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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 25: Good Governance Day



The day is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to raise awareness about accountability in governance among the people of India. The day was established in 2014 to honour the Bharat Ratna Shri Vajpayee. He breathed his last at the age of 93 on 16 August, 2018. His samadhi 'Sadaiv Atal' has been built in New Delhi.

### 2. December 26: Veer Bal Diwas

On the day of the Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Gobind Singh in 2022, the Prime Minister had announced that 26th December will be observed as “Veer Bal Diwas” to mark the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh’s sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh (9) and Baba Fateh Singh (7).

It is said that after being captured by the then Mughal Nawab of Sirhind in 1704, the two Sahibzadas were asked to convert to Islam. But they sternly refused and affirmed their deep commitment to Sikhism. This fearless attitude of the Sahibzadas infuriated the Nawab and he ordered them to be bricked alive. The sacred wall has been preserved in the Gurudwara Bhora Sahib, located in Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib, Sirhind, in Punjab.

### 3. December 27: The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness



The day aims to promote international awareness and action on the prevention of, preparedness for and partnership against epidemics. The day was first observed in 2020 on a call by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate the importance of collective preparedness to fight against epidemics.

The day aims to raise awareness, the exchange of information, scientific knowledge and best practices, quality education, and advocacy programmes on epidemics at the local, national, regional and global levels as effective measures to prevent and respond to epidemics.

### 4. INS Imphal joins Indian Navy

INS Imphal, the stealth guided missile destroyer built by the Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Dec 26 at the naval dockyard in Mumbai.

With an overall length of 164m, INS Imphal is equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-air BrahMos missiles, anti-ship missiles and torpedoes.



It is the first warship to have been named after a city from the North-Eastern region, the approval for which was accorded by the President in April 2019.

## 5. “Paat-Mitro” app for jute farmers



  
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**PAAT-MITRO**  
A JCI initiative for Jute farmers.

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The Ministry of Textiles launched the mobile application “Paat-Mitro” on Dec 21 to provide important information about MSP and agronomy to jute farmers. Developed by The Jute Corporation of India (JCI), it is available in 6 languages.

The app provides information on latest agronomic practices, farmer-centric schemes like ‘Jute-ICARE’, weather forecasts, JCI’s Purchase Centers’ locations, Procurement Policies, etc. Farmers will also be able to track the status of their payments for the raw jute sold to JCI.

## 6. \$300 million WB loan for Tamil Nadu

The World Bank sanctioned a \$300 million loan to support Tamil Nadu in providing around 2 million people with improved access to water and sewerage services in cities. The Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Program will help 21 Urban Local Bodies in providing better quality and efficient water supply and sewerage services to consumers.

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## Some Other Minor News!

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the collected works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya on Dec 25 on his Birth Anniversary at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. It has been published by the Directorate of Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
2. India recorded their maiden victory against Australia in a women's test match on Dec at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. This is India's first victory against Australia in 11 tests since the teams first clashed in the longest format in 1977.
3. Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize: Won by the noted poet-critic Sukrita Paul Kumar for her book, "Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems".
4. A group of researchers from Visva-Bharati University's botany department have discovered a bacteria capable of boosting plant growth and named it 'Pantoea Tagorei' after Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.



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