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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 (17): World Sleep Day



The day is observed annually on the Friday before the March Equinox (March 20) on the Earth, when the subsolar point appears to leave the Southern Hemisphere and cross the celestial equator, heading northward as seen from Earth. The day aims to raise awareness regarding sleep disorders and promote their prevention and management. It highlights the need for getting enough sleep and offers information about sleep-related conditions like sleep apnea, insomnia, and other sleep disorders.

The slogan for this year is “Sleep is Essential for Health.” It emphasises the importance of sleep for maintaining good health. Sleep is a foundational pillar of health, and the quality of your sleep can impact not just your physical energy in the morning but your mental and emotional health, too. This day is organised by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society of USA.

## 2. March 18: Ordnance Factory Day



Observed every year to commemorate the foundation of the first Ordnance Factory by the British in colonial India at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801. The Indian Ordnance Factories play a vital role in the production, testing, logistics, research, development, and marketing of a comprehensive product range in the area of land, sea and air defence systems.

From Oct 1, 2021, the 41 ordnance factories were reorganised into seven Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs), all fully owned by the government, under the Directorate of Ordnance in the Ministry of Defence.

## 3. March 18: Global Recycling Day

Observed across the world to help recognise, and celebrate the role recycling plays in preserving the precious primary resources. The Day is organised by the Global Recycling Foundation.

The day aims to exhort people not to waste natural resources and to tell leaders of the world about the importance of recycling. Recycling helps in reducing carbon emissions by over 700 million tonnes every year.

This year, the focus will be on “Creative Innovation”. Putting our recyclables in the bin is not sufficient – we need to be proactive and find new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

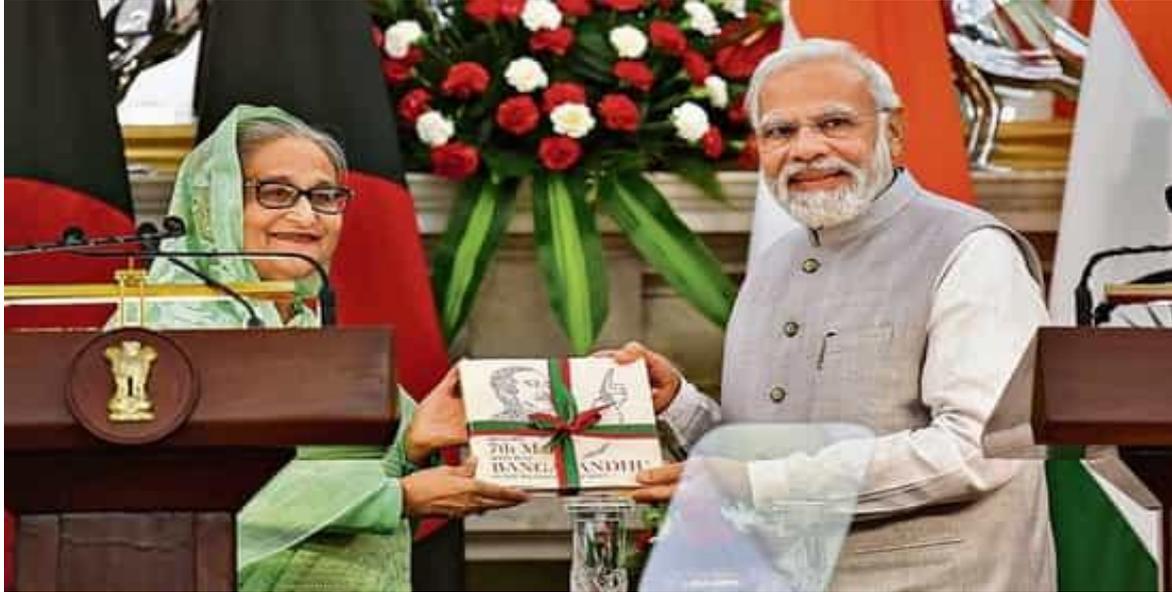
**4. Exercise Desert Flag VIII:** An Indian Air Force contingent of 110 Air Warriors participated in the multilateral air exercise at Al Dahfra air base of UAE. This is the first occasion when the LCA Tejas will participate in an international flying exercise outside India. Air Force contingents from several other countries including Australia, UK, and USA also participated in the exercise held from Feb 27 to March 17.



**5. Governor of the Year' 2023 Award:** The International Journal of Central Banking selected RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das for this prestigious award for steering the financial markets through multiple crises including the pandemic and the inflation due to the war in Ukraine. Mr. Das has been at the helm of the central bank since December 2018.

**6. The President of India** awarded the prestigious President's Colours to the Indian Navy's gunnery school INS Dronacharya on March 16 at Fort Kochi, Kerala. The President's Colour Award is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit of India. Also known as 'Nishaan', it is an emblem that is worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.

## 7. India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline



The first cross-border energy pipeline between India and Bangladesh, the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline was inaugurated on March 18. The pipeline runs from the Siliguri-based marketing terminal of the Numaligarh Refinery Limited in West Bengal to the Parbatipur depot of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation in Dinajpur in North Bangladesh. The entire pipeline is 131.5-km long and it will transport high speed diesel (HSD) from India to Bangladesh. The Pipeline has a capacity to transport one million metric tons of HSD per annum. The supply will start on an experimental basis in June this year.

**8. Eric Garcetti:** Appointed as the new US Ambassador to India. Garcetti served as the President of the City Council of Los Angeles for four consecutive terms, between 2006 to 2022.

**9. Exercise Sea Dragon 23:** A P8I aircraft of the Indian Navy participated in the third edition of the coordinated multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise conducted by the US Navy. Units from Japan, Canada and S Korea also took part in the exercise. The exercise scheduled from 15-30 Mar, focused on coordinated ASW amongst the participating countries.

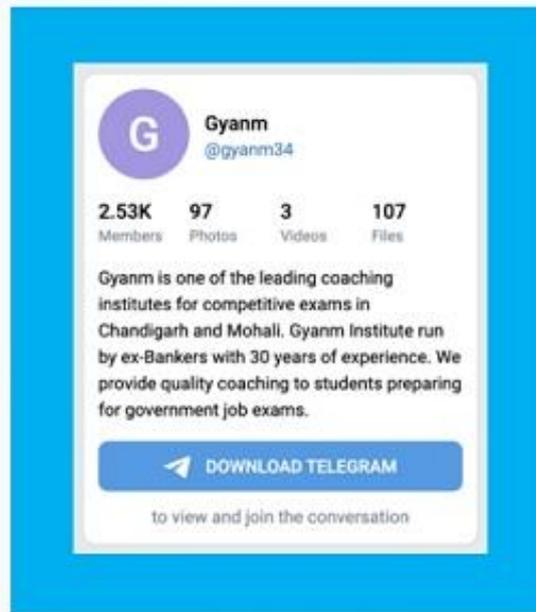
**10. Gianni Infantino:** Re-elected as FIFA president for the third successive term, until 2027 by the congress of 211 member federations on March 16 at the 73rd Congress of FIFA in Kigali, capital of Rwanda. His efforts at the helm led FIFA to increase its revenues to \$7.6 billion in the 2019-22 cycle, making it the main reason for his re-election.





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## Some Other Minor News!

1. The Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference was held on March 18-19 in New Delhi. The year 2023 will witness a year-long campaign and several activities nationally and globally for increased adoption and promotion of millets.



2. International Ayurved conclave on the theme 'Veterinary and Ayurveda', was held at Ayurvedic University, Haridwar on March 17-18-19.

3. The Meeting of Heads of Tourism Administrations of members of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held under the Chairmanship of India on March 17 in Varanasi. The city has been declared as the First Tourism and Cultural Capital of SCO. The eight-member countries of SCO represent around 42 percent of the world population and 25 percent of the global GDP.

4. Sampanna Ramesh Shelar, Pune based swimmer, has become the fastest Indian in under 21 group to swim across the Palk Strait covering 29 km from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanuskodi in Tamil Nadu in 5 hours and 30 minutes. The previous record was 8 hours and 26 minutes.

5. K. Krithivasan was appointed as the new CEO and MD of India's major IT company TCS, Tata Consultancy Services.



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