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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 07: World Cotton Day



The day was launched by the World Trade Organisation and the International Cotton Advisory Committee in 2019. It highlights the advantages of cotton, ranging from its qualities as a natural fibre to the benefits people obtain from its production, transformation, trade and consumption.

It aims to increase preference and demand for cotton and educate key audiences on the benefits and value of cotton.

Every year, India produces an average of 6 million tonnes of cotton, making it the world's largest producer of cotton, accounting for around 22% of world's total cotton production. The theme chosen for this year is "Weaving a better future for cotton". It focuses on cotton cultivation that is sustainable in order to improve the lives of cotton labourers, smallholders, and their families.

October 8: Air Force Day



Indian Air Force Day



The day is celebrated to commemorate the raising of the Indian Air Force on this day in 1932 as the supporting force of the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom. Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Air Force, from 1954 to 60.

Its current complement of personnel and aircraft assets makes it the third largest air force in the world, next only to the USA and Russia. At present it is headed by Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.

Air Force celebrates its 91st anniversary

The Indian Air Force celebrated its 91st anniversary on Oct 08 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. As part of the celebrations, IAF organised the ceremonial parade at Air Force Station Bamrauli in Prayagraj. The parade was followed by an air display over the Sangam area. More than 100 fighter and transport aircraft including the fighter jets like SU-30, Rafale to LCA Tejas besides C-130J Super Hercules and helicopters from 10 air bases participated in the air show.

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari unveiled a new ensign of the Indian Air Force (IAF), on the occasion, replacing the existing one that was adopted more than seven decades back. The new ensign features symbols like the Ashoka Lion and Himalayan Eagle and motto of the Air Force. The motto "नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्" has been taken from verse 24, Chapter 11 of the Bhagavad Gita and it means "Touching the sky with Glory".

4. Herat, Afghanistan: A severe earthquake on Oct 7 devastated the parts of western Afghanistan, claiming over 2,400 lives. It was one of the deadliest earthquakes to strike the country in two decades. Many buildings were damaged, trapping people under rubble and there were at least three powerful aftershocks. City of Herat, regarded as the cultural capital of Afghanistan, with a population of over six lakh, was the worst hit.

The epicentre of the 6.3 magnitude earthquake was 40 kilometres northwest of the city of Herat. Afghanistan is frequently hit by earthquakes - especially in the Hindu Kush mountain range as it lies near the junction of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.



Israel shocked by militant group Hamas

Palestinian Islamist militant group Hamas launched a sudden massive attack on Israel on Oct 07 as it fired over 5,000 rockets and sent a wave of fighters onboard paragliders who gunned down several civilians randomly. The attack was planned very meticulously as the militants crashed through the heavily guarded barbed boundary wall at several points, taking Israel by surprise. They also took at least 100 hostages, including many Israeli soldiers. The surprise and unprecedented multifront attack – by air, land and sea – by Hamas was being seen as a "colossal failure" of Israel's intelligence agencies.

The Israeli military responded immediately by launching "Operation Iron Swords" with multiple air strikes into the Gaza area pounding at least 80 Hamas strongholds. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that Israel is at war with Hamas. More than 1100 people were reported killed and many more were wounded on either side.

The Hamas group dominates the Gaza Strip area and is sworn to Israel's destruction and has fought several wars with Israel since it took power in Gaza in 2007. It is backed by Iran which funds it and provides weapons and training. The Gaza Strip is a 41 by 10 km territory in the western part of Israel, bordering Egypt in the south and the Mediterranean Sea to its west. It is home to about 2.3 million people and has one of the highest population densities in the world.



6. India wins 107 medals in Asian Games



The closing ceremony of the 19th Asian Games was held on Oct 08 at the Hangzhou Olympics Stadium in China. The baton for the next Asian Games was passed on to Nagoya, Japan for 2026. Hockey player P. R. Sreejesh was the flag bearer for India.

The Indian contingent created history by winning a record 107 medals-28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze, securing fourth rank in the final medal tally that was topped by China, with 383 medals that included 201 gold, 111 silver and 71 bronze.

7. BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in USA

The largest Hindu temple in the USA, and the second largest in the world, next only to Angkor Wat in Cambodia, opened its doors on Oct 8 in the small township of Robbinsville in New Jersey. Spread on 183acre, the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, named for its founding Hindu spiritual organisation, took almost 12 years to complete, at an estimated cost of more than \$150 million. BAPS stands for Bochasanwasi Sri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha





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Some Other Minor News!

1. The Ministry of finance approved the appointment of Ramaswamy Narayanan as Chairman and Managing Director of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), effective October 1.



- 2. The Ministry of finance extended the tenure of the SBI's chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara till August next year, or till he attains the age of 63 years, whichever is earlier.
- 3. The Asian Development Bank approved a \$200-million loan to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the 650-km-long main stem of the Brahmaputra River in Assam.



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