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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!





The day is observed on the second Thursday of October, to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. Reduced or absence of eyesight can have major and long-lasting effects on all aspects of life.

Around 1 billion people in the world have a preventable vision impairment or one that has yet to be addressed. The theme for this year "Love your eyes at work", aims to promote and highlight the significance of eye care at workplaces.

2. October 13: The National Philately Day

The day marks the collection, appreciation and research activities on stamps and other philatelic products. India Post celebrates National Postal Week from 9th to 15th October every year.

The celebration is aimed at generating a broad awareness about India Post's role and activities among the public and media at national level.

The Philately is the study of postage stamps and postal history.





3. Oct 13: International Day for Disaster Reduction



Observed across the world every year with support from the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, to promote a global culture of riskawareness and disaster reduction. Good disaster risk governance can be measured in terms of the lives saved, reduction in the number of disaster-affected people, and reduced economic losses. The theme chosen for this year's celebrations is "Fighting inequality for a resilient future".

4. October 14: World Standards Day

Also called International Standards Day, it is celebrated globally to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardisation in the global economy. standards helped to drive the industrial revolution and nowadays it drives the advancement of all technologies from automotive to telecommunications.

Adopting common standards facilitates global cooperation numerous fields. The theme for this day in 2023 is "Shared vision for a better world: Incorporating SDG 3". Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3) focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all.



In India, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the National Standards Body of India under Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. It was established on April 1,1987 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986. This act was repealed in 2016 and replaced with a new Bureau of Indian standards (BIS) Act 2016.

5. October 14: International E-Waste Day

The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of repairing or correctly disposing of used appliances with the aim to increase re-use, repair, recovery and recycling. It has been developed by the WEEE Forum, an international association of electronic waste collection schemes. WEEE denotes Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. The theme chosen for this year is "You can recycle anything with a plug, battery or cable!"

Currently, around 50 million tons of electronic waste are produced around the world every year, and by 2030, that number is expected to rise to 75 million tons. E-waste is the fastest growing stream of waste — but it is also the most valuable stream of waste. A tonne of E-waste may have more silver than a tonne of silver ore.









The day is celebrated on the second Friday in October every year to raise awareness about the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition. The day was established at the International Egg Commission's 1996 conference in Vienna.

Eggs are a great source of choline, a nutrient which can help in memory and brain development. This year's celebrations are focussed on the theme "Eggs for a Healthy Future", highlighting the importance of including an egg in our daily diet, prompting better futures for all.

7. October (14): World Migratory Bird Day

The day is celebrated twice a year, on the second Saturday in May and in October. The day is an occasion to highlight the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. Migratory birds are beneficial to us and the planet's ecosystems because they provide critical services such as seed dispersal, pollination, pest control and more.

This year's theme is "Water: Sustaining Bird Life." Water bodies like inland and coastal wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, marshes, and ponds, all play a very vital role in bird's life cycles as they provide a venue for feeding, drinking, or nesting, and also act as places to rest and refuel during their long journeys.







In the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023 released on October 12, India was ranked 111th out of 125 countries, with a high score of 28.7, indicating a seriously high level of hunger. India slipped four spots below its rank of 107th in 2022. Neighbouring countries, such as Pakistan (102nd), Bangladesh (81st), Nepal (69th), and Sri Lanka (60th), scored better than India. The report also said the rate of wasting of children (child weight as per height) was the highest in India at 18.7%, reflecting acute undernutrition.

The Indian government has outrightly rejected this report this year too, like it has done on previous occasions, terming the methodology of the report preparation faulty. It also raised concerns about the selection of the four parameters used as three of them are about children under five years, not representing the general population.

Twenty countries scored below five, making it to top performers against the challenge of hunger. No individual ranking was given in these 20 countries. At the bottom was the Republic of Africa with a score of 42.3, followed by Madagascar (41.0) and Yemen (39.9).

'Concern Worldwide' and 'Welt Hungerhilfe', two NGOs from Ireland and Germany, respectively, have come out with this report. GHI rankings are based on following four factors:





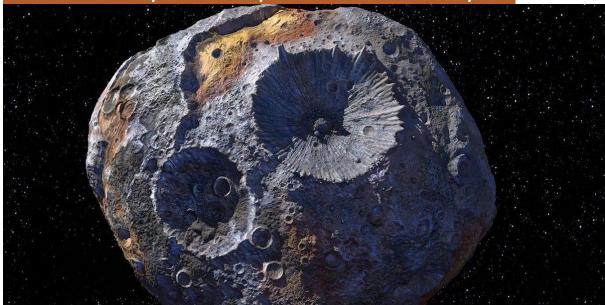
- Undernourishment (refers to the entire population both children and adults);
- Child stunting (share of children under five who have low height for their age);
- Child mortality in children under five; and
- Child wasting (children under five who have low weight for their height).

All these indicators are components of the universally agreed UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

9. Manohar Singh Gill: A former Chief Election Commissioner and a union minister, breathed his last on Oct 15 at a hospital in New Delhi. He was 87. A former IAS officer, he was the first Principal Secretary of Punjab in 1971. As Chief Election Commissioner (Dec. 1996–June 2001), he introduced electronic voting machines. As union sports minister, he oversaw the conduct of the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.



10. NASA's Psyche to explore asteroid 16Psyche



US space agency NASA launched its spacecraft Psyche on Oct 13 on a six-year journey to a rare metal-covered asteroid, also named 16Psyche, some 3.6 billion kilometres away from the Earth.

Scientists believe that the asteroid may be the battered remains of an early planet's core, and could shed light on the inaccessible core of Earth and other rocky planets. The 279-km wide asteroid, located in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, is the only metalclass asteroid ever to be explored.

11. LA 2028 Olympics to have 5 new games

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) at its 141st Session in Mumbai on Oct 16, decided to include five new sports in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, at the request of the organising committee of the LA 2028 games. The five sports are - baseball/softball, cricket (T20), flag football, lacrosse (sixes) and squash. Under the IOC rules, each host city can request the inclusion of several sports for their edition of the Games.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The five day Army Commanders' Conference was held from Oct 16 to 20 in New Delhi. The apex-level biannual event is an institutional platform for deliberations at the conceptual level, facilitating important policy decisions for the Indian Army.



- 2. The 10th phase of Sagar Parikrama was held on Oct 13-14 from Chennai to Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The programme aims to understand the needs and the challenges of fishermen.
- 3. The Chief of Army Staff, General Manoj Pande presented the prestigious President's Standards or 'Nishan' to the Third Battalion of the Naga Regiment on Oct 13 at Kumaon Regimental Center in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand.
- 4. Hollywood actor and Producer Michael Douglas will be conferred with Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival in Goa.
- The Asian Women's Hockey Championship will be held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, from October 27 to November 14. Around 13 countries will take part in the international hockey championship. The mascot for the event has been named 'Juhi', modelled after a baby elephant.





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