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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. Indian GDP to grow by 7.3% : NSO



The First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for the financial year 2023-24, released on Jan 5 by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, stated that the Indian economy is estimated to grow at 7.3 per cent in 2023-24 against 7.2 per cent in the previous fiscal.

- The leading sectors with high growth rate included construction-10.7%, financial, real estate and professional services-8.9%, public administration and defence- 7.7%, and manufacturing-6.5% while agriculture and allied sectors put a burden on growth by registering a growth of just 1.8 per cent.
- GDP at current prices in the year 2023-24 is estimated at Rs 296.58 lakh crore against the provisional estimate of GDP of Rs 272.41 lakh crore for the year 2022-23.

2. Project 'Veer Gatha' gets big response



The Defence Ministry has informed that around 1.37 crore students from around 2.43 lakh schools have participated in the third edition of Project 'Veer Gatha' as part of Republic Day celebrations.

- Each one of the 100 winners of the project will be awarded a cash prize of Rs 10,000 and will be invited to attend the Republic Day Parade 2024 in Delhi as a special guest.
- Project 'Veer Gatha' was launched in October 2021 as an initiative aimed at disseminating the details of acts of bravery of the gallantry awardees and the life stories of these bravehearts among the students so as to raise the spirit of patriotism.
- Students from class 3 to 12 can participate in four different categories (class wise) by uploading their stories, essays, poems, drawings and even videos highlighting the valour of our brave soldiers, on the Veer Gatha portal.
- Every year 100 super winners, 25 from each category, are selected.

3. Govt approves Prithvi Vigyan (PrithVi)" scheme



The Union Cabinet on Jan 05 approved an investment of Rs 4,797 crore for the Prithvi Vigyan (PrithVi)" scheme, for the period from 2021 to 2026.

- The scheme, a comprehensive initiative of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is set to revolutionise India's approach to earth science research and application.
- It will also focus on the development of models for understanding and predicting weather, ocean, and climate hazards and exploring the dynamics of climate change.
- It will promote development of integrated multi-disciplinary earth science research and innovative programmes across different agencies.
- It integrates the five existing sub-schemes, each one dealing with some Earth related aspects such as climate change, oceans, polar studies, Seismology and Geosciences, and research, education, and training.
- These schemes collectively aim to enhance our understanding of the Earth's vital signs and translate scientific knowledge into practical services for the benefit of society, the environment, and the economy.

4. January 6: World Day of War Orphans



The day aims to raise awareness about children orphaned in wars or conflicts, and spread information about their plight. These children experience psychological, social, and physical obstacles as they grow up.

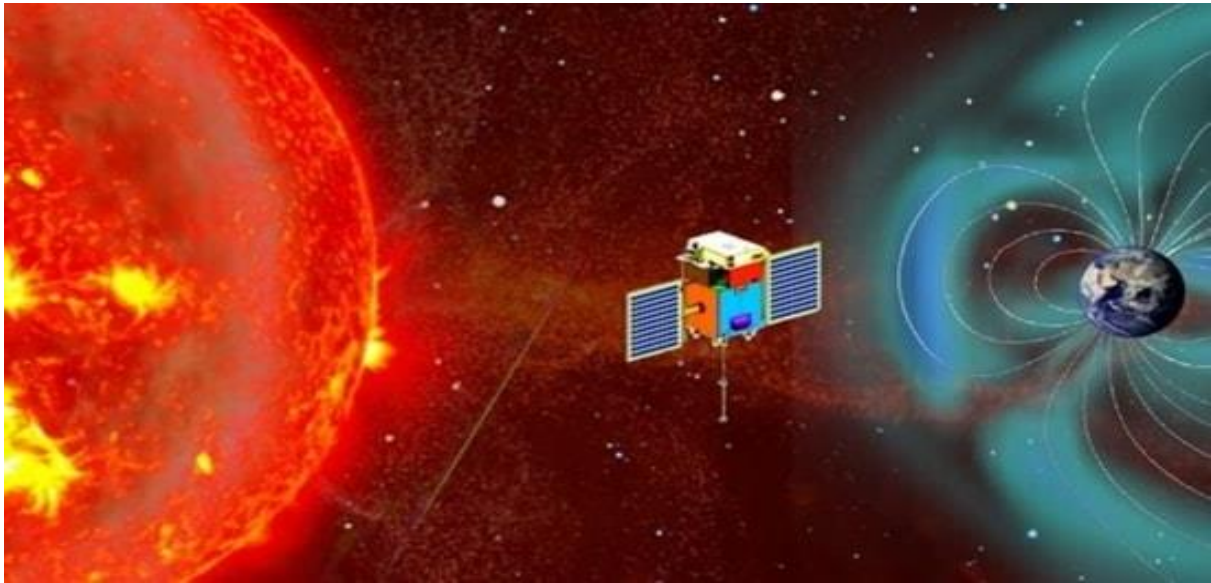
- This year's theme is centred around "Orphan Lives Matter", emphasising the need for support and protection for these vulnerable individuals. The Day was started by the French NGO, SOS Enfants enDétrésse.
- According to UNICEF, an estimated 153 million children worldwide are orphans. UNICEF defines an orphan as a "child under 18 years of age who has lost one or both parents to any cause of death".

5. ISRO places Aditya L1 at L1 point

The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO crossed another historic milestone on Jan 6 by successfully placing Aditya L1 satellite into final Halo orbit around the L1 point.

- Considered as the most challenging task, the ISRO meticulously used the motor and thrusters from the Ground Command Centre to precisely place the satellite at the Lagrangian point, which is roughly 1.5 million km away from the Earth.

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- Aditya L1 is India's maiden Solar mission to observe and study the Sun's Corona, understand its extreme heat and its influence on Earth.
- L1 is the Lagrangian Point where gravitational forces between the Earth and the Sun reach equilibrium and the Sun can be observed without the hindrance of eclipse.

6. Suchetha Satish: Versatile singer from Kerala etched her name in the annals of music history by setting a new world record for singing in the most languages during a single concert. She performed in a total of 140 languages, 101 foreign and 39 Indian languages, during the concert titled Concert for Climate. The remarkable achievement took place on Nov 24, 2023 at the Indian Consulate Auditorium in Dubai, UAE. The number 140 was chosen to represent the 140 nations that attended the COP 28 summit in Dubai.

7. Ishikawa Prefecture: State in central Japan, facing the Sea of Japan in the West, was shattered by a strong 7.6 magnitude earthquake on Jan 01. The jolt resulted in tsunami waves, felled buildings and triggered a large-scale fire, devastating the Noto Peninsula area of Ishikawa. At least 160 persons lost their lives and more than 100 persons were reported missing.

8. MPs honoured for their performance



Five Lok Sabha members, BJP's Sukanta Majumdar and Sudheer Gupta, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Eknath Shinde, NCP's Amol Ramsing Kolhe and Congress' Kuldeep Rai Sharma have been selected for the "Sansad Ratna" Awards 2023 in recognition of their outstanding performance in the Parliament, during the year.

- N K Premachandran, RSP,, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Congress, Bidyut Baran Mahato and Heena Vijayakumar Gavit from BJP were honoured with the "Sansad Maha Ratna" Awards for their valuable performance during the entire 17th Lok Sabha.
- Recognising the continued consistent top performance in last ten years, three MPs, Supriya Sule, NCP, Shrirang Appa Barne, Shiv Sena and Bhartruhari Mahtab, BJD, were honoured with the "Sansad Utkrisht Mana Ratna" Award.
- Chennai-based non-profit charitable trust Prime Point Foundation instituted these honours at the instance of former President of India APJ Abdul Kalam, who himself inaugurated the first award event in 2010 in Chennai. These are the only awards presented by civil society to honour top-performing parliamentarians in India.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. Nepal has signed a long-term agreement with India for the export of 10,000 MW of power to India in the next 10 years. An MoU for cooperation in renewable energy was also signed on Jan 04 by the Nepal Electricity Authority and National Thermal Power Corporation Limited of India.



2. The Indian Navy rescued all 21 crew members on Jan 5, including 15 Indians, onboard the distressed cargo ship 'MV Lila Norfolk' of Liberia off the Somalia coast. The Navy rushed its warship INS Chennai and deployed marine commandos after a distress signal from the cargo ship signalled the hijacking on Jan 04.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. The Defence Ministry has informed that around 1.37 crore students from around 2.43 lakh schools have participated in the third edition of Project 'Veer Gatha' as part of Republic Day celebrations. This project was started in which year?
 - a. 2019
 - b. 2020
 - c. 2021
 - d. 2022
 - e. 2023
2. The Union Cabinet on Jan 05 approved an investment of Rs 4,797 crore for which scheme to revolutionise India's approach to earth science research and application?
 - a. Vasundhara
 - b. Prithvi Gyan
 - c. BhuVigyan
 - d. Prithvi Vigyan
 - e. Earthshastra
3. Which part of Japan was shattered by a strong 7.6 magnitude earthquake on Jan 01, claiming at least 160 lives?
 - a. Toyama
 - b. Ishikawa
 - c. Yamanashi
 - d. Kansai
 - e. Kyōto

4. The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO crossed another historic milestone on Jan 6 by successfully placing Aditya L1 satellite into final Halo orbit around the L1 point. How far is L1 point from the earth, roughly, in lakh kms?
- a. 9.5
 - b. 12
 - c. 13.8
 - d. 15
 - e. 17.2

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	C
2	D
3	B
4	D

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