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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??

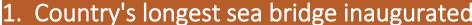
Don't worry!!

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!





Country's longest road bridge, Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, formally named 'Atal Setu' (after sh Atal Behari Vajpayee) was inaugurated on Jan 12 in Maharashtra.

- The six-lane, 21.8-km-long sea bridge originates from Sewri in Mumbai and terminates at Nhava Sheva in Uran taluka in Raigad district. With a permitted speed of 100 kmph, it has shortened the distance between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai to just 20 minutes which earlier took 2 hours.
- Developed at a cost of ₹18,000 crore, its 16.5 km stretch is above the sea, and the remaining 5.5 km is on land.On an average, 70,000 vehicles per day are expected to ply on the sea bridge. The bridge is also safe for wind speeds of up to 150kph.
- To ensure smooth movement of high speed traffic, twowheelers, auto rickshaws, tractors, animal-drawn vehicles and slow-moving vehicles will not be allowed on the bridge.





2. January 14: The Armed Forces Veterans Day



This day is celebrated to pay tributes to our army veterans commemorating the valour and sacrifice shown by them in discharging their duty.

The day is an opportunity to express our gratitude to all the exservicemen for the selfless services rendered by them. A number of govt schemes are there to ensure welfare of all the ex-servicemen.

The day recognises the services rendered by the First Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Field Marshal K M Cariappa, who retired on this day in 1953. The First Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated on January 14, 2016.

3. January 15: Makar Sankranti

This day marks the end of winter solstice as the Sun moves from Dhanu Raashi (Sagittarius) to enter the Makar Raashi (Capricorn) on this day.

• Sankranti means transition. From this day onwards the Sun starts its northward movement. People worship the Sun as a deity on this day. It is also celebrated as the festival of harvest.



- The festival has different names in different parts of the country. In North India, it is popular as Maghi and Sankranti and also as Khichdi Parv in Uttar Pradesh. North Indians also celebrate the festival of Lohri a night before Makar Sankranti.
- In Assam, it is celebrated as Magh or Bhogali Bihu, in Tamil Nadu as Pongal, Pedda Panduga in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Makaravilakku in Kerala and as Poush Parbo in West Bengal.
- In Gujarat, it is popularly known as 'Uttarayan' and the main attraction is the International Kite Festival celebrated all over the state but particularly at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.

4. January 15: Army Day

Celebrated every year to mark the taking over of command of the Indian Army by then Lt Gen K M Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief, on this day in 1949, from the last British Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Francis Butcher. Gen Cariappa was later elevated to the rank of Field Marshal of the Indian Army in Jan 1986, though he retired in 1953. The Indian Army was founded by the British on April 1, 1895.





5. Desert Cyclone 2024: The Joint Military Exercise between India and UAE was held from January 2 to 15 in Rajasthan. The exercise aimed to enhance interoperability by learning and sharing best practices in urban operations.



6. Munawwar Rana: Noted Urdu poet passed away on Jan 14 at the age of 71 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He had been battling with prolonged illness for the past several months.

His poetic style was notable for its easy accessibility, as he often incorporated Hindi and Awadhi words while avoiding Persian and Arabic. His words remain etched in the hearts of those who found solace and inspiration in the eloquence of his ghazals.

7. 'Swarayogini' Dr. Prabha Atre: Veteran classical singer breathed her last on Jan 13 at her residence in Pune. She was 91 years old. Besides being a classical vocalist, she also excelled as an academician, researcher, composer and author. A science and law graduate, she had a doctorate in music. Atre, who represented the Kirana Gharana of Hindustani classical music, had been honoured with all the three Padma awards by the Indian government.





8. Crown Prince Frederik X: Coronated as the King of Denmark on Jan 14. He succeeded his mother, Queen Margrethe II, who formally abdicated after 52 years as monarch.



The first multi-sports Beach Games in India were organised at the Ghoghla Beach in Diu in the UT of Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Diu & Daman from the 4 to 11 January. Madhya Pradesh emerged as the overall champion winning 18 medals including 7 gold, followed by Maharashtra at second place.

Over 1400 athletes, all under the age of 21, from all over India participated in games like Tug of War, Sea Swimming, Pencak Silat, Mallakhamb, Beach Volleyball, Beach Kabaddi, and Beach Soccer.

10. Malaysia Open Badminton 2024: Satwiksairai Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost the men's doubles title to Wang Chang and Liang Weikeng of China, settling for a silver medal in the finals played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

11. Akash-NG missile tested by DRDO



Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested the Akash-NG missile from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha on 12 January.

The test was conducted against a high-speed unmanned aerial target at a very low altitude. During the test, the target was successfully intercepted by the missile and destroyed. The missile system has the capability to intercept hostile aircraft, helicopters, and drones at a range of 30-km.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The Future Possibilities Index (FPI) released by Newsweek Vantage and Horizon Group in Davos, Switzerland on Jan 15, placed India at 35th rank. The Index which ranks countries best placed for leveraging future possibilities, placed the UK at the top.



- 2. William Lai Ching-te, a pro-sovereignty candidate from the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) of Taiwan won the Presidential election in the country, much to the annoyance of China.
- 3. Bernardo Arévalo was officially sworn in as the President on January 15, of Guatemala, a small country in Central America.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1.	Country's longest road bridge, Mumbai Trans Harbour Link was inaugurated on Jan 12 in Maharashtra. What is its formal name?
	a. Shivaji Setu b. Atal Setu c. Mumbai Sagar Pul d. Samudra Setu e. Patel Sagar Bundh
2.	India celebrates the Armed Forces Day on Jan 14 to salute the valuable services rendered by our brave soldiers:
	a. Braveryb. Valourc. Sacrificed. Veteranse. Veerta
3.	The festival of Makar Sankranti marks the end of winter solstice as the Sun moves from Raashi to enter the Makar Raashi:
	a. Dhanu b. Meen c. Kumbh d. Singh e. Tula





Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	В
2	D
3	Α

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