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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. November 1: World Vegan Day

This day is observed across the globe to motivate people to follow a vegan lifestyle, which is beneficial for animal welfare and the environment. Being a vegan is to follow a plant-based diet and avoid meat and any kind of animal products at all, not even milk, cheese, eggs, etc. The theme for this year is 'Future Normal', which emphasises the importance of exploring and embracing veganism.

Veganism also keeps the environment safe, prevents rare species from going extinct, keeps a healthy and balanced ecosystem besides saving water. The day marks the founding day of The Vegan Society in 1944 in the United Kingdom.



2. Gwalior, Kozhikode - new Creative Cities

Gwalior and Kozhikode are among the 55 new cities which joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network on Oct 31. These new cities were acknowledged for their strong commitment to harnessing culture and creativity as part of their development strategies, and displaying innovative practices in human-centred urban planning.



Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh bagged the City of Music tag. Legendary musicians Tansen and Baiju Bawra hailed from Gwalior. For centuries, local Scindia Gharana has been pursuing the work of preserving and propagating the musical heritage of the city.

Kozhikode has been given the tag of City of Literature, the first to hold this title in the country. Being a permanent venue for the annual Kerala Literature Festival and several book fests added value to the city's claim.

With the latest additions, there are 350 creative cities in the network, in more than 100 countries, representing seven creative fields; Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, and Music.

3. IAF bids farewell to MiG-21 fighter jet



Marking a watershed moment in history, the Number 4 Squadron (Oorials) of the Indian Air Force (IAF), based at Air Force Station Uttarlai (Barmer), converted itself from the MiG-21 to the Su-30 MKI, of the squadron. It has been operating the MiG-21 since 1966. The formal induction of the new aircraft was marked by a ceremony at Air Force Station Uttarlai on 30th October

The conversion of this squadron to Su-30 MKI implies that the IAF now left with only two squadrons of the MiG-21. The IAF remains committed to phasing out the MiG-21 aircraft by the year 2025.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The 54th International Film Festival of India will take place from 20th to 28th November in Goa where international and national film industry talents and thousands of cinephiles will gather for the largest celebration of world cinema in South Asia.



2. The Sixth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi from Oct 30 to Nov 02 under the Presidentship of India. Ministers from 20 countries and delegates from across 116 Member and Signatory countries participated in the Assembly.

3. The “Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal” for the year 2023 has been awarded for four Special Operations. The medal was constituted in 2018 with the objective to recognize those operations, which have a high degree of planning and are vital for the security of the country.

4. With a view to boost tourism in the country, Thailand has scrapped visas for scores of Indian tourists between Nov. 10 this year to May 10, 2024. India has been Thailand's fourth largest source market for tourism so far this year with about 1.2 million arrivals.



5. India-born author Nandini Das has been named the winner of the 2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding, a leading international non-fiction prize worth British Pound 25,000, for her book 'Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire'.

6. The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) honoured Nita Ambani, Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, on Oct 29 with the 2023 Global Leadership Award for Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility for her work in women's empowerment, education, and promoting Indian arts & sports.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Which two Indian cities are among the 55 new cities added to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network on Oct 31?
 - a. Puri and Amritsar
 - b. Prayagraj and Jaipur
 - c. Bhilwara and Golkonda
 - d. Kozhikode and Gwalior
 - e. Barmer and Junagadh

2. Marking a watershed moment in history, the Number 4 Squadron (Oorials) of the Indian Air Force converted itself from the MiG-21 Squadron to which fighter jet squadron?
 - a. Tejas Mark-II
 - b. Rafale
 - c. Sukhoi Su-30 MKI
 - d. Mirage-2000
 - e. MiG-29

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	D
2	C

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