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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. Dec. 14: The National Energy Conservation Day



It is celebrated every year by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), an agency under the Ministry of Power. It aims to raise awareness among the general public about the importance of energy conservation and energy efficiency. Energy conservation is an effort made to reduce the consumption of fuel and use the least energy resources to save the same for the future.

BEE is a constitutional body that helps in the development of policies and strategies in order to reduce energy use. It was set up on 1st March 2002 under the provision of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

It may be noted that World Energy Conservation Day is also observed on this date.

2. Five states get new Chief Ministers

As per the recent assembly elections held in five states and results declared on Dec 3 (Dec 4 for Mizoram), party MLAs of various states elected their new leader as under:

Madhya Pradesh: Dr Mohan Yadav from BJP

Chhattisgarh: Vishnu Deo Sai from BJP

Rajasthan: Bhajan Lal Sharma from BJP

Telangana: Revanth Reddy from Congress

Mizoram: Lalduhoma from Zoram People's Movement

3. Order of Merit of the Italian Republic: Italy's highest civilian honour was bestowed on veteran actor Kabir Bedi on Dec 10 at a private ceremony held in Mumbai for his extraordinary role in promoting better relations between India and Italy. Kabir enjoys widespread popularity across all generations in Italy.



4. 33rd Vyas Samman, 2023: Awarded to veteran Hindi writer Pushpa Bharati for her 2016 memoir, “Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein.” A recipient of several awards, 88 year old Bharati ji is celebrated in literary circles for her unique writing style and effective use of language.

The award includes a cash prize of ₹4 lakh, a citation, and a plaque. Instituted by the K K Birla Foundation in 1991, the Vyas Samman acknowledges exceptional Hindi literary works by Indian citizens published in the last 10 years.

5. World's first methane-liquid oxygen rocket

Beijing-based private aerospace company LandSpace launched Zhuque 2 Y-3, world's first methane-liquid oxygen fuelled rocket on Dec 9 from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China. The rocket successfully placed three satellites – Honghu, Honghu 2, and TY-33, into a 460 km sun-synchronous orbit.



6. COP 28 concludes in Dubai



The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 28/UNFCCC) concluded on Dec 13 in Dubai. The COP28 President Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber announced that parties to the UN climate summit reached a final consensus on a "historic" climate deal. Jaber is also the CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, UAE's state-owned oil giant. Diplomats from almost 200 nations finally agreed on a common document that asked nations to "transition away" from fossil fuels in a "just, equitable and orderly manner," with an accelerated shift over the next few years, to achieve net zero by 2050. It advocates for "reducing both consumption and production of fossil fuels, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, so as to achieve net-zero by, before, or around 2050 in keeping with the science".

It reiterates last year's call for a rapid phase-down of power generation by coal and restrictions on any such new project. It also calls for an acceleration and substantial reduction of non-CO2 emissions, particularly methane, globally by 2030.

Under the COP28 Presidency's 'Action Agenda,' bold and decisive steps were taken across four pillars of the Paris Agreement:

Fast-tracking a just energy transition,

Fixing climate finance,

Focusing on people and nature, and

Fostering inclusivity in climate action.

The COP28 summit mobilised an unprecedented \$85 billion in funding for climate action. COP 29 will now be hosted by Azerbaijan in November 2024 while COP30 will be hosted by Brazil in 2025.

7. Indian Army to get 70,000 SIG 716 rifles

In a high level meeting of the Ministry of Defence on Dec 12, a proposal was cleared to purchase 70,000 more semi-automatic SIG 716 assault rifles from US-based SIG Sauer for the Indian Army which is already using them from 2019 onwards. The repeat order for acquisition of Sig Sauer is valued at ₹800 crore.

These rifles were preferred because of their longer range and better operational ease. The SIG716 uses the more powerful 7.62x51mm cartridge. It weighs just 3.8 kg (without cartridge) and has an effective killing range of 600 mts. The armed forces require 8.1 lakh assault rifles for the three services, out of which the Indian Army alone needs 7.6 lakh rifles.



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Some Other Minor News!

1. Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar, a prominent Indian scientist, was honoured with the Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship by ICONGO in collaboration with the United Nations, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to R&D in Physical & Bio-Science and Microbiological Studies. ICONGO – Indian Confederation of NGOs



2. Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General, was honoured at the annual 'Diwali Power of One Awards, alongwith two other winners, in recognition of their selfless contribution in shaping a more perfect, peaceful, and secure world.

3. Former world No. 1 doubles player Leander Paes and broadcaster and promoter Vijay Amritraj of India have become the first Asian men to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in New Port, USA.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. As per the recent assembly elections held in five states and results declared on Dec 3 (Dec 4 for Mizoram), all five states got new chief ministers. Identify the correct pairing from below:

A. Madhya Pradesh	1. Bhajan Lal Sharma
B. Telangana	2. Lalduhoma
C. Chhattisgarh	3. Vishnu Deo Sai
D. Rajasthan	4. Revanth Reddy
E. Mizoram	5. Dr Mohan Yadav

- a. A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1 E-5
- b. A-5; B-4; C-3; D-1; E-2
- c. A-3; B-5; C-1; D-4; E-2
- d. A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2; E-5
- e. A-5; B-2; C-3; D-1; E-4

2. Which veteran Bollywood actor was honoured with Italy's highest civilian honour – Order of Merit of the Italian Republic on Dec 10?

- a. Pankaj Tripathi
- b. Anupam Kher
- c. Kabir Bedi
- d. Manoj Bajpai
- e. Saurbh Shukla

3. Veteran Hindi writer Pushpa Bharati was honoured recently with which literary award for her 2016 memoir, “Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein”?
 - a. Jnanpith Award
 - b. Vyas Samman
 - c. Rabindra Puraskar
 - d. Kalidas Samman
 - e. Saraswati Samman

4. World's first methane-liquid oxygen fuelled rocket was launched by a private aerospace company LandSpace on Dec 9 in which country?
 - a. USA
 - b. France
 - c. Japan
 - d. China
 - e. North Korea

5. The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28/UNFCCC) concluded on Dec 13 in Dubai. Which country will host the COP29 in November, 2024?
 - a. France
 - b. Poland
 - c. Canada
 - d. Chile
 - e. Azerbaijan

6. The Ministry of Defence on Dec 12, approved a proposal to purchase 70,000 more semi-automatic SIG 716 assault rifles from SIG Sauer company of which country?
- a. Sweden
 - b. Israel
 - c. Russia
 - d. Netherlands
 - e. America

Answer Key

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

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