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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. December 05: World Soil Day



The day is observed to focus on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. There are more living organisms in a tablespoon of soil than the people on Earth. A world in itself, soil holds minerals, organic components, and organisms and needs to be protected from degradation to ensure nutrient-rich plant life on Earth.

This year's theme for the Day is 'Soil and water, a source of life.' This theme underscores the vital link between soil and water, which collectively contribute to over 95 percent of our food production.

2. December 5: International Volunteer Day

Also called International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, it was established by the United Nations in 1985 as an opportunity for people around the world to come together and celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism.

This day is an opportunity for everyone to promote volunteerism, encourage governments to support volunteer efforts at local, national, and international levels. The theme for the Day this year is "The Power of Collective Action: If Everyone Did."

3. President of Kenya 's India visit



President of Kenya, William Samoei Ruto arrived in New Delhi on Dec 04 on a three day visit to India. He participated in a business and investment event in New Delhi. The visit aimed to strengthen and invigorate the bilateral relations between the two countries. India approved a \$ 250 million credit line to Kenya for modernisation of its agriculture sector.

4. IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023: The 26-member squad secured 17 medals including three gold, nine silver and five bronze medals at the event that concluded on Dec 04 in Yerevan, Armenia. All three golds were secured by girls, Payal, Nisha and Akansha.

5. Cyclone Michaung batters Eastern Coast

Severe cyclonic storm Michaung after battering Chennai and north Tamil Nadu on Dec 4, made a landfall near Nellore in south Andhra Pradesh on Dec 05 mid-day. Life was thrown out of gear in Chennai and its neighbouring districts as relentless rain pounded various parts leading to unprecedented flooding. The havoc claimed at least 17 lives in the city.

Coastal districts of Andhra were devastated by very strong winds and heavy rainfall, causing widespread damage. By Dec 6 the storm weakened into a depression, striking the Odisha's southern areas with heavy rainfall, forcing the closure of schools. The name 'Michaung' was suggested by Myanmar. It means strength or resilience.

6. Delhi University tops the QS rankings

The QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024, released on Dec 05 by UK based global higher education analysts Quacquarelli Symonds, included 56 Indian universities. Amongst them, Delhi University topped the chart, followed by Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) Bombay and Madras.

Overall, the University of Toronto, Canada has bagged the first rank, followed by the University of California, USA and the University of Manchester, UK at the second and third spots.

The QS rankings evaluated 1,397 institutions across 95 countries, based on their social and environmental impact and governance standards. The rankings provide a unique and detailed framework to assess how universities are taking action to tackle the world's most pressing global challenges.



7. Hump WWII Museum opened in Pasighat



A museum dedicated to fallen airmen flying for the Allied forces (led by Britain) during World War II, was inaugurated on Nov 29 at Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh. The Hump WWII Museum has been named after a treacherous air route between north-eastern Assam and Yunnan in China.

The pilots of the Allied forces nicknamed the route 'The Hump' because their aircrafts had to negotiate deep gorges and high mountain peaks, rising beyond 10,000 feet. From 1942 to 1945, military aircrafts transported nearly 6,50,000 tonnes of supplies like fuel, food, and ammunition. Some 650 aircrafts crashed while negotiating the difficult mountain terrain and extreme weather conditions.

8. INS Sandhayak: The largest-ever survey vessel built in the country was delivered to the Indian Navy on Dec 04 by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. in Kolkata. Keeping the tradition of Indian Navy to not to kill the ships, INS Sandhayak is reincarnation of the original ship of the same name that was decommissioned in 2021.

The 110-meter-long vessel is the first in a series of four survey ships being constructed by GRSE for the Indian Navy. It is capable of full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic survey of port and harbour approaches and determination of navigation channels and routes.

9. Sheetal Devi, an Indian para archer, winner of two gold and one silver medal in the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games, was selected as “Best Youth Athlete” at the fourth edition of the Asian Awards hosted by the Asian Paralympic Committee in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

10. ‘Rizz’ is Oxford’s ‘Word of the Year 2023’

Oxford University Press has unveiled “Rizz” as its Word of the Year 2023. The term refers to "style, charm or attractiveness." It's created by the younger generation as a short for "charisma." The decision was made by language experts at the renowned publisher of the Oxford English Dictionary.



11. Ohio, USA fears White Lung Syndrome

The outbreak of a respiratory infection in northern China and a surge in the number of pneumonia cases in children in Ohio in the US, has raised the speculations about the beginning of a new COVID !9-like pandemic, named White Lung Syndrome. However, health authorities in Ohio have dismissed any association of this with pneumonia clusters found in China and parts of Europe.

“White Lung Syndrome” is a familiar symptomatic expression associated with either viral or bacterial infections, but the current incidence does not signal anything alarming. The term has gained prominence due to China’s mycoplasma pneumoniae outbreak, a bacterial infection showcasing as white patches in lung scans.

12. India lags behind in Digital Competitiveness

The 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking (WDCR), released on Dec 01 by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), Switzerland, has ranked India 49th among 64 leading economies surveyed by it. According to IMD's study, India has made significant in terms of cybersecurity knowledge but lacks on fronts like technology and future readiness.



The United States regained the top position with robust results across all three factors: knowledge, technology, and future readiness. It was followed by the Netherlands and Singapore at second and third rank. MD's World Digital Competitiveness Ranking offers insights into how various nations are navigating digital transformation in the era of artificial intelligence (AI). It ranks the countries on the basis of how actively they promote the comprehensive integration of digital technologies, encompassing AI, across governmental, corporate, and individual spheres.

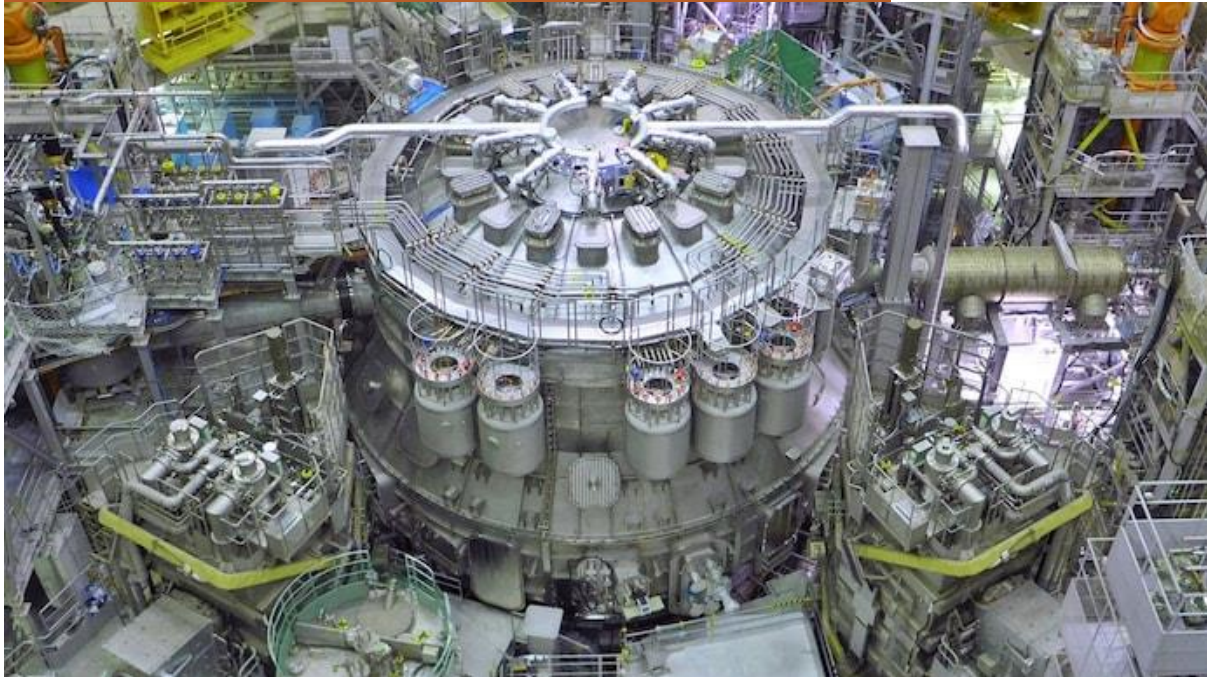
13. The Asian Development Bank granted a \$200 million loan to Uttarakhand to enhance the quality, efficiency, and dependability of electricity supply in the state and help its transition to the use of clean energy sources.



14. Safeena Hussain: Founder of NGO 'Educate Girls,' has become the first Indian woman to bag the WISE Prize worth \$ 5 lakh for mobilising 14 lakh out of school girls in Indian villages to get back to mainstream education. Working in partnership with the Government, Educate Girls currently operates successfully in over 24,000 villages of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar.

Founded in 2009 by Qatar Foundation, WISE (World Innovation Summit for Education) has become a global point of reference for new educational paradigms.

15. World's largest nuclear fusion reactor



The world's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion reactor started its official operations on Dec 01 in Japan'. Named JT-60SA, it is a joint venture of Japan with the European Union. It's the result of a collaboration of more than 500 scientists and engineers and over 70 companies from across Europe and Japan. Notably, fusion differs from fission, the technique currently used in nuclear power plants. Fusion includes fusing two atomic nuclei instead of splitting one as in fission. The JT-60SA reactor is a six-storey-high machine, which is kept in a hangar in Naka, near Tokyo. It comprises a doughnut-shaped "tokamak" vessel set to contain swirling plasma heated up to 200 million degrees Celsius, much more than the temperature of the core of the Sun, which is around 15 million degrees Celsius. A tokamak is a huge machine that confines a plasma (extremely superheated material) using very strong magnetic fields in a donut (doughnut) shaped structure, for generating massive energy by fusion.

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Some Mother Minor News!

1. Mohammed Al Ramsi, a senior bureaucrat of the United Arab Emirates was appointed Chairman of World Radiocommunication Conference 2023.



2. The Indian Army held 'Idea and Innovation Competition and Seminar -Inno Yodha 2023' on Dec 05 in New Delhi. The event highlighted the creativity and ingenuity of the innovators in enhancing modernisation and technological advancement of the Indian Army.
3. The Propulsion Module (PM) of Chandrayaan-3 has been moved from an orbit around the Moon to an orbit around Earth. The main objective of the Propulsion Module was to ferry the lander module Vikram from the Earth to the final lunar orbit and drop it on the Moon's surface.
4. The actions undertaken by the Bihar government in the field of afforestation, particularly through the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan (Rural Development Department), received praise from the international community at the ongoing United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-28) in Dubai.

5. The Indian Railways has initiated a pioneering step towards wildlife conservation by deploying the “Gajraj system,” an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solution designed to prevent accidental elephant fatalities on railway tracks.



6. Andry Rajoelina, re-elected as the President of Madagascar for the third time.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. President of _____, William Samoei Ruto arrived in New Delhi on Dec 04 on a three day visit to India:
 - a. Tanzania
 - b. Nigeria
 - c. Spain
 - d. Kenya
 - e. Colombia

2. IBA Junior World Boxing Championship 2023 which concluded on Dec 04, was hosted by which country?
 - a. Belgium
 - b. Greece
 - c. Liberia
 - d. Armenia
 - e. Serbia

3. Severe cyclonic storm Michaung that battered the Indian western coast, made its landfall on Dec 5 near which place?
 - a. Vellore
 - b. Chennai
 - c. Nellore
 - d. Tuticorin
 - e. Ennore

4. The QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024, released on Dec 05, placed which university at top among Indian universities?
 - a. Bombay University
 - b. Delhi University
 - c. IIT Bombay
 - d. IIT Madras
 - e. JNU Delhi

5. Hump WWII Museum, dedicated to fallen airmen flying for the Allied forces (led by Britain) during World War II, was inaugurated on Nov 29 at which place in Arunachal Pradesh?
 - a. Bomdila
 - b. Tezu
 - c. Pasighat
 - d. Twang
 - e. Itanagar

6. What is the name of the largest-ever survey vessel built in the country that was delivered to the Indian Navy on Dec 04?
 - a. INS Vindhya
 - b. INS Sahyadri
 - c. INS Saumyak
 - d. INS Sandhayak
 - e. INS Nilgiri

7. Sheetal Devi was selected as “Best Youth Athlete” at the recent Asian Awards in Riyadh. She is a noted player of which sports?
- a. Archery
 - b. Boxing
 - c. High jump
 - d. Sprint
 - e. Shot put
8. Oxford University Press has unveiled _____ as its Word of the Year 2023:
- a. Swiftie
 - b. Prompt
 - c. Rizz
 - d. Heat Dome
 - e. Parasocial
9. Which US state was in the news recently due to the outbreak of a respiratory infection named White Lung Syndrome?
- a. Florida
 - b. California
 - c. Ohio
 - d. Georgia
 - e. Texas

10. Which country topped the 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking (WDCR), released on Dec 01?
 - a. USA
 - b. Switzerland
 - c. Singapore
 - d. Denmark
 - e. Netherland

11. The Asian Development Bank granted a \$200 million loan to which Indian state to enhance the quality, efficiency, and dependability of electricity supply in the state?
 - a. Karnataka
 - b. Tripura
 - c. West Bengal
 - d. Uttarakhand
 - e. Odisha

12. Safeena Hussain became the first Indian woman to bag the WISE Prize worth \$ 5 lakh for which achievement?
 - a. Motivating villagers for construction of toilets
 - b. Promoting cleanliness in Mumbai slums
 - c. Promotion formation of women SHGs in rural area
 - d. Bringing lakhs of girls back to school
 - e. Working for women empowerment by skilling them

13. The world's largest and most advanced nuclear fusion reactor started its official operations on Dec 01 in which country?

- a. China
- b. Russia
- c. Germany
- d. USA
- e. Japan

Answer Key

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

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