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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!



The final estimates of production of major crops for the year 2022-23 were released on Oct 18 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The total foodgrain production in the country is estimated at record 3,296.87 Lakh tonnes which is 140.71 Lakh tonnes more than the production of last year. Further, the production during 2022-23 is higher by 308.69 Lakh tonnes than the average production of foodgrains in previous five years' (2017-18 to 2021-22)

Two major crops, Rice and Wheat, accounted for over 74 percent of total foodgrains production, contributing 1357.55 and 1105.54 Lakh tonnes, respectively. Total Pulses production is estimated at 260.58 Lakh tonnes while that of coarse grains was estimated at 573.19 Lakh tonnes. Total production of Sugarcane is estimated at 4905.33 Lakh tonnes.



2. MSP hiked for 6 main Rabi crops



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved on Oct 18 the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all six mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25. The increase in MSP is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average cost of production.

MSP for Marketing season 2024-25

Sr no	Crop	MSP Rs/Qtl	Increase Rs/QtI
1.	Wheat	2275	150
2.	Barley	1850	115
3.	Gram	5440	105
4.	Masur	6425	425
5.	Rapeseed/Mustard	5650	200
6.	Safflower	5800	150

3. Raghubar Das: A former chief minister of Jharkhand, was appointed as the Governor of Odisha, by the President of India. Indra Sena Reddy Nallu: Appointed as the Governor of Tripura, by

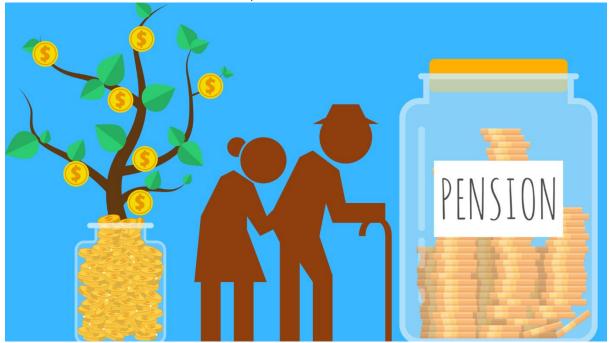
the President of India. He is a senior BJP leader from Telangana.

4. India lags behind in pension systems

The New York based consultancy firm Mercer along with CFA Institute, USA released on October 17 their 15th Global Pension Index, covering 47 countries which represent 64% of the world's population.

The Netherlands topped the rankings with an overall score of 85, followed by Iceland (83.5) and Denmark (81.3). India improved its overall score on the pension index to 45.9, from 44.4 in 2022, securing 45th rank in the Index.

This annual pension index report examines the retirement systems of countries across the world, under three sub-indices, namely, adequacy, sustainability, and integrity. It highlights issues in their retirement systems, and the possible areas of reforms that these countries can look into to improve their citizens' retirement lives.



5. Gorkha Rifles win gold in Wales, UK



The 4/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) of the Indian Army won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Exercise held on Oct 13-15 at Brecon, Wales in the UK, while competing against 96 teams representing special forces and regiments from around the world. The event is considered the ultimate test of human endurance and team spirit and is considered the "Olympics of military patrolling".

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Some Other Minor News!

1. Sberbank of Russia has become the first Russian bank to register with the Indian markets regulator SEBI as a foreign portfolio investor (FPI). Sberbank received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2010 to set up a branch in India and commenced its banking business from January 2011.



Multiple Choice Questions!

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved on Oct 1. 18 the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all six mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25. Which of these six enjoys the highest MSP of Rs. 6,425/qtl.?
 - a. Mustard
 - b. Gram
 - c. Barley
 - d. Masur
 - e. Safflower
- 2. The New York based consultancy firm Mercer along with CFA Institute, USA released on October 17 their 15th Global Pension Index for 47 countries. The Index placed which country at the top with the highest score of 85?
 - a. Sweden
 - b. The Netherlands
 - c. Denmark
 - d. Iceland
 - e. Canada
- 3. Shri Raghubar Das has been appointed as the Governor of Odisha, by the President of India. He is a former chief minister of which state?
 - a. Bihar
 - b. Tripura
 - c. Jharkhand
 - d. Assam
 - e. Chhattisgarh





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- Shri Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, a senior BJP leader from Telangana, 4. has been appointed as Governor of which state?
 - a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Meghalaya
 - c. Assam
 - d. Kerala
 - e. Tripura
- 5. The 4/5 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Exercise held on Oct 13-15 in _____:
 - a. France
 - b. England
 - c. Scotland
 - d. Georgia
 - e. Denmark





Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	D
2	В
3	С
4	Е
5	В

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