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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. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' launched



A major government initiative named 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', was launched nationwide on Nov 15. The initiative aims at ensuring saturation of the Centre's flagship schemes in 2.7 lakh panchayats by January 25, 2024. The Yatra aims to cover a vast area of the country to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach all targeted sections of the people in a time bound manner.

Over 2800 IEC (Information, Education and Communication) vans will be launched all over the country to ensure widespread publicity of the government welfare schemes. Besides publicity, enrolment of potential beneficiaries will also be done through details ascertained during the Yatra.

**2. Subrata Roy:** The founder of Sahara India Group, popularly respected as Saharasri, passed away on Nov 14 after battling a prolonged illness in a Mumbai hospital. He was 75 years old. His death marks the end of an era for the Indian business landscape, where he was known for his vast empire that spanned various sectors including finance, media, entertainment, and real estate.



Starting with just Rs 2,000 and a scooter in 1977, selling deposits to homemakers in Gorakhpur, he built an empire that, at its zenith, was second only to the Indian government in terms of employment, with a workforce of over 12 lakh, with more than nine crore investors.

**3. Virat Kohli,** a charismatic batter, scaled the mountain of tons on Nov 15, becoming the first player in the history of cricket to score a half-century of ODI centuries. He crossed the milestone at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, playing against New Zealand. He surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's earlier record of 49 centuries, achieved on the same date at the same venue in 2013.



**4. Prithvi Raj Singh aka Biki Oberoi:** The inheritor of India's first five-star hotel chain, Oberoi, and the man who transformed the Indian hospitality industry and built some of the world's finest hotels, setting new standards for luxury in hospitality, passed away in New Delhi on Nov 14 at the age of 94 years. Son of late Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi, the founder of The Oberoi Group, he took over as the Chairman of EIH Limited -- the flagship of the Oberoi Group -- in 2002, following the death of his father.



Under his able leadership, the Oberoi group's business expanded not only to hotels but also to cruises and resorts in seven countries under three brands — Oberoi Hotels & Resorts, Trident Hotels and Maiden Hotel. He was conferred the Padma Vibhushan in 2008 for his exceptional services to the country.

## 5. PVTG Development Mission launched

In a first-of-its-kind major initiative towards the empowerment of tribals, the central government launched a Rs 24,000 crore scheme named PVTG Development Mission, on Nov 15 from Jharkhand. The scheme aims at holistic development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG). The mission will be implemented through the convergence of 11 schemes of nine ministries under a host of existing welfare programmes covering rural roads, rural housing and drinking water facilities.

According to officials, there are 75 PVTG in 18 states and UTs, living in 22,544 villages spread across 220 districts having a total population of around 28 lakhs. They stay in scattered, remote and inaccessible habitations, often in forest areas and hence the mission has been planned to saturate PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities such as road and telecom connectivity, electricity, safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

**6. Rohit Sharma,** Indian captain crossed another milestone on Nov 15 by hitting most number of sixes at World Cups, blasting his 50th sixer, playing against New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai.



**7. Mohammed Shami,** top Indian pacer, playing against New Zealand on Nov 15, became the first Indian bowler to pick up 50 wickets in the ODI World Cup, that too with fastest rate, in just 17 innings. He also notched the record for most five-wicket hauls, four, in the history of World Cups.

## 8. November 14 - Children's Day



The day is celebrated across the country to increase awareness about the rights, care and education of children. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as he was very affectionate with children. The theme of this year 'For every child, every right', underscores the commitment to uphold the rights of every child worldwide.

**Remember !** World Children's Day is observed on Nov 20.

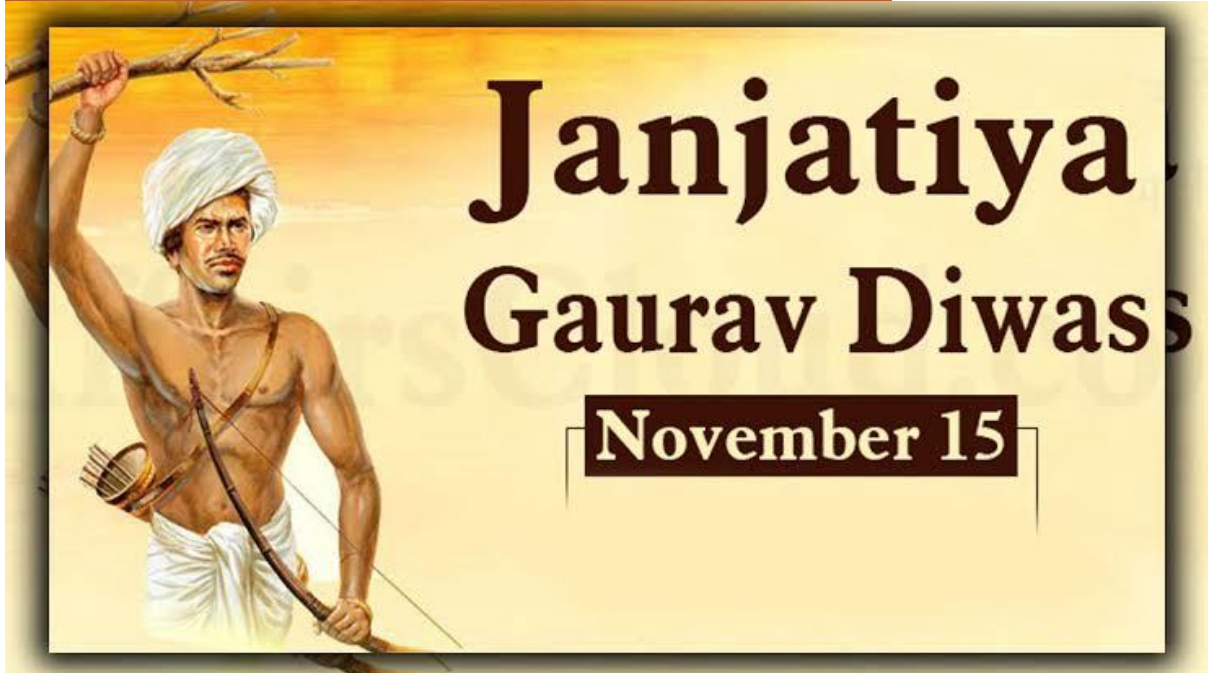
## 9. November 14 - World Diabetes Day

Observed all over the world, supported by the WHO to generate awareness about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. The day marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. The theme selected for the three year bloc 2021-23 is "Access to Diabetes Care".

Diabetes is a metabolic and chronic disease that indicates a higher level of blood glucose and loss of insulin production by the body.



## 10. November 15: Janjatiya Gaurav Divas



This day aims to highlight the rich cultural heritage and glorious history of tribal communities. It provides a platform to recognise the efforts of the tribals in the preservation of their cultural heritage and promotion of Indian values of national pride, valour, and hospitality.

The day also marks the birth anniversary of the tribal hero Birsa Munda (15-11-1875- 09-06-1900). Hailing from Munda tribe in Jharkhand region, he fought for India's independence against the exploitative regime of the British colonial system and spearheaded the freedom movement. He is revered as 'God' by tribal communities across India.

## 11. November (15): World COPD Day

COPD stands for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. This day is celebrated on the third Wednesday of November in collaboration with health experts and patients with COPD. This day raises awareness about COPD disease and helps you to understand the condition of the patient suffering from COPD and ways to improve their health. The theme selected for this year is "Breathing is Life - Act Earlier". It aims to highlight the importance of early lung health, early diagnosis and early interventions.



COPD is a chronic, progressive, life-threatening lung disease characterised by breathlessness, wheezing (whistling sound while breathing), chest tightness, and chronic cough with mucus in smokers (smoker's cough). Cigarette smoking is the single most serious risk factor for causing COPD while air pollution is another major cause for COPD.

## 12. November 16: Audit Diwas



The first Audit Diwas was celebrated in 2021 to mark the historic origins of the institution of CAG (Comptroller & Auditor General) and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency, and accountability over the past several years. It was on this day in 1860 that the first Auditor-General of India, Sir Edward Drummond took charge of the office of CAG.

CAG is an autonomous body constituted under Article 148 of the Constitution of India. CAG is appointed by the President with tenure of 6 years or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier. CAG audits all the government expenditure and places its report in the Parliament to ensure accountability of the government. Sh. Girish Chandra Murmu is the current CAG of India.

## 13. November 16: National Press Day

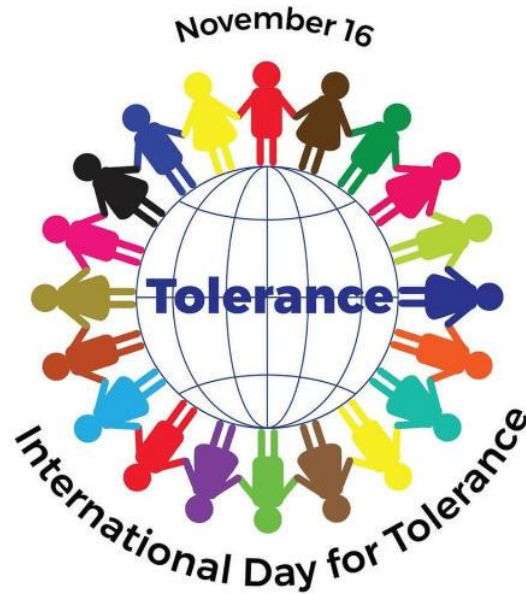


The day is celebrated to honour the existence of free and responsible press media in India. The Press is considered as the 4th pillar of democracy, after the legislature, the executive and the judiciary. It was on this day in 1966 that the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog for the press.

The Council has been mandated by Parliament to improve the standards of journalism and maintain its freedom. It ensures that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any influences or threats.

**Remember!!** World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 03.

## 14. November 16: International Day for Tolerance



As the name suggests, the day is observed to build tolerance among the cultures and people. The day was started by the United Nations General Assembly in 1995. Tolerance should be encouraged on both a personal and professional level, to make the world a better place to live in. The day marks the anniversary of UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance on this day in 1995 in Paris.

In 2023, the theme for the day is "Tolerance: A Path to Peace and Reconciliation," highlighting the pivotal role of tolerance in building peaceful and inclusive societies.

## 15. November (16): World Philosophy Day 2022

It is observed annually on the third Thursday of November. UNESCO proclaimed it as an international day in 2005. The Day aims to encourage people in learning about philosophy and how to speak out their philosophical thoughts. Philosophy is an inspiring discipline as well as an everyday practice that can transform societies.

The theme for the year 2023 "Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World" highlights the importance of philosophy in promoting understanding and dialogue between different cultures and perspectives.

## 16. World's first AI-powered humanoid CEO



Dictator, a rum making company in Poland, has appointed an AI-powered humanoid robot 'Mika' as the CEO of the company. Mika, described as a more sophisticated version of the well-known AI robot Sophia, operates tirelessly, available all the time 24x7 and needs no break or holidays. Her responsibilities range from identifying potential clients to selecting artists for designing bottles for the rum producer. Her decision-making process relies on extensive data analysis and aligning with the company's strategic objectives. Further, since it is devoid of personal bias, It makes strategic choices that are best suited for the company's interests.

## 17. Indo-US Innovation Handshake agreement

India and the US have signed an Innovation Handshake agreement on Nov 14 in San Francisco to promote innovation through increasing cooperation among startups, address regulatory hurdles and share best practices on fundraising by entrepreneurs. The scope of cooperation would include a series of India-US Innovation Handshake events.





The dialogue is a cooperative undertaking at the ministerial level between India and the US to facilitate regular interaction between business communities to facilitate trade and maximise investment opportunities.

The Innovation Handshake, a concept developed under the US-India Commercial Dialogue, will bring together the venture capital leaders, entrepreneurs and other industry and institutional stakeholders from the two countries to explore opportunities and address challenges in the areas of mutual interest.

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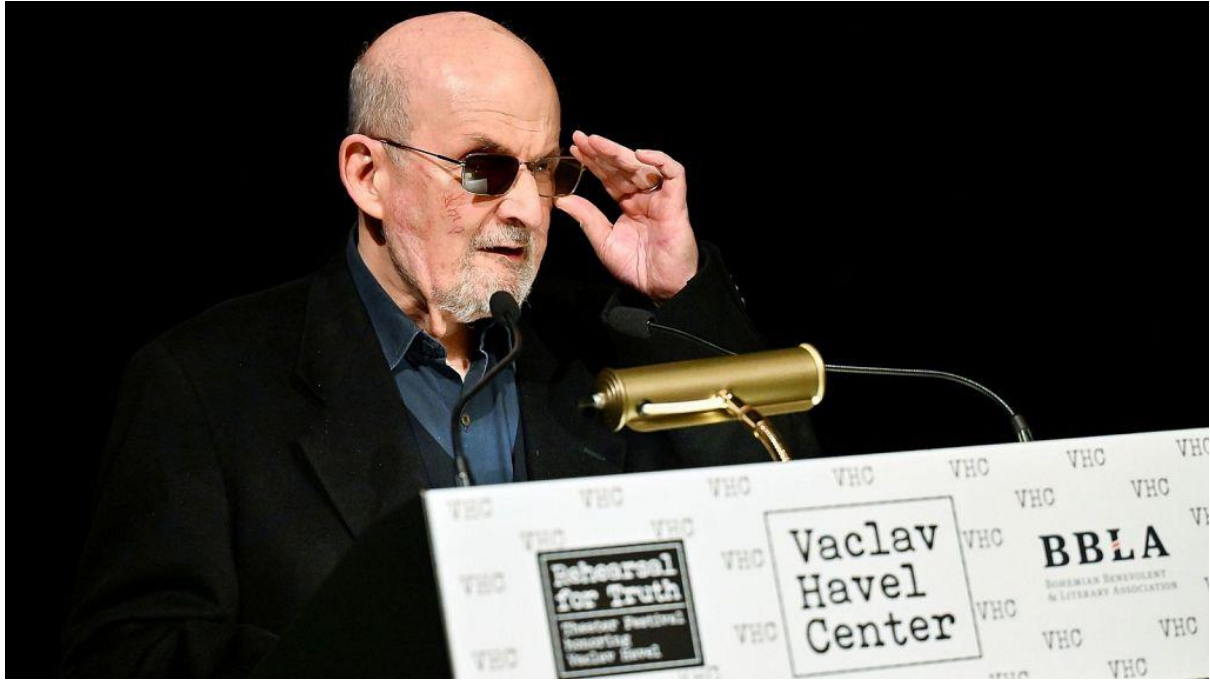
1. The International Cricket Council (ICC) recently announced the induction of three cricketing maestros into the coveted ICC Cricket Hall of Fame, including two Indians. The three masters are Virender Sehwag, Diana Edulji, and Sri Lankan superstar Aravinda de Silva.



2. The 42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2023 started on Nov 14 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Running for 14 days, until the 27th of this month, its theme this year is “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.” Bihar and Kerala are the Partner States of the Trade Fair.

3. Pablo Picasso’s famous painting “Woman with a Watch” was sold for a record-breaking \$139 million (over Rs 1157 crore) at a Sotheby’s auction in New York on November 8. The painting made in 1932 is a portrait of Picasso’s lover, Marie-Thérèse Walter, seated in a throne-like chair against a blue background.

4. Renowned author Salman Rushdie, received the inaugural 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' from the Vaclav Havel Center on Nov 14 in New York. The Havel centre is named after the legendary Czech playwright and dissident Havel who became the last president of Czechoslovakia after the fall of the Communist regime in the late 1980s.



5. Veteran playback singer Suresh Wadkar was selected by the Maharashtra government for the prestigious 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023.

6. The Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, New York was selected for the prestigious 2023 Olympic Cup by the IOC in recognition of its long-term commitment to supporting refugee athletes and refugees worldwide through taekwondo.

7. The second edition of the "World Food India 2023" was inaugurated on Nov 3 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The mega event aims to showcase India as the "food basket of the world" and celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets. More than 80 countries, 200 speakers and 12 business partners participated in the three-day event.



8. The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) announced on November 8 the appointment of Venkat Nageswar Chalasani as its new Chief Executive.



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