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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. 4th Asian Para Games, Hangzhou: India created history by winning a record 111 medals, comprising 29 gold, 31 silver, and 51 bronze. This remarkable feat superseded India's previous best of 72 medals, achieved in the 2018 Asian Para Games in Indonesia. India secured 5th rank in the medal tally. China secured the top spot with 521 medals that included 214 gold, 167 silver and 140 bronze.



2. Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar: Elected as the 17th King of Malaysia for a term of 5 years by its royal families. He will take over from the incumbent King Al-Sultan Abdullah on 31st January next year.

3. Tata's to manufacture iPhones in India

Tata Electronics is set to become the first Indian company to make Apple's iPhones in the country as it finalised a deal to acquire Indian manufacturing facilities of the Taiwan-based Wistron Corp. The plant is located in Kolar, near Bengaluru. Tata Electronics paid \$125 million to acquire the mobile phone manufacturing facility.

4. Hurricane Otis: A very powerful category 5 cyclonic storm devastated the coastal city of Acapulco on Oct 26 in southwest Mexico on the Pacific coast. Tens of thousands of residents were struck in damaged homes, suffering without electricity. Flash floods caused by torrential rains claimed at least 30 lives.



5. Premature withdrawal limits raised

The Reserve Bank guidelines issued on Oct 26 have asked banks to offer a premature withdrawal facility on all term deposits of up to Rs 1 crore, raising the limit from Rs 15 lakh currently.

The RBI has decided that the minimum amount for offering non-callable term deposits (deposits which can not be withdrawn before maturity) may be increased to Rs 1 crore from Rs 15 lakh at present. All TDs accepted from individuals for an amount of Rs 15 lakh and below should have premature withdrawal facility.

6. SCO Council of Heads meeting



The 22nd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States was held on Oct 25–26 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. India was represented by Dr S Jaishankar, Minister of external affairs. The meeting was chaired by President Sadyr Zhaparov of Kyrgyz Republic.

The SCO plays a significant role in addressing regional and global challenges, promoting economic cooperation, and facilitating political and security discussions among its member countries.

7. Amol Muzumdar, the former Mumbai batsman, has been named as the head coach of the India women's national cricket team.

8. IIT Kanpur signs MoU with Airbus

The European aircraft manufacturer, Airbus signed a formal MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur to facilitate increased collaboration in developing education programmes in the Indian aerospace sector. Under the MoU, both entities will promote research in advanced technologies and develop programmes and activities to enhance technical capabilities for aerospace students in India. It will offer mentorship, exposure, and invaluable hands-on experience to IIT Kanpur students.

9. All Kerala districts get hallmarking centres



With the inauguration of a hallmarking centre in Idukki on Oct 26, Kerala became the first state in India to have hallmarking centres in all its 14 districts. The opening of hallmarking centres across all the districts will make Kerala a hub of gold business and further strengthen its claim to being the most reliable market in the country to buy gold ornaments.

The Bureau of Indian Standards made hallmarking compulsory from 23 June 2021, with a view to protect customers, especially those not aware of the market, from being taken for a ride by jewellers.

Hallmarked items are issued a 6 digit alpha-numeric Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID) number and this number can be verified by using 'verify HUID' feature in the "BIS Care App". Hallmarking ensures accurate determination and official recording of the proportionate content of precious metal in the jewellery, artefacts or bullion, and coins.

10. Exercise KAZIND-2023: 7th edition of joint military exercise of Indian and Kazakh forces was conducted at Otar in Kazakhstan from Oct 30 to Nov 11. Military personnel from both, Army and Air Force took part in the exercise.



11. IOC launches reference fuels

Public sector oil marketing giant, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. launched India's first gasoline and diesel reference fuel on Oct 26. These fuels are used by automobile manufacturers for testing vehicles. Production of these specialised fuels will not only reduce India's dependence on imports but will also place the country's energy industry in the category of the select global players in this field.

Reference fuels are required by automobile manufacturers for developing engines and assessing vehicles' performance to ensure operability in all the global climatic conditions. Currently, these reference fuels are being imported by India from select companies of Europe and the US.

12. October 28: International Animation Day



This day is celebrated to honour the artists and engineers who are associated with making animations. The day was first celebrated in the year 2003 by the International Animated Film Association, Paris. The day commemorates the first public performance of projected moving images by Emile Reynaud in Paris, on this day in 1892.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hosted a three day Country Led Initiative (CLI) event on Oct 26–28 for the UN Forum on Forests at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun in Uttarakhand. Around 55 delegates from 30 countries and 41 representatives from 20 organisations participated to discuss wildfires and forest certification.



2. The 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress was held on 27–29 Oct at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The theme of the congress was 'Global Digital Innovation'.

3. Robert Fico was elected Prime Minister of Slovakia for the fourth term.

4. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) achieved a significant milestone when it was elected to the prestigious 18-member steering committee of the International Competition Network (ICN). 140 competition agencies from around the world are members of ICN.



5. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, India's main aircraft building company, signed a MoU with the leading French aero engine speciality company, Safran Aircraft Engines, for production of LEAP (Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion) engine forgings in India.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. India created history by winning a record _____ medals in the 4th Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China:
 - a. 98
 - b. 101
 - c. 105
 - d. 111
 - e. 117

2. Taiwan-based Wistron Corp. finalised a deal with which Indian firm to manufacture iPhones in India?
 - a. Bajaj Electronics
 - b. Micromax Informatics
 - c. Tata Electronics
 - d. Jio Communications
 - e. Intex Technologies

3. Hurricane Otis, a very powerful category 5 cyclonic storm devastated the coastal city of Acapulco on Oct 26, in which country?
 - a. USA
 - b. Brazil
 - c. Panama
 - d. Mexico
 - e. Colombia

4. The Reserve Bank guidelines issued on Oct 26 asked banks to offer a premature withdrawal facility on all term deposits of up to Rs _____ , raising the limit from Rs 15 lakh currently:
- a. 30 lakh
 - b. 50 lakh
 - c. 75 lakh
 - d. 1 crore
 - e. 2 crore
5. Which country hosted the 22nd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States on Oct 25–26?
- a. Kazakhstan
 - b. Kyrgyzstan
 - c. Tajikistan
 - d. Uzbekistan
 - e. Turkmenistan
6. The European aircraft manufacturer, Airbus signed a formal MoU with which Indian institute to facilitate increased collaboration in developing education programmes in the Indian aerospace sector?
- a. IIT Kanpur
 - b. IIT Delhi
 - c. IIT Madras
 - d. IIT Bombay
 - e. IIT Bangalore

7. _____ became the first state in India to have hallmarking centres in all its districts?
- a. Tamil Nadu
 - b. Kerala
 - c. Telangana
 - d. Karnataka
 - e. Rajasthan
8. 7th edition of joint military exercise of Indian and Kazakh forces, KAZIND-2023 was conducted at which place in Kazakhstan from Oct 30 to Nov 11?
- a. Aktau
 - b. Otar
 - c. Almaty
 - d. Shymkent
 - e. Taraz
9. Which public sector oil marketing company launched India's first gasoline and diesel reference fuel on Oct 26?
- a. Indian Oil Corporation
 - b. Bharat Petroleum Corporation
 - c. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation
 - d. Numaligarh Refinery
 - e. Oil India Ltd.

Answer Key

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

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