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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. March 3: World Wildlife Day



This day is dedicated to celebrating and raising awareness for the conservation of the world's wild fauna and flora. Continued loss of species and degradation of habitats and ecosystems threatens humanity as a whole, as people everywhere rely on wildlife and biodiversity-based resources to meet all their needs, from food, medicines and health to fuel, housing, and clothing.

- On this day in 1973, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed in Washington DC, USA.
- The theme for this year "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation", recognizes the impact of digital interventions on ecosystems and communities in an increasingly connected world.

2. March 03: World Hearing Day

March 3 is World Hearing Day



The day is observed with support from WHO to create awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss. It aims to spread the message that timely and effective care can help people with hearing loss to achieve full potential.

This year, the theme for the day is "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all!".

3. March 04: National Safety Day

The day is observed to raise awareness and commitment to the safety protocols that need to be followed to prevent accidents and mishaps at workplaces. The day aims to help the general public and workers to work carefully by observing the prescribed safety norms.

- It also commemorates the establishment of the National Safety Council by the Government of India on this day in 1965. NSC is a major, non-profit, self-financing and trilateral apex body at the national level in India.
- This year's theme "Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence," focusses on the crucial role of leadership in fostering a safety-centric culture within organisations. ESG stands for Environmental, Social, and Governance.

4. March 04: National Security Day



This day commemorates the role of security forces, which ensure that the citizens of India can sleep peacefully, without fretting over the security of the country. It is an opportunity to show gratitude to all the security forces including policemen, paramilitary forces, commandos, guards, army officers, and all others involved in ensuring security and safety of the country.

- The National Security Council (NSC), is the chief agency that is entrusted with the country's political, economic, energy and strategic security.
- Ajit Kumar Doval, the National Security Advisor of India, is the current Chief Executive of NSC and Primary Advisor to the Prime Minister on issues related to National Security.

5. March 04: World Obesity Day



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This day is observed with the support of UNICEF, WHO, and the World Obesity Federation –to spread awareness about the problem of obesity and encourage action towards its elimination.

- Obesity is a global problem, and it affects us all. New study released by the Lancet shows that, in 2022, more than 1 billion people in the world are now living with obesity.
- For adults, WHO defines overweight and obesity as BMI above 25 and 30, respectively. BMI – Body Mass Index is a person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. A BMI of below 25 is considered healthy.
- This year's campaign theme 'Let's Talk About Obesity And...' aims to explore how we can address obesity together.

6. Only 2.4 % left below 'extreme poverty'

The latest data released by the World Poverty Clock shows that India has managed to bring down 'extreme poverty' below 3 percent of its total population.

- The clock has taken \$2.15 a day income to present the finding. Accordingly, nearly 3.44 crore people are living in extreme poverty in 2024 against 4.69 crore in 2022.



- As a share of total population, the number of people living in extreme poverty has come down to 2.4 percent in 2024 from 3.3 percent in 2022.
- The World Poverty Clock is a digital tool that shows the number of people living in extreme poverty worldwide. Developed by the Vienna based World Data Lab, it provides real-time poverty estimates through 2030 for nearly every country in the world.

7. Indian GDP may grow by 6.8%: Moody's

Global credit rating agency Moody's on March 04 raised India's growth forecast for 2024 calendar year to 6.8 per cent, from 6.1 per cent estimated earlier, on the back of 'stronger-than-expected' economic data of 2023 and fading global economic headwinds.

- The report by Moody's mentioned that higher capital spending by the government and strong manufacturing activity have meaningfully contributed to the robust growth outcomes in 2023.
- The agency further said that robust GST collections, rising auto sales, consumer optimism and double-digit credit growth suggest urban consumption demand remains resilient. On the supply side, expanding manufacturing and services PMIs add to evidence of solid economic momentum.

8. Pro Kabaddi League 10: Puneri Paltan team defeated team Haryana Steelers to win their first ever Pro Kabaddi League title in the finals played on March 01 in Hyderabad. The Paltans were awarded Rs. three crores prize money while Haryana Steelers ended up with Rs. 1.8 crores prize money.



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Some Other Minor News!

1. Nicaragua has become the first nation in the Spanish-speaking world to recognise Indian Pharmacopoeia, as India and Nicaragua signed a MoU on Feb 29 on Pharmacopoeia cooperation in the field of the regulation of medicines.



2. The Indian Men's Cricket Team reached the top rank in the World Test Championship (WTC) standings, replacing New Zealand in the latest rankings issued on March 03.

Multiple Choice Questions!

1. **Puneri Paltan won their maiden Pro Kabaddi League title on March 01 in Hyderabad by defeating which team?**
 - a. Patna Pirates
 - b. Haryana Steelers
 - c. U Mumba
 - d. Gujarat Giants
 - e. Bengal Warriors

2. **Civil Accounts Day is celebrated on March 01 to commemorate the creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) on this day in 1976. ICAS comes under which department of the Ministry of Finance?**
 - a. Department of Economic Affairs
 - b. Department of Expenditure
 - c. Department of Revenue
 - d. Department of Financial Services
 - e. Department of Public Enterprise

3. **Which university won the overall championship at the Khelo India University Games 2023 which concluded on Feb 29 in Guwahati, Assam?**
 - a. Jain University, Bengaluru
 - b. GNDU, Amritsar
 - c. KIIT, Bhubaneswar
 - d. Chandigarh University, Mohali
 - e. None of these

4. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the National _____ Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation Limited on Mar 02 in New Delhi:
- a. Urban
 - b. Rural
 - c. Farmers
 - d. Village level
 - e. City

Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	B
2	B
3	D
4	A

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