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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 18: Minorities Rights Day



It is celebrated by the National Commission for Minorities in India which focuses on religious harmony, respect, and a better understanding of all minorities' communities. In India, six communities have been notified as 'minority' namely Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikhs, Parsis, and Jain.

The Union Government established the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) in 1993 under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 to protect and promote the rights and interests of minority communities. Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura is the current Chairman of the NCM.

### 2. December 18: International Migrants Day

It is observed every year to protect the rights of migrant workers and of members of their families. The UN Migration Agency - International Organisation for Migrants (IOM), based in Geneva, Switzerland, defines a migrant as "any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence".

According to the UN, the number of migrants globally reached approximately 281 million in 2020, representing 3.6 per cent of the global population, while over 59 million people were displaced internally by the end of 2021. This year's theme for the day is "Act Today for a Better Tomorrow for All: Improving the Health of Migrants to Unleash the Power of Migration."

### 3. Haryana tops in Khelo India Para Games

The first-ever Khelo India Para Games which started on Dec 10 in New Delhi, concluded on Dec 17. Haryana became the overall champion by securing 105 medals including 40 gold, 39 silver, and 26 bronze. 1450 athletes from 32 states and UTs including the Services Sports Control Board participated in the 8-day event.





#### 4. World's deepest and largest science laboratory



A 2,400-meter-deep physics laboratory, China Jinping Underground Laboratory, in southwest China's Sichuan Province became operational on Dec 7. Located beneath Jinping Mountain, with a total room capacity of 330,000 cubic metres, it is the deepest and largest underground lab in the world.

One of the primary objectives of the lab is to contribute significantly to the global search for dark matter—a mysterious form of matter that seems to defy interaction with light or the electromagnetic field. Scientists believe the laboratory provides a "clean" space for them to pursue the invisible substance known as dark matter. They said the extreme depth helps block most cosmic rays that mess with the observation.

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## Some Other Minor News!

1. The Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, died on Dec 16. He was 86 and had been in power for the past three years.



2. Rijul Maini, a medical student from Michigan, was recently crowned Miss India USA 2023 in New Jersey. Saloni Rammohan and Sneha Nambiar secured Miss Teen and Mrs India USA titles, respectively.

## Multiple Choice Questions!

1. December 18 is observed as the Minorities Rights Day in India. Which of the following is NOT regarded as a minority community in India?
  - a. Parsis
  - b. Jains
  - c. Marwaris
  - d. Christians
  - e. Buddhists
  
2. The first-ever Khelo India Para Games concluded on Dec 17 in New Delhi. Which state topped the medal tally?
  - a. Haryana
  - b. Karnataka
  - c. Maharashtra
  - d. Gujarat
  - e. Tamil Nadu
  
3. World's deepest and largest underground lab in the world was made operational on Dec 7 at a depth of 2,400 metres, in which country?
  - a. France
  - b. Switzerland
  - c. Italy
  - d. China
  - e. Australia



## Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	C
2	A
3	D

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