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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 15: Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas



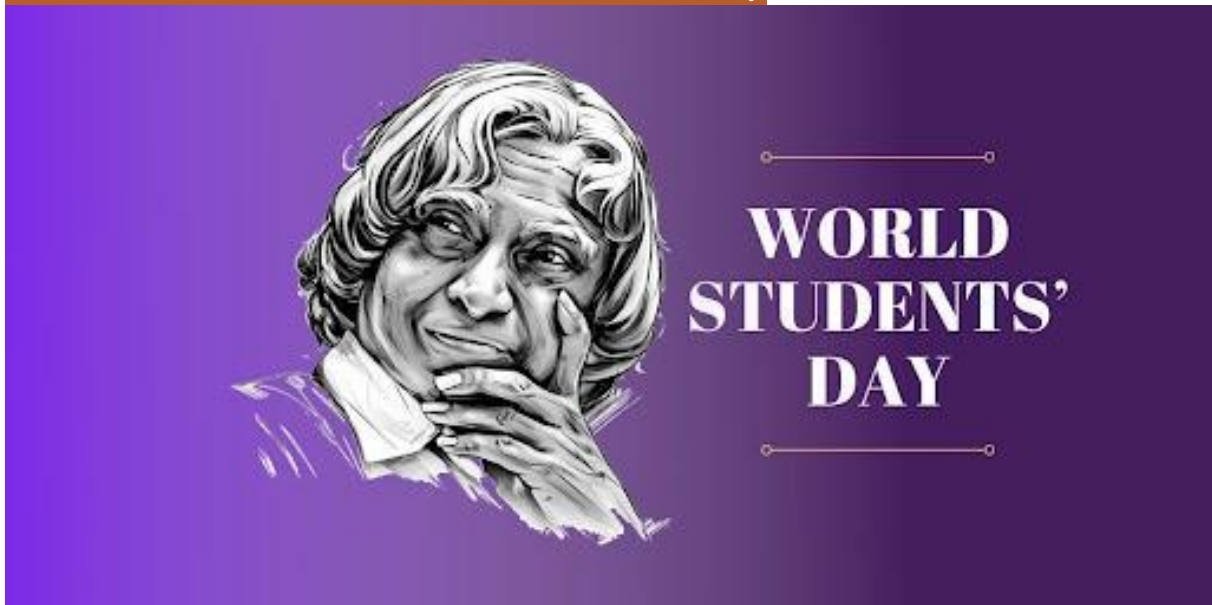
Supported by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry, this day is observed to recognise the contribution of women farmers in various aspects of agriculture including sowing, planting, fertilising, plant protection, harvesting, weeding, and storage.

The day aims to increase the active participation of women in agriculture. In rural India, over 80% of women depend on agriculture for their livelihood. In the farmer community, around 30% women are farmers themselves and over 45% work as agricultural labour.

2. October 15: International Day of Rural Women

The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall wellbeing. This year's theme "Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All", highlights the essential role that rural women and girls play in the food systems of the world.

3. October 15: World Students' Day



Celebrated every year to commemorate the birthday of Shri APJ Abdul Kalam (1931-2015), 11th president (2002-07) of India. He is best known for promoting education and his love for students. The United Nations declared October 15 as World Students' Day in 2010. He was dedicated to teaching and identified himself first as a teacher and then as anything else. The theme of World Students' Day 2023 is "FAIL: stands for First Attempt in Learning." It aims to motivate students to view failure as a learning opportunity and to continue their education.

4. October 15: Global Handwashing Day

Celebrated every year to raise awareness on handwashing with soap, motivate people worldwide to develop proper hand washing habits. This year's theme is "Clean Hands Are Within Reach. It highlights the progress that has been made around hand hygiene commitment and action in recent years, while also calling for more concerted efforts to ensure hand hygiene targets are met.

5. October 16: World Food Day



Celebrated every year around the world to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), a special agency of the United Nations, on this day in 1945 in Quebec City, Canada.

The theme for this year's WFD is 'Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind'. The theme aims to highlight the critical role of water for life on earth and water as the foundation of our food.

FAO has its headquarters in Rome, Italy. Mr. Qu Dongyu is the current Director General of the FAO.

6. Daniel Noboa: Elected as the youngest ever President of Ecuador, a small country in the north western part of South America. He is just 35 years old.

7. Arindam Bagchi: External Affairs Ministry's spokesperson was appointed India's permanent representative to the United Nations (UN) and other international organisations in Geneva, Switzerland. It may be noted that India's permanent representative to UNO is Ms. Ruchira Kamboj.

8. First mobile tower in Siachen glacier region



The Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army, in collaboration with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), achieved a remarkable feat on October 06 by installing a first ever mobile communication tower at an altitude of 15,500 ft. at the Siachen Glacier, known as the world's highest battlefield.

It provides soldiers stationed there with a vital means of communication, enabling them to connect with their families and coordinate operations in this extreme and remote environment.

9. Mumbai ranked 19th in property index

Knight Frank, a London-based property consultant, released its Global Prime Residential Index for Q2 2023 on October 12. The index provides a quarterly insight into the performance of several cities around the world on the price front, in the residential real estate market. The index ranked Mumbai in the 19th position, Bengaluru in the 22nd position, and New Delhi in the 25th position.

The Turkish capital Ankara topped the index, with the highest growth rate of 105.9 percent, followed by Istanbul at 85.1 percent.

10. APAAR – Unique ID for every student



As a part of the National Education Policy(NEP) 2020, the Union Ministry of Education on Oct 11 notified a plan to create unique ID numbers for school students across India. The 'One Nation One Student ID' scheme, known as 'Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR)' will be a lifelong unique ID number for every student, based on their Aadhaar number.

This identity number will be for all students, from pre-primary to higher education. The system will digitally store exam results, sports achievements, Olympiad outcomes and help keep a track of students dropping out.

11. India recorded high growth rate in 2022-23

As per the latest India Development Update (IDU) by the World Bank, released on Oct 03, despite a tough global environment, India's economy grew at 7.2% in FY 22/23, making it one of the fastest-growing major economies. India's growth rate was the second-highest among G20 countries and almost twice the average for emerging market economies.

However, the report retained India's growth forecast at 6.3% for the year 2023-24 saying that the expected moderation was due to challenging external conditions and waning pent-up demand.

12. October 16: World Anaesthesia Day



It is celebrated every year by the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) to highlight the critical role of anaesthesia in modern medical treatments. It recognizes the ongoing need to ensure safe anaesthesia practices worldwide. It marks the first successful demonstration of diethyl ether anaesthesia in 1846.

The theme for this day for 2023 'Anaesthesia and Cancer Care' focuses on the indispensable role of anaesthesia in cancer treatments.

13. Grandmaster Raunak Sadhwani won the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship on Oct 13 in Sardinia, Italy. 17 year old Raunak hails from Nagpur, Maharashtra.

14. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$181 million loan to enhance the quality of life in the peri-urban areas around Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The aim is to improve urban living conditions and mobility in these rapidly growing areas.

15. IRCON and RITES granted 'Navratna' status



The Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance granted coveted 'Navratna' status to two Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) on Oct 12. The two CPSEs, Ircon International Limited (IRCON) and RITES Ltd (RITES), under the Ministry of Railways, have become 15th and 16th Navratna, respectively.

IRCON International specialises in infrastructure construction services, including projects such as roads, highways, bridges, airports, mass rapid transit systems, and commercial buildings. RITES provides transport infrastructure consultancy, railway inspection, rolling stock leasing, maintenance, and associated services within the transportation sector.

The 'Navratna' companies are typically selected based on their financial performance, operational efficiency, and strategic importance to the Indian economy. These companies are given more freedom in making decisions related to investments, joint ventures, mergers, and acquisitions.

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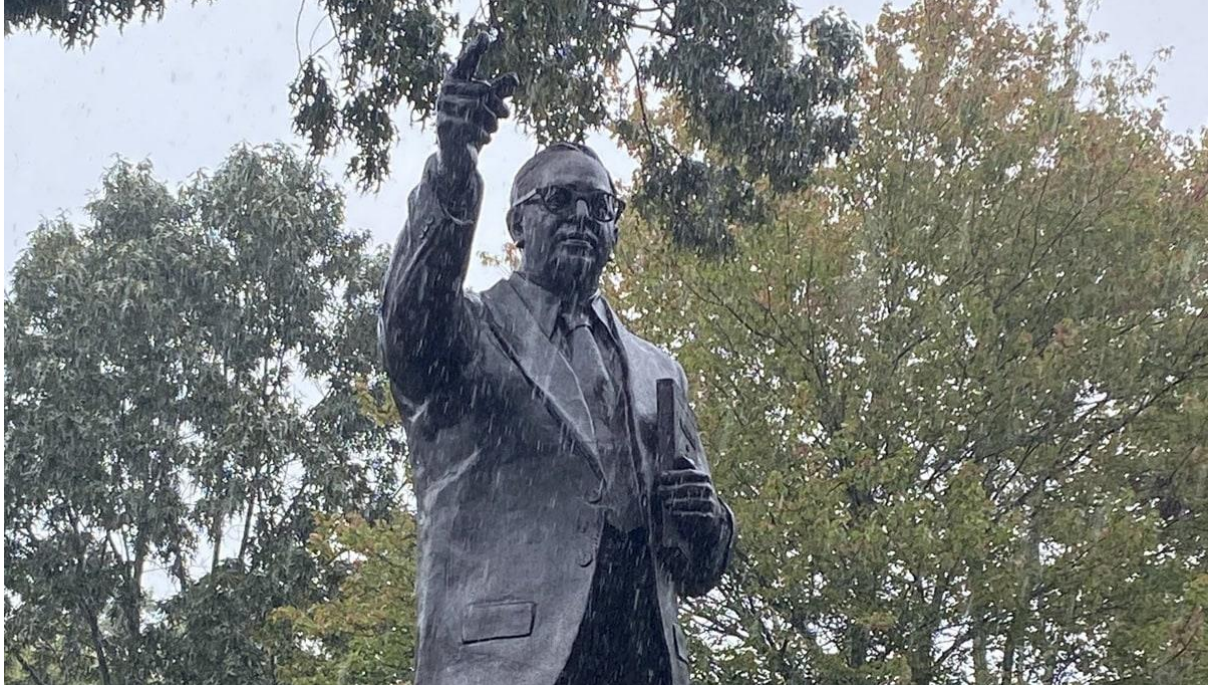
1. India-UK 2+ 2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue was held on Oct 16 in New Delhi. The two sides discussed possibilities to boost collaboration, particularly in areas of trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, culture and strengthening people connections.



2. NTPC Limited, India's largest integrated energy conglomerate, achieved a remarkable distinction by being named one of the "World's Best Employers 2023" in the Forbes World's Best Employers list, released on October 10.

3. The Government has introduced a special program where an individual or entity can earn green credit and trade it on a dedicated exchange. Green Credit refers to a unit of an incentive provided for a specified activity; delivering a positive impact on the environment.

4. The tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of India's Constitution, was formally inaugurated in a suburb of Maryland, Washington in the USA. The statue stands 19 feet tall.



5. Aadi Mahotsav - the National Tribal Festival was held from Oct 7 to 16 in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. Around 336 tribal artisans and artists, including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and Van Dhan Kendra beneficiaries, took part in the mahotsav.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. **World Students' Day on October 15 marks the birthday of which great personality?**
 - a. Greta Thunberg
 - b. Malala Yousufjai
 - c. Rabindra Nath Tagore
 - d. Martin Luther King
 - e. APJ Abdul Kalam

2. **World Food Day on Oct 16 commemorates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), on this day in 1945. It is based in which city?**
 - a. Montreal
 - b. Brussels
 - c. Geneva
 - d. Rome
 - e. Vienna

3. **Who has been appointed India's permanent representative to the United Nations (UN) and other international organisations in Geneva, Switzerland?**
 - a. Vinay Kwatra
 - b. Saurabh Kumar
 - c. Sanjay Verma
 - d. Arindam Bagchi
 - e. Dammu Ravi

4. Which Indian city was placed at 19th spot, highest among Indian cities, in the Knight Frank's Global Prime Residential Index for Q2 2023?
- a. Mumbai
 - b. Chennai
 - c. Bengaluru
 - d. New Delhi
 - e. Pune
5. The government notified the 'One Nation One Student ID' scheme, known as 'APAAR' on Oct 11. What does the first 'A' in the acronym APAAR stand for?
- a. All
 - b. Applied
 - c. Academic
 - d. Automated
 - e. Activated
6. Grandmaster Raunak Sadhwani won the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship on Oct 13 in Sardinia in which country?
- a. Spain
 - b. Italy
 - c. Sweden
 - d. Turkiye
 - e. Norway

7. To enhance the quality of life in the peri-urban areas around which city, the Asian Development Bank approved a loan of \$181 million?
- a. Pune
 - b. Guwahati
 - c. Bhubaneswar
 - d. Visakhapatnam
 - e. Ahmedabad
8. The two CPSEs, Ircon International Limited (IRCON) and RITES Ltd (RITES), under the Ministry of _____, have become 15th and 16th Navratna, respectively:
- a. Rural Development
 - b. Tribal Affairs
 - c. Railways
 - d. Space and Technology
 - e. Telecommunications

Answer Key

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

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