upper Sikkim
  - iii) Breach of Lhonak Lake
  - iv) Breach of Chungthang dam
- Select the correct option:
- a. i followed by ii
  - b. Only ii and iii
  - c. ii followed by iv
  - d. i followed by iii and iv
  - e. All four factors
6. World soccer body FIFA granted hosting rights for the 2030 Football World Cup jointly to Morocco, \_\_\_\_\_ and Portugal on Oct 04:
- a. Egypt
  - b. Libya
  - c. Saudi Arabia
  - d. Algeria
  - e. Spain



7. The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced on Oct 06 to award the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize to Narges Mohammadi for\_\_\_\_\_:
- a. Her fight against the oppression of women in Iran
  - b. Her struggle for education of women in Afghanistan
  - c. Her fight for equal rights for women in Iraq
  - d. Her outstanding work for upliftment of poor women in Ethiopia
  - e. None of these

## Answer Key

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

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