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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 08: International Day of Radiology



This day is celebrated to mark the discovery of X-radiation or X-ray on this day in 1895 by German scientist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen. Due to the unknown nature of these rays at that time, Rontgen labelled them as “X-rays”. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901 for this discovery.

This day is organised by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists. This day raises awareness about radiology and the critical role it plays in various high end diagnostic procedures such as X-ray, CT scan, MRI scans, ultrasounds, etc.

This year’s theme for the Day “Celebrating Patient Safety” focuses on the responsibilities of radiographers that extend beyond radiation protection to ensure overall well-being of patients.

2. November 08: World Town Planning Day

Also known as World Urbanism Day, it aims at promoting the role of planning in creating liveable urban communities. It also creates awareness of the environmental impact created by the development of cities and territories. It brings together professional planners and the general community to see how we can shape the world into an ideal place that we want to live and work in.

This year's theme for the Day is “Learn Globally, Apply Locally”. It focuses on the value of learning from planning and planning cultures globally.

3. November 09: National Legal Services Day



The day is celebrated every year by all State Legal Services Authorities in India, to highlight the role of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which came into effect on this day in 1995.

This act enforces the provisions of Article 39 A of the Constitution of India which provides for the free legal aid to the deprived sections of the society like the poor and economically weaker sections.

It aims to make people aware of the various provisions under the Act and to offer free of charge, proficient and legal services to the people belonging to weaker sections of society.

4. Congo in grip of violent conflicts



The International Organization for Migration (IOM), an agency of UNO has reported that conflict and escalating violence have uprooted a record 6.9 million people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), mostly in the east of the country, in areas adjoining Rwanda. Currently, eastern DRC is the site of ethnic conflict and violent resource competition involving ethnic militias, Congolese security forces, UN troops, and complex external interests.

The DRC is the second largest country in central Africa, next only to Algeria, in terms of area. Years of rebel conflict and recurrent natural disasters have helped fuel one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world. At the root of the conflict is the control over the illegal mining of rich minerals in the area.

The DRC has experienced a spike in violence in the latter months of 2023. Clashes involving militant groups over territory and natural resources, extrajudicial killings by security forces, political violence, and rising tensions with neighbouring countries have contributed to high rates of civilian casualties and displacement.

5. 2 Indians among 5 Earthshot prize winners



A solar-powered tech venture that is combating crop wastage in India and a global regenerative agriculture initiative founded by a Karnataka professional are among the five winners of the Earthshot Prize. Each one of them will get a one million British Pounds funding for their project. The awards ceremony was held on Nov 7 in Singapore.

S4S Technologies, founded in 2013 by six university friends, was named the winner in the “Build a Waste-Free World” category. The Mumbai based organisation provides rural communities with cheaper solar-powered conduction dryers and food processing equipment to prepare their crops on-site, rather than using cold storage or other more expensive methods of conventional industrial food preservation.

In the “Fix Our Planet ” category, Aadith Moorthy’s Boomitra won the prize. Boomitra, which means “friend of the earth” in Sanskrit, was set up in 2017 and is based in California. It is a soil carbon marketplace that generates revenue for farmers by selling the carbon credits earned by them by following sustainable land management practices. The company works with more than 150,000 farmers, managing more than 5 million acres of land in some of the poorest parts of Africa, South America and Asia.

The Earthshot Prizes were founded in 2021 by Britain's Prince William and referred to as the 'Eco Oscars'. They are awarded every year to five individuals or organisations who provide impactful and sustainable solutions for the planet's environmental problems. The project is funded by donations from philanthropists and charitable organisations.

6. November (9): World Usability Day



Also known as 'Make Things Easier' Day, it is observed on the second Thursday of November. "Usability" is a quality that evaluates how efficiently and effectively a person can use a product, as well as how satisfied he or she is with the experience. The theme chosen for the Day this year is "Collaboration and Cooperation". It focuses on working together to create solutions, both globally and locally.

7. November (9): World Quality Day

It is observed every year on the second Thursday in November, giving us an opportunity to focus on the significance of quality management in our lives. The day is observed primarily by people in the corporate and commercial sectors, to emphasise the importance of quality in work, and life, and improve the firm's standards and goodwill.

This year's theme is "Quality: realising your competitive potential". The theme highlights the importance of quality improvement principles and methods, and sharing best practices to enhance quality.

8. November 10: World Science Day for Peace and Development



Supported by UNESCO, the Day aims to raise the importance and relevance of science in our day to day lives. This day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The day aims to ensure that people are kept up-to-date about scientific developments. The theme of this year is “Building Trust in Science,” which emphasises the importance of trust in science as it is vital for developing evidence-based solutions to global challenges.

9. November (10): National Ayurveda Day

It is observed on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) every year since 2016. It falls on the second last day before Diwali. The day marks the birthday of Lord Dhanwantari who according to Vedas and Puranas, is regarded as the physician of the Gods and the God of Ayurveda.

The theme selected for this year’s celebrations is “Ayurveda for One Health” with tag line ‘Ayurveda for everyone on every day’ i.e., ‘Har din har kisi ke liye Ayurveda’.

10. November 11: National Education Day



NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

The day commemorates the birth anniversary of independent India's first Education Minister (1947-58), Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (1888-1958). The first IIT, IISc, School of Planning and Architecture and the University Grants Commission were established under his tenure as the education minister. 'Prioritising Education: Investing in Our People.' Besides being an educationist, he was an accomplished journalist, freedom fighter, and politician. For his immortal contribution – both as an educationist and as a freedom fighter – he was honoured with the Bharat Ratna in 1992.

11. Indo-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

The 5th India-US 2 plus 2 Ministerial Dialogue was held on Nov 10 in New Delhi. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar co-chaired the Dialogue with US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

The meeting conducted a high-level review of progress being made in cost-cutting aspects of defence and security cooperation, technology value chain collaborations and people-to-people ties. The Ministers also discussed plans to take forward the futuristic roadmap for India-US partnership in strategic fields.

12. 37th National Games 2023: The mega national sports event concluded on Nov 09 in a grand closing ceremony at Shyama Prasad Indoor Stadium in Panaji, Goa. Maharashtra won the Raja Bhalendra Singh trophy for overall championship, securing 228 medals including 80 gold. Best woman athlete trophy was given to gymnast Pranati Naik (Odisha) and gymnast Sanyukta Kale (Maharashtra) while the trophy for best athlete, men, was won by Karnataka swimmer Shrihari Nataraj.



The torch for national games was handed over to Uttarakhand for hosting the 38th National Games.

13. Moody's retains India's growth @ 6.7%

The Global Macroeconomic Outlook 2024-25 released by Moody's Investors Service on Nov 9, retained India's economic growth forecast for 2023 at 6.7 per cent and said strong domestic demand will likely sustain the growth in the near term. The report further said that with exports remaining weak against an unfavourable global economic backdrop, sustained domestic demand growth is propelling India's economy.

14. Pankaj Tripathi: Acclaimed Bollywood actor was selected as “UPI Safety Ambassador” by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to popularise safety awareness on digital payment platforms.



15. D N Ghosh: Noted bureaucrat, administrator, financial authority, who played a key role in formulating the government’s strategy in nationalisation of banks in India, breathed his last on Nov 07 at a hospital in Calcutta. He was 95. He served as Chairman of State Bank of India (1985-89). After retiring from SBI, Ghosh served on several private sector boards, including Philips, L&T, Peerless, HDFC and ICRA, among others.



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Some Other Minor News!

1. The 14th International Conference of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) was held on Nov 8 at Copenhagen, Denmark. Justice Arun Mishra, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) represented India at the event.



Daily Current Affairs MCQs!

1. November 08 is celebrated as International Day of _____ to commemorate the discovery of X-rays on this day in 1895:
 - a. Radiographers
 - b. Radiation
 - c. Radiology
 - d. X-Rays
 - e. Radiotherapy

2. November 09 is observed as the National Legal Services Day. Which article of the Constitution of India provides for the free legal aid to the deprived sections of the society?
 - a. 22(b)
 - b. 39-A
 - c. 63
 - d. 93
 - e. 123-c

3. As per a recent report by the International Organization for Migration, an UN agency, in which country conflict and escalating violence have uprooted a record 6.9 million people?
 - a. Algeria
 - b. Nigeria
 - c. Palestine
 - d. Republic of Congo
 - e. Somalia

4. The five Earthshot Prizes declared on Nov 7 in Singapore, included two Indians also. What is the amount of cash reward (in British Pounds) given to a winner of an Earthshot Prize?
- a. One lakh
 - b. Two lakh
 - c. Five lakh
 - d. Ten lakh
 - e. Twenty Five lakh
5. World Quality Day is observed annually on the second _____ of November:
- a. Sunday
 - b. Thursday
 - c. Friday
 - d. Saturday
 - e. Monday
6. Which Indian festival is also celebrated as the National Ayurveda Day?
- a. Govardhan Puja
 - b. Chhoti Diwali
 - c. Dhanteras
 - d. Ahoi Ashtami
 - e. Narka Chaturdashi

7. National Education Day on Nov 11 commemorates the birthday of which great Indian scholar?
- a. Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya
 - b. Rabindranath Tagore
 - c. Ishwar chandra Vidyasagar
 - d. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
 - e. Raja Ram Mohan Roy
8. Which state won the Raja Bhalendra Singh trophy for overall championship at the 37th National Games 2023?
- a. Karnataka
 - b. Maharashtra
 - c. Haryana
 - d. Punjab
 - e. Tamil Nadu
9. Who has been selected as the "UPI Safety Ambassador" by the National Payments Corporation of India to popularise safety awareness on digital payment platforms?
- a. Sachin Tendulkar
 - b. Priyanka Chopra
 - c. Kapil Dev
 - d. Pankaj Tripathi
 - e. Arijit Singh

10. D N Ghosh, a noted bureaucrat, administrator, financial authority, who played a key role in formulating the government's strategy in nationalisation of banks in India, breathed his last on Nov 07. One of his crucial assignment was as chairman of _____ Bank:

- a. PNB
- b. SBI
- c. HDFC Bank
- d. ICICI Bank
- e. BoB

Answers!

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

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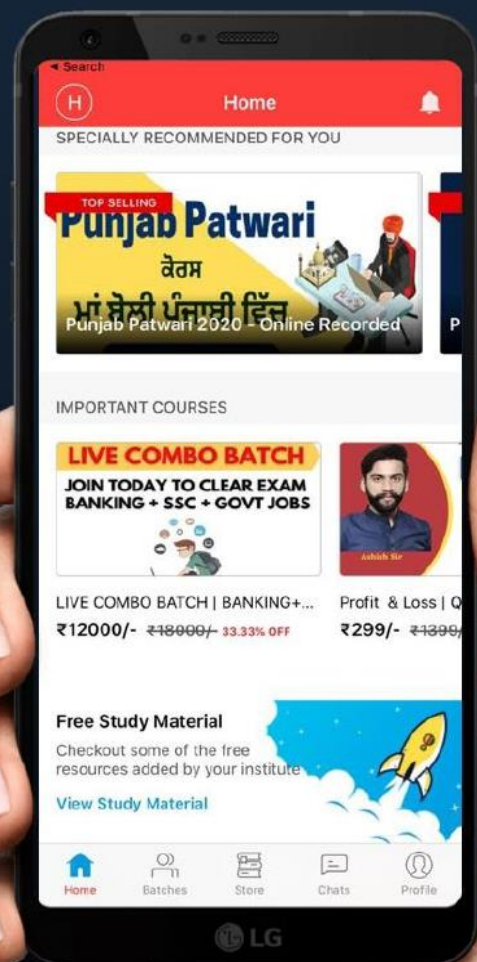
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