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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. Sri Lanka, Mauritius get UPI/RuPay



India's robust digital payment platform, UPI - Unified Payment Interface, was launched in Sri Lanka and Mauritius on 12th February. In Mauritius, RuPay card services were also launched along with.

- The launch will benefit a wide cross-section of people in all the three countries with a faster and seamless digital transaction experience and enhance digital connectivity.
- The extension of RuPay card services in Mauritius will enable Mauritian banks to issue cards based on the RuPay mechanism in Mauritius and facilitate usage of RuPay Card for settlements both in India and Mauritius.

2. MDA for curbing Lymphatic Filariasis

The first phase of the bi-annual nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign was launched on Feb 10 in New Delhi for country-wide elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis disease.

- The campaign aims to check disease transmission by providing free preventive medications to the residents in areas affected by Lymphatic Filariasis. The campaign will cover 92 districts across 11 States and will run for the next two weeks.

- Lymphatic Filariasis is a tropical, parasitic disease spread by infected mosquitoes. It affects the lymph nodes and lymph vessels.
- Lymph nodes are small, bean-shaped organs/glands, around one cm in size. They are present throughout our body, commonly in the armpits, neck and groin.
- They play a vital role in the body's ability to fight off infections, functioning as filters, trapping viruses, bacteria and other causes of illnesses. They may swell or get bigger, signalling some infection or illness in the body.

3. Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach won a gold each, while Nikhat Zareen and three others won silver medals on Feb 11 at the 75th Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.



4. Sumit Nagal, top ranking tennis star, won the Chennai Open ATP Challenger finale on Feb 11, beating Luca Nardi of Italy.

5. ICC Under 19 Men's ODI World Cup: Australia won the cup by defeating India by 79 runs in the final played on Feb 11 at Benoni in South Africa.



6. Alexander Stubb: Former Prime Minister of Finland elected as the President of the country.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. The RBI increased the ceiling on fees payable to non-executive directors of banks to Rs. 30 lakh rupees per year from the existing level of Rs. 20 lakh, considering the vital role played by them in the working of bank boards and their various committees.



2. Olympian Neeraj Chopra was honoured with a commemorative plaque at the renowned Ice Palace in Jungfrauoch, Switzerland. Carved into the heart of a glacier, the Ice Palace is a unique and awe-inspiring monument.

3. The Asian Development Bank approved a \$200 million loan to enhance flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the Brahmaputra River in Assam.

4. Justice Nawaf Salam from Lebanon elected President of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. India's robust digital payment platform, UPI - Unified Payment Interface, was launched in which two countries on 12th February?
 - a. Bangladesh and Bhutan
 - b. Sri Lanka and Mauritius
 - c. Sri Lanka and Maldives
 - d. Mauritius and Nepal
 - e. Nepal and Bangladesh

2. The first phase of the bi-annual nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign was launched on Feb 10 in New Delhi for country-wide elimination of which disease?
 - a. Lymphatic Filariasis
 - b. Meningitis
 - c. Malaria
 - d. Chikungunya
 - e. Cirrhosis of the liver

3. Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach, who won gold medals in a recent international competition, are the top ranking players of which sport?
 - a. Badminton
 - b. Wrestling
 - c. Archery
 - d. Boxing
 - e. Athletics

4. Australia won the ICC Under 19 Men's ODI World Cup by defeating India by 79 runs in the final played on Feb 11. The final match was played in which city of South Africa?
- a. Durban
 - b. Benoni
 - c. Port Elizabeth
 - d. Cape town
 - e. Centurion
5. Sumit Nagal, top ranking tennis star, won the _____ Open ATP Challenger finale on Feb 11:
- a. Madrid
 - b. Colombo
 - c. Pune
 - d. Chennai
 - e. Trafalgar

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	B
2	A
3	D
4	B
5	D

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