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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. Heeralal Samariya:** The current Information Commissioner was sworn-in as the Chief Information Commissioner on Nov 6. He was administered the oath of office by the President Droupadi Murmu in the Rashtrapati Bhavan.



**2. Jajarkot and West Rukum:** These two districts in Nepal were hit by a 6.4 Richter magnitude earthquake late night on Nov 3, killing over 150 people and seriously injuring equal numbers. Hundreds of houses were flattened by the tremor.

**3. Asian Champions Trophy:** Indian women's Hockey team dethroned 2021 winner Japan on Nov 05 to crown themselves winners at Ranchi, Jharkhand.

**4. International Master R Vaishali** became the first Indian to win the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2023 on Nov 5 at the Isle of Man in the UK. At the same event, Grand Master Vidit Gujrathi claimed his title in the open category.

## 5. November 5: World Tsunami Awareness Day



Observed every year to promote national and local risk reduction plans against Tsunami calamity. The UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) facilitates the observance of this day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system.

The theme, selected for 2023 “Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future,” echoes the emphasis on reducing inequality during the International Day for Disaster Reduction.

The term ‘Tsunami’ is a Japanese term which means “harbour wave”. It refers to a series of very high strong ocean waves caused by earthquakes or undersea volcanic eruptions or underwater landslides. Tsunami waves can travel at the speed of 800 km/hour and their height could reach up to 300 feet.

**6. Sultan of Johor Cup 2023:** Germany won the under 21 men’s hockey championship on Nov 4 by defeating Australia in Johar, Malaysia.



## 7. SAAB to make Carl-Gustaf M4 in India



SAAB, a Sweden based defence company, maker of the world famous Carl-Gustaf M4 portable shoulder-fired weapon system, has become the first foreign company to receive Indian government permission for 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in a defence project. Weighing just 7 kg, Carl-Gustaf M4 is a recoilless man-portable, multi-role weapon system which is mainly used for blasting enemy tanks and buildings. The Indian Army has been using this powerful weapon since the late seventies.

This project will be Saab's first venture outside Sweden to produce the Carl-Gustaf M4 multi role weapon. The manufacturing facility is expected to be established in Haryana.

## 8. Navy decommissions IL-38 Sea Dragon

The Indian Navy bid adieu to its old workhorse, IL-38 Sea Dragon Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft, after 46 yrs of glorious service to the nation. The IL-38 has been keeping a sharp vigil over and beneath the seas, in its relentless pursuit to secure the nation's maritime boundaries. The decommissioning ceremony was held on Oct 31 INS Hansa, Dabolim in Goa.

## 9. Shiv Nadar is top philanthropist of India



Hurun India and EdelGive released the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023 in October end. The list is a ranking of 1,319 wealthiest individuals in India. Shiv Nadar of HCL Technologies and Azim Premji of Wipro topped the list by giving away ₹2,042 crore and ₹1,774 crore, respectively, for Arts and Culture and Education.

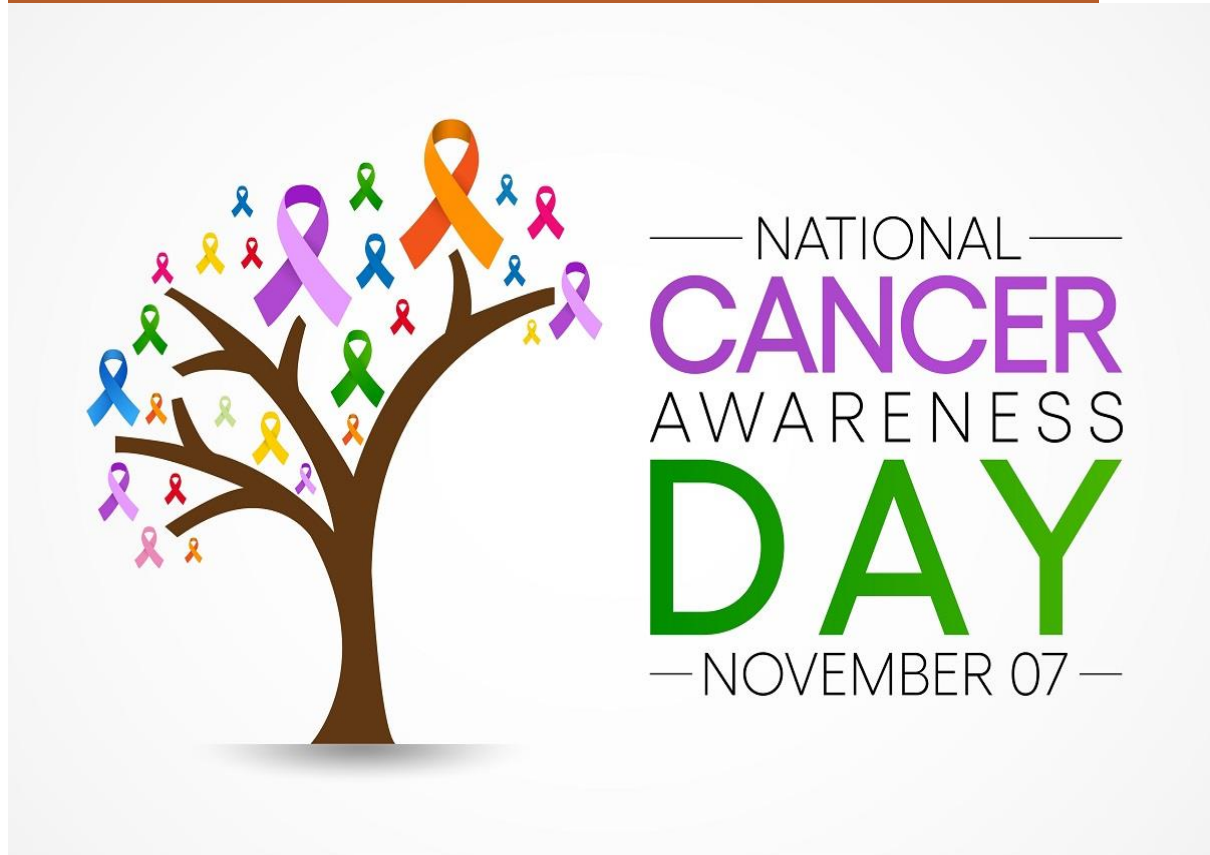
This year's EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023 features individuals who have donated Rs 5 crore or more during the period under review. 25 philanthropists debuted in the 2023 list.

## 10. November 03: International Day for Biosphere Reserves

This day was established by UNESCO in 2022. It aims to emphasise and promote the activities in the biosphere reserves, aiming to achieve a harmonious balance between sustainable development and the preservation of nature.

Biosphere reserves serve as protected areas designed for the conservation of plant and animal life. These areas are essential not only for the preservation of biodiversity but also for sustaining human livelihoods. Biosphere reserves are not typical protected areas; they are locations where more than 275 million people reside and work.

## 11. November 07: National Cancer Awareness Day



The day, first announced by the Indian government in September 2014, is dedicated to spreading awareness on preventing the spread of cancer and how one can detect any symptoms early.

Cancer is among the leading causes of death globally. One of the major causes of cancer in India is consumption of tobacco. Chewing tobacco has shown a direct link with the incidence of cancer.

The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Marie Curie, the eminent scientist who received two Nobel Prizes; in Physics (1903) for her research in radioactivity and in Chemistry (1911) for her discovery of the elements Polonium and Radium. Her deep research in Radiology led to one of the most effective ways to treat cancer through radiation therapy.

## 12. Govt to sell 'Bharat atta' @ 27.50/kg



With a view to keep a lid on food prices during the festive season when demand for commodities rises, the government launched on Nov 6 packaged wheat flour at a subsidised rate of Rs 275 per 10 kg bag. The subsidised flour with brand name 'Bharat Atta' will be available in stores run by Kendriya Bhandar, NAFED, NCCF and government cooperative outlets as well as food vans run by NAFED and NCCF. To facilitate the scheme, the government will offload 2.50 lakh tonnes of wheat at ₹21.50 a kilo under its open market sale scheme.

**13. Angelo Matthews:** Sri Lankan all-rounder became the first international cricketer to be given 'timed out' on Nov 6 after not being ready to face the ball within two minutes of the fall of a wicket against Bangladesh in a World Cup match in New Delhi.

Matthews entered the ground to bat after the dismissal of Sadeera Samarawickrama but had some issues with his helmet strap and signalled for a replacement, prompting Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan to appeal for a 'time out'. According to ICC Playing rules, the new batter must reach the crease within two minutes of the last player getting out.



**14. Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy:** Punjab won their maiden title in the T20 tournament with a 20-run win over Baroda in finals played on Nov 06 in Mohali, Punjab.



**15. Fitch hikes India's growth rate to 6.2%**

In a report released on Nov 6 by the New York based credit rating agency Fitch Ratings, India's medium-term potential growth estimate has been raised by 70 basis points to 6.2% on the back of an improvement in the employment rate and a modest increase in the working-age population forecast. Fitch attributed the higher growth forecast for India to a swift recovery in labour force participation rates, following significant declines in 2020.

## 16. Mundra port tops in cargo handling



Adani Group's flagship Mundra Port crossed another milestone by handling 16.1 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in October this year, the highest-ever volume by any port in India. It is the largest port in the country and has handled 102 MMT of cargo so far this year, with a good 9 per cent year-on-year growth.

The port crossed the 100 MMT mark in 210 days, surpassing the record of 231 days last year. It achieved another milestone of handling 4.2 million twenty-foot equivalents (TEUs) of containers in just 203 days. So far in 2023, it docked over 2,480 ships and serviced over 11,500 rakes.

## 17. Adani India's largest green energy company

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has achieved a significant milestone by becoming India's largest green energy company, reaching a total installed capacity of 8.4 gigawatts (GW). The company recently commissioned a 0.15 GW solar power park in Rajasthan, which propelled its solar capacity to over 5 GW, contributing to the 8.4 GW overall capacity. AGEL currently operates the country's largest solar portfolio with 5 GW capacity.

## 18. J&K first to use GPS tracker anklets



In a first, Jammu and Kashmir Police have introduced GPS tracker anklets to monitor the movement of terror-accused people on bail. With this, the J&K police department became the first in India to be using GPS tracker anklets to track the movement of accused persons on bail.





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## Some Other Minor News!

1. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the maiden voyage of the vessel Costa Serena, the first International Cruise Liner in India, from Mumbai on 3rd Nov 2023. Promoting cruise tourism has its vast economic positive impact, potential for job creation, higher foreign exchange earnings, and many other benefits.



2. Prime Minister Modi declared the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for another five years. The scheme, which was initially introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, provides 5 kg of free food grains every month to those in need.

3. Chile became the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance ISA on Nov 7. The ISA is an alliance of more than 120 signatory countries that aims to reduce the dependence on non-renewable sources of energy like fossil fuels.

4. The DRDO successfully test-fired its surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile 'Pralay' on Nov 7 from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. It has a strike range of 350-500 km and a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.



5. The 6th India-Korea Business Partnership Forum was held on Nov 7 in New Delhi. It marked a momentous celebration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and South Korea. Korean companies have invested more than 5.6 billion dollars since April 2020

6. IIT Madras has become the first Indian Institute of Technology to establish an international campus on the picturesque Zanzibar Island in East Africa.

7. Max Verstappen won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2023 on Nov 05 for the team Red Bull at the Interlagos Circuit in São Paulo, Brazil.

## Daily Current Affairs MCQs!

1. Shri Heeralal Samariya was sworn-in as the new incumbent to which apex office in India on Nov 06?
  - a. Chief Vigilance Commissioner
  - b. Chief Election Commissioner
  - c. Chairman, UGC
  - d. Chief Information Commissioner
  - e. None of these
  
2. Indian women's Hockey team won the Asian Champions Trophy on Nov 5 by defeating which team?
  - a. China
  - b. Japan
  - c. Malaysia
  - d. S Korea
  - e. Indonesia
  
3. November 5 is observed as World Tsunami Awareness Day. Tsunami, a Japanese word, means what in simple English?
  - a. Very high waves
  - b. Ferocious sea waves
  - c. Harbour waves
  - d. High tidal waves
  - e. Tidal waves

4. The under-21 men's hockey championship, Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 is hosted by which country?
  - a. Indonesia
  - b. Bangladesh
  - c. Malaysia
  - d. Brunei
  - e. None of these
  
5. Which of the following statements is NOT true about SAAB Group, a noted defence equipment manufacturer?
  - a. It is a noted manufacturer of defence and civil aircrafts
  - b. It is based in Sweden
  - c. It is first foreign company to get nod for 100% FDI in defence sector
  - d. It is famous for its high performance Bofors Gun
  - e. It is likely to set up its production plant in Haryana
  
6. The Indian Navy bid adieu to its old workhorse, IL-38 Sea Dragon on October 31. What is it?
  - a. Long range maritime patrol aircraft
  - b. Anti submarine boat
  - c. Anti submarine torpedo
  - d. Short range attack helicopter
  - e. None of these



7. The EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023 released in October end, placed which Indian business tycoon at the top as the biggest donor, accounting for a donation of Rs. 2042 crore last year?
- a. Azim Premji
  - b. Nandan Nilekani
  - c. Shiv Nadar
  - d. Mukesh Ambani
  - e. Gautam Adani
8. UNESCO declared November 03 as International Day for \_\_\_\_\_ Reserves in 2022:
- a. Ecological
  - b. Biosphere
  - c. Nature
  - d. Biodiversity
  - e. Wetland
9. What is the brand name of the packaged wheat flour launched by the government on Nov 6 at a subsidised rate of Rs 275 per 10 kg bag.
- a. Janata Atta
  - b. Garib Bhog
  - c. Anna Shri
  - d. Bharat Atta
  - e. No brand name

10. Punjab won their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in the T20 tournament on Nov 6 by defeating which team?
- a. Mumbai
  - b. Baroda
  - c. Kerala
  - d. Saurashtra
  - e. Railways
11. Which major port in India handled the highest volume of 16.1 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in October this year?
- a. Mumbai
  - b. Surat
  - c. Mormugao
  - d. Mundra
  - e. Paradip
12. Which energy company reached a milestone of total installed renewable energy capacity of 8.4 gigawatts (GW), becoming the largest player in this field?
- a. Adani Green Energy
  - b. Tata Power Solar
  - c. Suzlon Energy
  - d. NTPC
  - e. IOC Green

13. Which Indian state/UT has become the first one to introduce GPS tracker anklets to monitor the movement of terror-accused people on bail?
- a. Manipur
  - b. Mizoram
  - c. J & K
  - d. Goa
  - e. Puducherry

## Answers!

Q.	A.
1	D
2	B
3	C
4	C
5	D
6	A
7	C
8	B
9	D
10	B
11	D
12	A
13	C

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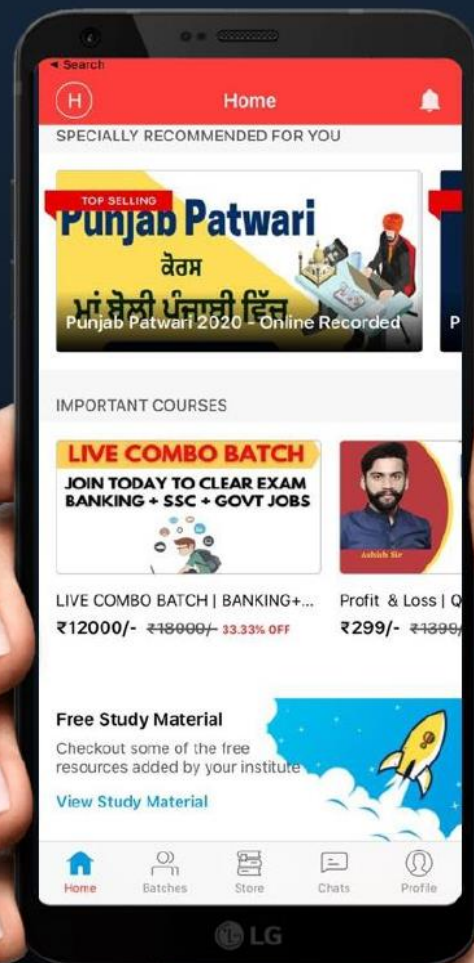
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