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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. Man Singh, the 34-year-old Indian marathon runner claimed the gold medal at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024 with a personal best timing of 2:14: 19 hr on Jan 22 in Hong Kong.



2. Mount Merapi: Volcano in the densely populated island of Java, Indonesia, erupted on Jan 21, unleashing clouds of hot ash and a mixture of rock, and lava, spreading searing gas clouds and avalanches of lava down its slope, forcing the evacuation of thousands of people. Merapi is the most active out of more than 120 volcanoes across the country.

3. Pran Pratishtha ceremony held at Ram Mandir

The consecration (Pran Pratishtha) of the Lord Ram Lalla was solemnised with elaborate vedic rituals at the Ram temple in Ayodhya on Jan 22 with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi acting as the main host.

- Pran Pratishth for an idol of a deity is a fundamental and deeply spiritual ritual in Hinduism. It symbolises infusing divine energy and life into the idol.
- Thousands of esteemed invitees from all walks of life, from all over India attended the ceremony. The Ram temple was thrown open to the general public from Jan 23 onwards.

4. 19th NAM summit held in Kampala, Uganda

The 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit was held on Jan 19-20 in Kampala, capital of Uganda, under the theme 'Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence'. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is the current President of Uganda.

- Several key issues like multiple conflicts across the world, climate change, inflation, and growth challenges, among others were discussed at the summit.
- External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar led the Indian delegation. He emphasised India's role as a friend to the world, or "Vishwa Mitra" to global solidarity.
- NAM is an alliance of developing nations that refuses to identify with any major superpower. It was established in Sep 1961, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, at the height of the Cold War. After the United Nations, NAM is the second-largest grouping of nations.
- Unlike other local or global organisations, NAM does not have a permanent secretariat or a formal founding charter, act, or treaty.
- Currently, NAM membership consists of 120 countries: 53 from Africa, 39 from Asia, 26 from Latin America and the Caribbean, and two from Europe.
- The summit usually takes place every three years. The nation that rotates as chairmanship bears the responsibility of organising and running the Movement's operations.

5. NSE remains largest derivatives exchange



India's leading bourse NSE (National Stock Exchange) emerged as the world's largest derivatives* exchange group in 2023 by the number of contracts traded, according to the Futures Industry Association (FIA), a derivatives trade body.

- It is also ranked third in the world in the equity segment by number of trades as per the World Federation of Exchanges.
- NSE crossed many other milestones in 2023 such as market capitalisation of listed companies surpassing \$4 trillion and SME listed companies crossing the Rs 1 lakh crore mark.
- The number of unique registered investors on the exchange surpassed 8.5 crore at the end of the calendar year.

*Derivatives are financial contracts that derive their value from an underlying asset such as stocks, commodities, currencies etc., and are set between two or more parties.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. President of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Dennis Francis came to India on Jan 22 on a 5-day visit to India.



2. Tata Sons Private Limited successfully retained the prestigious title sponsorship of the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the upcoming five seasons, spanning 2024 to 2028.

3. The WHO has certified Cabo Verde (also known as Cape Verde) as a malaria-free country, becoming the third country to acquire the status in the global health organisation's African region. The country has now joined Mauritius and Algeria, who were certified in 1973 and 2019, respectively.

4. Centre has set up a high-level committee to examine the administrative steps that can be taken to safeguard the interests of Scheduled Caste (SC) communities like the Madigas and their sub-categorisation in the SC reservation. Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba will head this committee.

5. The Himalayan Wolf (*Canis lupus chanco*), also called as Tibetan wolf, found across the Himalayas at more than 4,000 metres altitudes, has been included in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List and categorised as 'Vulnerable'.



Multiple Choice Questions!

1. Mount Merapi volcano erupted on Jan 21, unleashing clouds of hot ash and a mixture of rock, and lava, forcing thousands of people to leave the area. It is in which country?
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Malaysia
 - c. Cambodia
 - d. Vietnam
 - e. Philippines

2. The 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit was held on Jan 19-20 in which African city?
 - a. Addis Ababa
 - b. Cairo
 - c. Kampala
 - d. Nairobi
 - e. Pretoria

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	A
2	C

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