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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. September 16: World Ozone Day

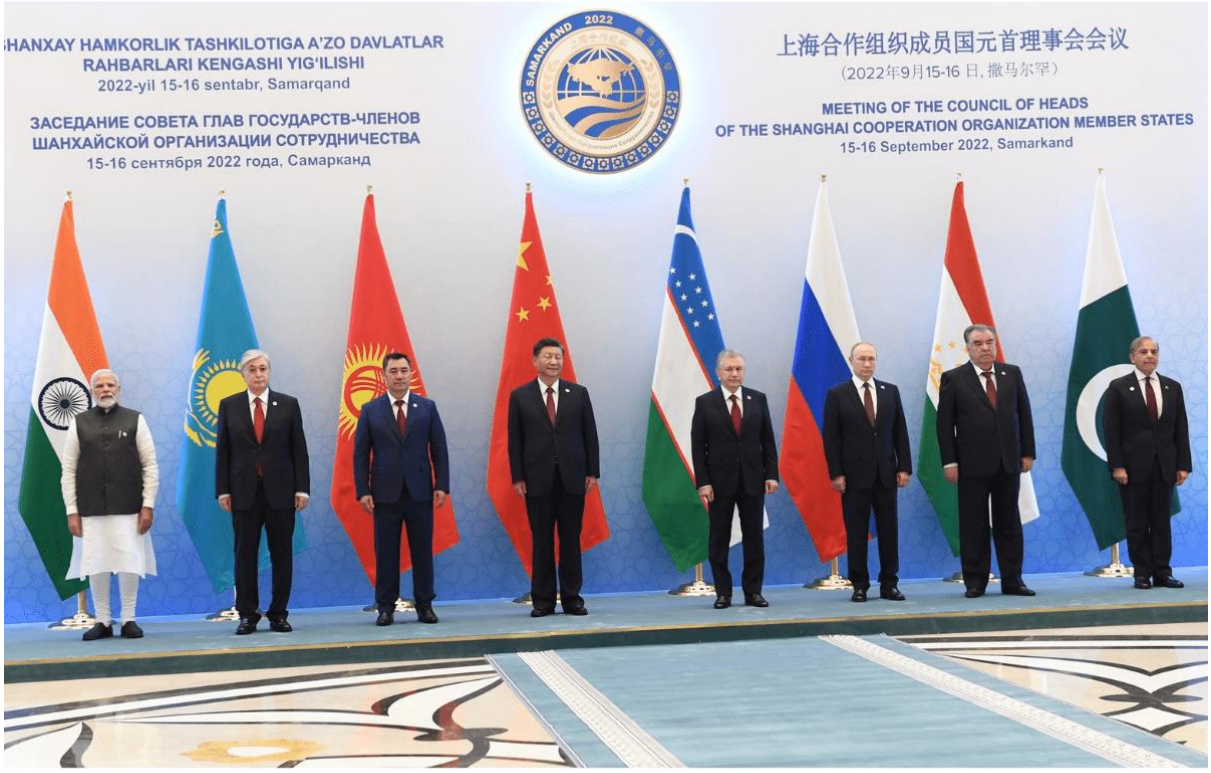
Also known as the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer, it is observed annually to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for possible solutions to preserve it.

The day commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, in 1987. Under the Montreal Protocol, nations worked together to cut out 99 percent of ozone-depleting substances. The Protocol was followed by the Kigali Amendment wef Jan, 2019 to reduce the projected production and consumption of hydro fluoro carbons (HFCs) by more than 80 per cent over the next 30 years. Kigali is the capital of Rwanda, a tiny landlocked country in Central Africa.

“Global Cooperation to Protect Life on Earth” has been chosen as this year's theme to encourage sustainable development.

The Ozone Layer is a fragile shield of gas that protects the Earth and its ecosystem from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. It is formed mainly in the lower portion of the Stratosphere, at approximately 15 to 35 kilometres above Earth.

2. India assumes Presidency of SCO



In a highly significant moment for India in the global arena, India took over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation - SCO, for the first time, from Uzbekistan who was the host for this year's Samarkand Summit that ended on Sep 16. India's SCO Presidency will be from September 2022 to September 2023.

SCO region has historically been an extended neighbourhood to India with central Asian countries at its core. India has proposed many initiatives in the realm of culture for SCO including SCO Food Festival, SCO Film Festival. Varanasi will be the first city in the SCO region to be granted the rotating title of 'Cultural & Tourism capital of SCO'.

The Beijing based SCO is made up of China, Russia, India, Pakistan, as well as four Central Asian countries -- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. SCO is known as the world's largest and most populous regional institution, covering approximately 60% of the area of Eurasia, 40% of the world population, and more than 30% of global GDP.

3. Federer announces his retirement

Roger Federer, veteran tennis icon from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41. He will play his last match in the Laver Cup (Sep 23-25) in London. He won 20 Grand Slam titles and held the record for most consecutive weeks-237-at No-1 in the ATP Rankings.

He was part of the troika of the golden era of men's tennis with rivals Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Switzerland's national mint, Swissmint issued commemorative gold coins and silver coins in 2020 in his honour.

4. Gautam Adani: Business conglomerate Adani Group's chairman pushed Amazon Chief Jeff Bezos to fourth position to rank at third spot in the Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as on Sep 16. His reported net worth was $152.2 billion, just behind Elon Musk ($273.5 bn) and Bernard Arnault ($153.0 bn). Bezos reported a net worth of $ 149.7 bn. Mukesh Ambani was ranked 8th with a net worth of $91.8 billion.

5. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park: The zoo in Darjeeling, West Bengal, bagged the top position among the zoos in the country among about 150 zoos across the country. It was followed by Chennai Zoo and Mysore Zoo. The rankings were released by the Central Zoo Authority on Sep 10 at a conference of the directors of all zoos and safari parks in the country, organised in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The attractions of Padmaja Naidu Zoo are animals like Red Panda, Himalayan Black Bear, snow leopard, goral, Himalayan tar, blue deer, Tibetan wolf.

6. TCS becomes most valuable Indian brand

According to the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14, India's top IT service provider Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was ranked as the most valuable Indian brand in 2022. The TCS brand was valued as worth $45.5 billion. It pushed HDFC Bank to second rank. At the Asia Pacific level, TCS ranked second, behind Samsung.

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Some Other Minor News!

1. Virat Kohli has now become the first cricketer who has notched up 50 million followers on Twitter. Team India's star cricketer and former skipper Virat Kohli has now achieved another big feat, but this time it is on social media.

2. SBI has hit the mark of Rs 5-trillion in market capitalisation (market cap) for the first time after its shares touched a record high of Rs 564.45. With a market cap of Rs 5.03 trillion, SBI stood at the seventh position in the overall market cap ranking.

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Multiple Choice Questions!

1. September 16 is observed as World Ozone Day. The Ozone layer is found in which section of the atmosphere?

   a. Troposphere
   b. Stratosphere
   c. Mesosphere
   d. Thermosphere
   e. Exosphere

2. The Kigali Amendment 2019 seeks to reduce the projected production and consumption of hydro fluoro carbons (HFCs) by more than 80 per cent over the next 30 years. Kigali is the capital of which country?

   a. Kenya
   b. Peru
   c. Guatemala
   d. Rwanda
   e. Hungary

3. Which member country of the SCO was handed over its Presidentship after the conclusion of the Samarkand Summit?

   a. China
   b. Russia
   c. India
   d. Kazakhstan
   e. Tajikistan

4. SCO is a grouping of eight nations. Which one of the following is NOT a member of SCO?

a. Uzbekistan
b. Turkmenistan
c. Kazakhstan
d. Kyrgyzstan
e. Tajikistan

5. Roger Federer, a veteran tennis icon, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41. Which country issued commemorative gold coins and silver coins in 2020 in his honour?

a. Sweden
b. France
c. Britain
d. Spain
e. Switzerland

6. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park recently was ranked first among the zoos in the country. It is located in which city?

a. Nainital
b. Darjeeling
c. Gangtok
d. Itanagar
e. Munsiyari

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7. According to the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14, which company was ranked as the most valuable brand of India in 2022?

a. Tata
b. Jio
c. HDFC Bank
d. SBI
e. TCS

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Answer Key

Q	ANSWER
1	B
2	D
3	C
4	B
5	E
6	B
7	E

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