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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??

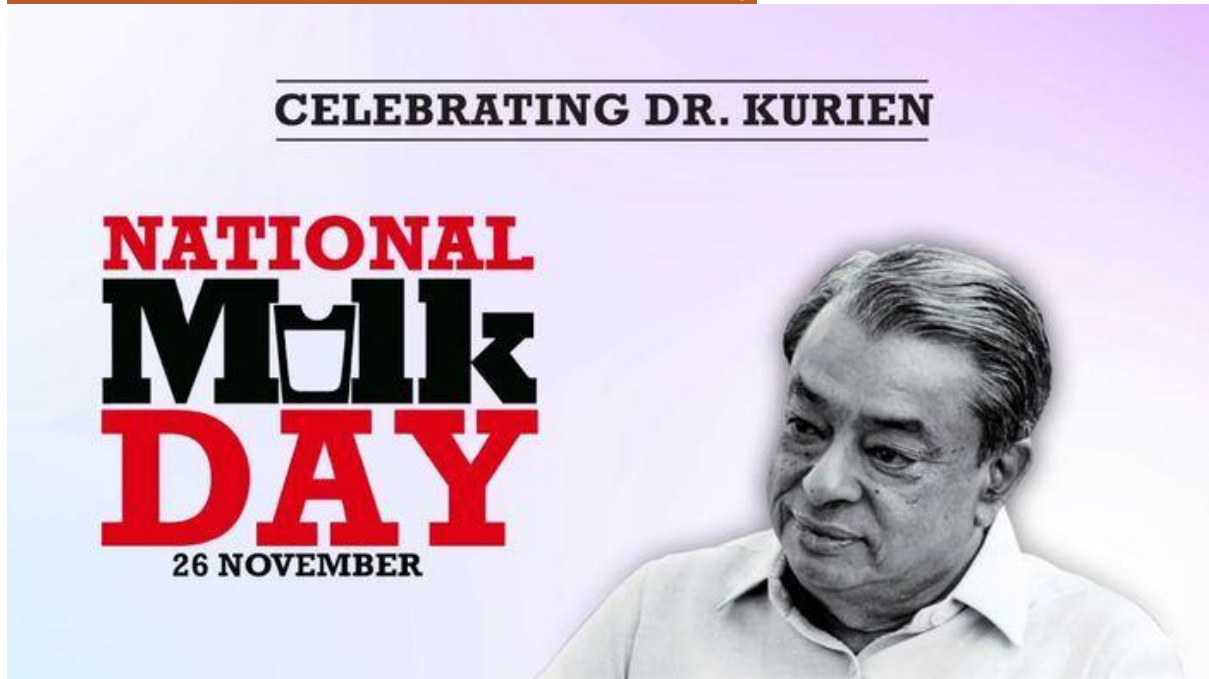
Don't worry!!

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 26: National Milk Day



Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, promoter of India's most successful dairy enterprise - AMUL (Anand Milk Union Ltd) in Gujarat. Credit goes to him for making India world's largest milk producer by launching 'Operation Flood' in 1970. He is also known as the 'Father of the White Revolution' in India. He was awarded the Padma Shri in the year 1965, the Padma Bhushan in 1966 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. He passed away on September 9, 2012, at the age of 90.

**Remember!** World Milk Day is observed on June 01.

### 2. November 26: The Constitution Day

On this day in 1949, India's constitution was adopted by the constituent assembly and it came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India. On November 19, 2015, the government formally notified November 26 as Constitution Day.

On this day tributes are paid to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, regarded as the Father of Indian Constitution. He was Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution which prepared the world's lengthiest and bulkiest constitution, comprising 448 Articles and 12 Schedules. Before 2015, the day was observed as National Law Day as Dr. Ambedkar was also the first Law Minister of India.

### 3. November (26): NCC Day



Observed on the fourth Sunday of November to commemorate the raising of the first unit of the National Cadet Corps in 1948 under the 'The National Cadet Corps Act 1948'. The NCC aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, and a secular outlook amongst school and college students. It also familiarises them with the functioning of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. Currently, NCC has over 15 lakh cadets on its rolls.

### 4. November 27: Indian Organ Donation Day

The day aims to promote organ donation for those who are in need of them and create awareness for removing the taboo around organ donation. Many people could live to see a new day if more and more people with healthy organs resolve to donate their organs, especially after their death.

**Remember!** World Organ Donation Day is observed on August 13.

## 5. Massive iceberg breaks away from Antarctica



Scientists at the British Antarctic Survey have confirmed that the world's biggest iceberg — which is roughly three times the size of New York City — is "on the move" after being stuck to the ocean floor for 37 years. The iceberg, which is around 400 metres thick, spans almost 4,000 square kms in area, split from the Antarctic coastline in 1986, but then became grounded in the Weddell Sea. It's still unclear why the iceberg is suddenly on the move again after 37 years.

Recent satellite images show the iceberg, called A23a, weighing nearly a trillion metric tonnes, is now moving past the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula aided by strong winds and currents. It is now headed toward the Southern Ocean

**6. Dr Anish Shah:** Elected as the new President of apex Indian industry body FICCI, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, for next year. Dr Shah is the Group CEO of Mahindra Group and the Managing Director of M&M.

**7. 79th Senior National Squash Championships, Chennai:** 15-year-old Anahat Singh won the women's title while Velavan Senthilkumar won the men's title on Nov 23.

### **8. Coming soon, 3D digital maps of cities**

The Survey of India (Sol), national surveying and mapping authority, has collaborated with Genesys, an Indian geospatial solutions company, to create Digital Twins of major cities and towns, combining Genesys' navigable maps with the CORS network of Sol which allows for real-time positioning of data.

The collaboration has introduced the India Map Stack initiative, synergising Genesys' expertise with SOI's technical infrastructure, delivering data layers such as 3D data, Digital Terrain Models (DTM), Digital Surface Models (DSM), and ortho imagery.

**9. The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a \$500 million loan to enhance the quality and affordability of tertiary health care and medical education in Maharashtra. The programme also plans to augment bed capacity in state hospitals and recruit at least 500 doctors for these new institutions.



## 10. Ayushman Arogya Mandir – new name



The central government decided on Nov 26 to rename Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres as “Ayushman Arogya Mandir” with the tagline “Arogyam Paramam Dhanam” (Wellness is supreme wealth). All the states and union territories have been asked to implement the rebranding exercise with immediate effect.

## 11. PM takes flight in Tejas fighter jet

Giving a mega push to the Make in India mission, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a sortie in the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas on Nov 25 in Bengaluru. Mr. Modi became the first Prime Minister to fly in a fighter aircraft. The 30-minute sortie was carried out from the Aircraft Systems Testing Establishment, Bengaluru.

Tejas has been designed, developed and built by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. The Indian Air Force has placed orders with HAL for 83 Tejas aircraft. The IAF is already operating two squadrons of Tejas, No 45 Squadron, the ‘Flying Daggers’ and No 18 Squadron, the ‘Flying Bullets’.

**12. 2023 Booker Prize:** won by 46 year old Irish writer Paul Lynch for his novel 'Prophet Song'. The storyline of the novel is set in a future Ireland under oppressive rule and explores the impact of civil war on families.



The Booker Prize is awarded to the best novel of fiction written in English and published in the UK or Ireland. It carries a cash prize of 50,000 British Pounds.

**13. Vidya Pillai** from Bengaluru became the first Indian woman on Nov 24 to win an individual world snooker title by securing Gold at the World 6 Red Women Snooker Championships in Doha, Qatar. Six-red snooker is a short version of snooker, played with only six red balls on the table, as opposed to the usual 15.

**14. Ace Indian golfer Aditi Ashok** secured her second victory of the Ladies European Tour season on Nov 26 by winning Andaluc a Costa del Sol Open de Espa a in Marbella, Spain.

## 15. November 26: World Sustainable Transport Day



The United Nations approved this day in May this year to highlight the impact that transport has on climate change, and to focus on convenient access to public transport. Sustainable transport refers to provision of environment friendly services and infrastructure for the mobility of people and goods. It aims to advance economic and social development in a manner that is safe, affordable, accessible, and efficient. The theme selected for the year 2023 is “Sustainable transport, sustainable development”.

**16. Surya Kiran 2023:** The 17th edition of joint military exercise between India and Nepal started on Nov 24 in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. The annual exercise, which is conducted alternately in the two countries, concluded on December 7. The exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability in jungle warfare and counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

## 17. World's first rifle-rated ballistic helmet



Achieving another milestone in defence manufacturing, Kanpur-based MKU Ltd has unveiled the world's first rifle-rated ballistic helmet, Kavro Doma 360. This is the first time in the world that a ballistic helmet offers uniform protection in all 5 zones of the head against threats like the AK-47 MSC, M80 NATO BALL, and M193 rifle bullets. It's the first anti-rifle helmet that does not have bolts or any metal parts that may hurt the head in case of bullet impact and weighs merely 1.45 kg.

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## Some Other Minor News!

1. Malaysia scrapped entry visa requirements for Indian citizens visiting the nation beginning the 1st of December this year. Now, Indian nationals may stay visa-free for up to 30 days in Malaysia.



2. India has taken Chair of International Sugar Organisation, London for 2024 to lead the global sugar sector. India pays the highest cane price in the world to sugarcane farmers, yet it supplies the cheapest sugar to its people.

## Multiple Choice Questions!

1. National Milk Day on November 26 marks the birth anniversary of Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Kurien, Milkman of India:
  - a. George
  - b. Mathews
  - c. Soros
  - d. Verghese
  - e. Chacko
  
2. November 26 is celebrated as Constitution Day. Originally, how many Articles were there in the Indian Constitution?
  - a. 389
  - b. 395
  - c. 413
  - d. 448
  - e. 470
  
3. Which of the following statements is NOT true in the context of NCC?
  - a. It acts as the second line of defence
  - b. It provides training in handling small firearms
  - c. Its first unit was raised in 1948
  - d. NCC Day is celebrated on fourth Sunday of November
  - e. Current strength of NCC cadets is over 15 lakh

4. Dr Anish Shah has been elected as the new President of which apex Indian industry body?
  - a. ASSOCHAM
  - b. NASSCOM
  - c. CII
  - d. FICCI
  - e. CAIT
  
5. Which city hosted the 79th Senior National Squash Championships that concluded on Nov 23?
  - a. Bhubaneswar
  - b. Visakhapatnam
  - c. Gwalior
  - d. Mount Abu
  - e. Chennai
  
6. The Asian Development Bank approved a \$500 million loan to which state to enhance the quality and affordability of tertiary health care and medical education in the state?
  - a. Maharashtra
  - b. Kerala
  - c. Assam
  - d. Jharkhand
  - e. Bihar

## Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	D
2	B
3	A
4	D
5	E
6	A

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