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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. January 9: Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



The day is celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots. The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on this day in 1915.

Established in 2003, the celebratory event is organised by the Ministry of External Affairs. On this day the government announces Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to recognize the achievements and contributions of NRIs and PIOs

2. Hasina sweeps Bangladesh general elections

In Bangladesh, nearly 180 million people voted on January 7 to elect 300 lawmakers during the 12th national election. The ruling party, Awami League contested on 266 seats and won 224 seats. Sheikh Hasina led Awami League has been in power since 2009.

- With the resounding victory, Awami League President, 76 year old Sheikh Hasina will become the Prime Minister for the fourth straight term and the fifth in total.
- The major opposition party Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its allies had boycotted the polls, alleging a free and fair election was not possible under the Sheikh Hasina led government.
- The national parliament of Bangladesh- called Jatiyo Sangshad- has 350 members of which 300 members are elected directly through voting. They serve for a five-year term in single-seat constituencies. The remaining 50 memberships are reserved for the women who are nominated by the government.

3. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on Jan 4 announced the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023.

- Odisha Mining Corporate Limited has been awarded in the category of Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility. Jain Deemed to be University, Bengaluru has been awarded for the identification and nurturing of budding and young talent.
- Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar is given to corporate entities, Sports Control Boards, NGOs, including sports bodies at the State and National level, who have played a visible role in promotion and development of sports. The award comprises a citation and a trophy.



4. ONGC starts production from KG basin



Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) started on Jan 7 its first crude oil production from its massive deep-sea project in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin's block KG-DWN-98/2.

- The block is located in the Bay of Bengal, approximately 25 km away from the coastline of Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The peak production of the 98/2 field is expected to be around 45,000 barrels of oil per day and over 10 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres per Day (MMSCMD) of gas. This project is likely to increase ONGC's total oil and gas production by 11 per cent and 15 per cent respectively,
- Krishna Godavari Basin refers to a vast deltaic plain formed jointly by the rivers Krishna and Godavari towards Bay of Bengal, southeast of Andhra Pradesh. It is spread across more than 50,000 square kilometres and has very rich deposits of oil and gas.

5. Microsoft to train 1 lakh Indians in AI



Tech giant Microsoft India has launched a new initiative called AI Odyssey to train 100,000 developers in India in the latest AI technologies and tools.

- The program is designed to help developers gain the skills they need to work on important projects using AI technologies.
- It is a month-long program that is open to all AI enthusiasts in India, no matter their experience level or background. To join, developers need to register on aka.ms/AIOdyssey and access the learning modules and resources.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. Franz Beckenbauer, widely regarded among the greatest football players of all time, died on Jan 08 in Germany, at the age of 78. He was associated with the Bayern Munich Football Club and was twice named European Footballer of the year.



2. Denmark and India launched the Green Fuels Alliance India (GFAI) on Jan 8 at the Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2024 at Chennai. The new alliance aims to advance the Green Fuels sector, including Green Hydrogen, by encouraging innovation, collaboration, and partnerships between Danish and Indian industries.

3. International Purple Festival 2024 was held in Panaji, Goa from Jan 8 to 13. The fest aims to showcase the talents of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through engaging performances in music, dance, and entertainment.

4. A Bilateral Haj Agreement 2024 was signed between India and Saudi Arabia on Jan 7 in Jeddah. The agreement sets a total quota of 175,025 Indian pilgrims for the Haj pilgrimage.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on January 9 marks the return of Mahatma Gandhi from _____ to India on this day in 1915:
 - a. Uganda
 - b. Britain
 - c. South Africa
 - d. Nigeria
 - e. None of these

2. In Bangladesh, nearly 180 million people voted on January 7 to elect 300 lawmakers during the 12th national election. Which party secured absolute majority by winning 224 seats?
 - a. Peoples Party
 - b. Awami Party
 - c. Bangla Jan Morcha
 - d. Awami League
 - e. Bangladesh Nationalist Party

3. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) started on Jan 7 its first crude oil production from its massive deep-sea project in which area?
 - a. Off the Sunderbans in Bay of Bengal
 - b. In the KG Basin, off the Kakinada coast
 - c. In Palk Strait near Chennai
 - d. In Bombay High off the Mumbai coast
 - e. In the Gulf of Cambay near Gujarat

4. Tech giant Microsoft India has launched a new initiative called AI Odyssey for what purpose?
- a. To train 100,000 Indians in AI technologies and tools
 - b. To facilitate AI based software development
 - c. To support new tech startups in use of AI
 - d. To educate 10,000 women SHGs in use of AI
 - e. None of these

Answer Key

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| 1 | C |
| 2 | D |
| 3 | B |
| 4 | A |

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