CURRENT AFFAIRS & DATA MONTHWISE

1. JANUARY & FEBRUARY
   1. IMPORTANT DAYS AND THEMES
   2. DEFENCE EXERCISES
      1. Desert Knight 21 – France & Indian Air Forces
         * Jodhpur AFS
      2. Yudh Abhyas – Military Exercise b/w India & USA
   3. AGREEMENTS
   4. SCHEMES/YOJNAAYE
   5. SPORTS
   6. AWARDS
   7. IMPORTANT SUMMITS
   8. MCQ CLASS
      1. Telecom operator to demonstrate 5G services successfully 🡪 Airtel
         * Speed of 5G
      2. Republic Day Parade 2021
         * Best Tableau – Uttar Pradesh (Ram Mandir)
         * RDC organized by Mo Defence
         * Padma Awards & Gallantry Awards
         * After 55 years, no chief guests
         * Years with no chief guests – 1952, 1953, 1966, 2021
      3. Coronavirus Performance Index by Lowy Institute
         * Rankings as of 9 Jan 2021
           1. Top – New Zealand, Vietnam, Taiwan, India (86th)
         * Ranking as of 13Mar 2021
           1. Top – Bhutan, New Zealand, Taiwan, India (87th)
      4. 10th National Ice Hockey Championship won by ITBP
         * Held in Gulmarg
         * Organized by Mo Home Affairs
      5. Gaza Strip shares border with Israel & Egypt
         * Falls under Palestine
      6. India official declared free of Yaws, Avian Influenza (bird flu), Small Pox
      7. DCGI (Drug Controller General of India) works under – Mo Health & Family Welfare
      8. FATF
         * Non-profit Inter-governmental body estd in 1989
         * Founded on the initiative of G7
         * India a member, not founding member
      9. China’s Mars Mission – Tainwen 1, rover – Zhurong
      10. Academy Awards 2021 / Oscar Awards 2021
          * Best Picture – Nomadland (Country ???)
          * Best Actor – Anthony Hopkins
          * Best Actress – Frances McDormand
      11. Moringa Plant
      12. 2nd Khelo India National Winter Games – Gulmarg, J&K
      13. President Rule in Puducherry ???
          * UT’s
            1. Schedule 8
            2. A-239 to A-242
            3. Vidhan Sabha/Legislative Assemblies 🡪 Pondicherry (1962), Delhi (1992), J&K (2019)
      14. Trilateral Dialogue of India with which two countries for focus on Indo-Pacific Region – France and Australia
      15. India has an integrated check post at Moreh, Manipur for ease of travel and trade with Myanmar
      16. PRAGYATA Guidelines – Online Education
          * Full Form
      17. Corruption Perception Index 2021
          * By Transparency International
          * Top – New Zealand, Denmark
      18. India has Extradition Treaties with 9 countries – Azerbaijan, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Nepal, Oman, Russia, UK and USA.
      19. Dams in Afghanistan built with assistance from India – Shatoot, Salma
      20. Pangong Tso Lake
          * Saltwater Lake
          * North of Tso Moriri
      21. Aung San Suu Kyi – leader of opposition party in Myanmar
      22. World’s Largest Cricket Stadium – Motera Stadium, Ahmedabad
          * Renamed as Narendra Modi Cricket Stadium
      23. Country Largest trading partner of India in the year 2020 – China
      24. Government Instant Messaging System (GIMS) on the lines of Whatsapp – Sandes
      25. Kings XI Punjab renamed – Punjab Kings
      26. Cricket player shattered all records at IPL 2021 auction – Chris Morris (SA, RR)
      27. Largest producer of tea in the last few years – China, India
          * Largest consumer of tea – India
      28. Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary – Assam (Rhinos)
          * Sonitpur, near Brahmaputra river
      29. Dams
          * Tehri (UK) – Bagirithi
          * Hirakud (Orrisa) – Mahanadi
          * Bhakra Nangal (HP)– Sutlej
          * Mullaperiyar (Kerala) – Periyar
      30. Joe Biden – 47th POTUS
      31. Dhubri (Assam) Phulbari (Meghalaya) Bridge – on Brahmaputra
      32. 2nd highest wicket taker in tests – Ravichandran Ashwin
      33. Twitter alternative made in India – Koo
      34. Zoo renamed after Balasaheb Thackeray in Maharashtra 🡪 Gorewada International Zoo in Nagpur
      35. First woman fighter pilot to take part in RDC Parade – Fl. Lt. Bhawana Kanth
          * Mohana Singh, Avani Chaturvedi with Bhawana Kanth, first 3 woman fighter pilots of India, commissioned in 2016.
          * Bhawana – first female fighter pilot chosen for combat mission
          * First woman pilot in Indian Navy – Sub Lt. Shivangi Swaroop
      36. Yoweri Museveni won the 6th term as President of Uganda
      37. 51st International Film Festival of India in Panaji, Goa
          * Indian Personality of the Year Award – Biswajit Chatterjee
          * Opening movie – Another Round (Danish Comedy movie)
          * Closing movie – Wife of the Spy (Japan)
      38. North to South places on border of India & Nepal
          * Limpiyadhura
          * Kalapani
          * Lipulekh
      39. Project Kuiper & Starlink – related to Space Internet
      40. Rafale Jet
          * French twin engine multirole fighter aircraft built by Dassault Aviation
          * Exported to IAF, Egypt, Qatar, Hellenic AF (Greece)
          * Used in combat over Afghanistan, Libya, Mali, Iraq and Syria.
      41. Mount Merapi – Indonesia
      42. WHO’s REPLACE Programme 🡪 Global Elimination of Transfat by 2023
      43. Ratle Hydro Electric Project – Chenab
      44. Cherry Blossom Mao Festival – Manipur (m se mao, m se Manipur)
      45. Parakaram Diwas (Bravery Day) celebrated on the remembrance of the Birth Anniversary – Netaji Bose (23rd Jan)
      46. Court in India emphasized that citizens have a right to live in safe buildings and environment – Article 21
      47. Fordow, Natanz, Arak sites 🡪 Iran Nuclear Sites (Uranium extracting sites)
      48. Railways renames India’s oldest train Howrah-Kalka Mail Express as Netaji Express
          * Nationalization of Indian Railways – Acworth Committee
      49. 1st state to launch door-delivery of rations under Public Distribution System (PDS) – Andhra Pradesh
      50. MASCRADE 2021 – Movement organized by FICCI Cascade – Elimination Smuggling of spurious products. (fake products)
      51. Nano Satellite designed by college students, launched by ISRO in Feb 2021
          * SriShaktiSat
      52. Tri-service contingent took part in 72nd RDC parade – Bangladesh
      53. Only Foreigner to receive Padma Vibhushan Award in 2021 – Shinzo Abe (in Public Affairs)
      54. Australian Open 2021 (Mens)
          * Noval Djokovic (Winner, Serbia) vs Daniil Medvedev
          * US open same opposite result
      55. Australian Open 2021 (Womens)
          * Naomi Osaka (Winner, Japan) vs Jennifer Brady (USA)
      56. Titled Sponsor of IPL 2021 – Vivo
      57. Blue Berets or Blue Helmets – UN Peacekeeping Forces
      58. Space Missions
          * Mars 2020/Mission Perseverance – NASA
          * Mars Orbiter Mission – ISRO
          * Tianwen 1 - CNSA
      59. Senkaku Islands – East China Sea
      60. Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge – Shaping cities for young children and their families.
      61. FASTag – Uses RFID technology, unlimited validity.
      62. Cabinet Committee on Security headed by PM
          * Other members – Ministers of Home Affairs, Defence, External Affairs, Financial & Corporate Affairs
      63. Ramsar Convention
          * Place Ramsar in Iran
          * Convention to preserve wetlands
      64. Litihium Production
          * Bolivia holds over 60% of world’s largest reserves for lithium but has not yet started producing commercially
          * Karnataka’s Mandya, recently found lithium reserves.
          * Largest producer of Lithium – Chile, Australia, Argentina.
      65. Aral Sea countries – Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan
      66. Founding members of New Development Bank
          * BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China, SA
      67. Malaria
          * No vaccine for Malaria
          * Parasite (origin) 🡪 Mosquito(carrier) 🡪 Human
      68. Referendum banning face covering in public including burka worn by Muslims – Switzerland
      69. Feni River flows through – Tripura (maitri Setu bridge), connects Bangladesh
      70. North to South islands in SCS
          * Paracel
          * Spratly
          * Natuna
          * 9 Dash Line – china’s claim of SCS
      71. Zero Discrimination Day 2021 – 1st March
          * Theme – End Inequalities
      72. Best Film Award at the Golden Globe Awards – Nomadland
      73. First nation to receive COVAX Vaccines – Ghana (Capital Accra)
      74. First cricketer to reach 100 million followers on Insta – Virat Kohli
      75. Hurun Global Rich List 2021 – Elon Musk
      76. 90:90:90 strategy – HIV Aids elimination strategy
      77. BRANECRAFT – HW
      78. India & USA – Yudh Abhyas & Vajra Prahar
      79. India & Bangladesh
          * Largest land border
          * Feni river connects
          * Largest trade partner in south Asia
      80. Ever Given – Suez Canal
      81. Indian Para Athlete won gold medal in 2021 Para Shooting World Cup at Al Ain (UAE) – Singhraj
      82. World TB Day 2021 – 24 March
          * Theme – The Clock is Ticking
      83. Road Safety World Series 2021 (Cricket) – India Legends beat SriLanka Legends
      84. 67th National Awards 2021
          * Best Actor – Manoj Bajpayee
          * Best Hindi Film – Chhichhore
          * Best Non Feature Film – An Engineered Dream
      85. National Film Awards 2019
          * Most Film Friendly State 2019 – Sikkim
          * Best Actress – Kangana Ranaut
          * Best Feature Film – Marakkar : Lion of the Arabian Sea
      86. Sagar Sahadi – recently passed away, Filmmaker
      87. AUKUS alliance – Australia, UK, USA
          * Protect Indo-Pacific Region
      88. Nipah Virus
          * Found in 1999, Malaysia
          * Zoonotic Virus (animal to human)
          * Bat-borne, can be transmitted human to human
          * No treatment available
      89. World Happiness Report 2021
          * Topped – Finland
          * India – 139/149
          * Last – Afghanistan
          * Published by SDSN – Sustainable Development Solutions Network
      90. World Air Quality Report 2020
          * Most polluted capital city – Delhi, Dhaka, Ulan Bator
          * Most polluted Country – Bangladesh
          * IQ Air – Publisher
          * 22 out of top 30, Indian cities
          * Least Polluted country – Puerto Rico
          * World Polluted City – Hotan, China
      91. 66th Filmfare Awards
          * Best Film – Thappad
          * Lifetime Achievement Award – Irfan Khan
      92. Global Gender Gap Index 2021
          * Released by World Economic Forum
          * Topped – Iceland (12th time), Finland, Norway
          * India – 140/156
          * Last - Afghanistan
      93. 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Awards – Rajnikant
          * 1st Recipient – Devika Rani
          * Presented annually at National Film Awards
          * NFA by Directorate of Film Festivals, Mo Information & Broadcasting
      94. Xinjiang lies in North West of China – Urgur Muslims troubled by China
      95. Right to be forgotten/ Right to Delink – Article 21
      96. 1st NP to be equipped with Sat phones – Kaziranga
2. MARCH – APRIL
   1. MCQ’s
      1. 2022 ICC Women’s World Cup 🡪 New Zealand
         * Official Song – ‘Girl Gang’ by Gin Wigmore
      2. MoD agreement with Bharat Dynamics Limited for supply of Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (4960 MILAN-2T, 1850 m range)
      3. Largest Floating Solar Farm – Singapore (SunSeap Group)
         * India’s – Telangana (Ramagundam) by NTPC (National Thermal Power Cooperation)
      4. Pabbi Anti-Terror 2021 Exercise
         * SCO members, new member Iran (9th)
         * Held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
      5. Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 – Sheikh Mujibur Rehman (Father of Bangladesh)
         * Qaboos bin Sayed Al Said in 2019 (Oman)
      6. 1st state in India to adopt Ethanol Production Promotion Policy 2021 - Bihar
         * Assam also adopts in August
      7. Thisara Parera – recently hitting six sixes.
      8. Ranger Award 2021 – Mahender Giri (only Asian to win)
         * Given by IUCN
      9. Indian Naval Drill ‘La Perouse’ in April 2021 – France
      10. Mission Sagar IV – INS Jalashwa traveled to Port Anjouan, Comoros to deliver 1000 Metric tonnes of Rice.
      11. Album of the Year at Grammy Awards 2021 – Folklore by Taylor Swift
      12. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh FOC-in-C of Eastern Naval Command replacing VA Atul Kumar Jain
      13. INS Karanj, 3rd Scorpene Class Sub by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (Karanj Island in Maharashtra)
          * Kalveri, Khanderi, Karanj, Vela, Vagir, Vagsheer – Project 75
      14. 2020 Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership 🡪 Mahamadou Issoufou (Niger)
          * World’s largest Leadership Prize – Ibrahim Prize ($5 million as prize)
      15. Exercise
          * DUSTLIK II – Uzbekistan Army
            1. In Chaubatia, Uttarakhand. Counter Terrorism Ex
          * Garuda Shakti – Indonesia
          * Garuda – France(Airforces)
          * Desert Knight – France (Airforces)
          * Desert Flag - UAE
          * Ekuverin – Maldives
          * Bold Kurukshetra – Singapore
          * Mitra Shakti – Sri Lanka
      16. 2021 FIAF Award
          * By International Federation of Film Archives
          * Won by Amitabh Bachchan
          * HQ – Brussel, Belgium
      17. Mohammad Naveed & Shaiman Anwar banned for 8 years by ICC – UAE players.
      18. Largest Arms Exporter during 2016 – 2020 acc. to SIPRI Report 🡪 USA
          * Importer – Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, Australia
      19. Max Nuclear Bombs –
      20. Rathbones Folio Prize 2021 (Literature Prize, Book – In the Dream House : A memoir) – Carmen Maria Machado
      21. Topped QS World University Rankings 2021 – Massachusetts Institute of Tech
          * 12 Indian in top 100, IIT Bombay ()
      22. Highest Medal in Khelo India Winter National Games 2021 🡪 J&K
      23. Coronavirus vaccine for Animals ‘Carnivac-Cov’ – Russia
      24. Kalinga Ratna Samman for 2021 – Biswabhusan Harichadan (Governor of Andhra Pradesh)
      25. New Finance Secretary in place of Ajay Bhushan Pandey 🡪 TV Somanathan
          * Administrative Head of Mo Finance
          * Signature of Rs 1 Note
      26. 5th Gen Python 5 missile 🡪 Air to Air
          * Tested on LCA Tejas, by DRDO
          * Israeli Origin missile, Rafale Advance Defence System Company
          * Mach 4 speed, Range > 20 km
          * Can be configured to Surface to Air missions.
      27. Robot Prototype to clear space debris by China 🡪 NEO-01 (Long March 6 Rocket, will send this robot in Low Earth Orbit)
      28. Tianwen-1, Zhurong Rover, used Long March 5 Rocket
      29. Rank of India in SIPRI Military Expenditure Database for year 2020 – 3rd
          * Expenditure topped by USA, China then India.
      30. KRI Nanggala submarine went missing – Indonesia
      31. 2021 Barcelona Open Tournament Winner – Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
      32. Varuna 2021 – 19th edition of bilateral naval ex with France in Arabian Sea
      33. World Malaria Day 2021 – 25th April
          * Theme – Reaching the zero malaria target
      34. ITBP established a ‘Water Sports & Adventure Institute (WSAI)’ in Uttarakhand. Near Tehri Dam
      35. 8th Edition of SF Ex Khanjar with Kyrgyzstan, Location - ????
      36. Book “Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me” 🡪 Suresh Raina
      37. Indian Film won the Best Foreign Language Feature Award at Moscow International Film Festival – Puglya
      38. External Auditor of the OPCW (Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) – GC Murmu (CAG).
      39. Bajrang Punia, won silver medal in 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship in 65 kg
      40. Total corpus of PM CARES for Children Scheme announced for children who lost their parents to COVID-19 – Rs 10 Lakh
      41. Etienne Glichitch Award awarded to India for outstanding contribution in Hockey
      42. Team won 2020-21 UEFA Champions League – Chelsea beats Manchester City in Portugal
      43. Won the 2021 Princess of Asturias Award – Amartya Kumar Sen (Economics)
          * Given in Spain
      44. DIPCOVAN, COVID-19 Antibody detection kit by DRDO
      45. President of International Hockey Federation for 3 years till 2024 – Narinder Batra
      46. Named for “International Invincible Gold Medal” for 2021 – Ramesh Pokhriyal
      47. ASHA – Accredited Social Health Activist
          * Under Mo Health and Family Welfare
          * Provide Health Care services to people
      48. Helmand, believed world’s largest opium producing regions – Afghanistan
      49. Taiwan Strait (Formosa Strait/Arm of the Pacific) – SCS to ECS
      50. A76 Iceberg – was a part of Ronne Ice Shelf, part of Weddel Sea of Antarctica
      51. Book – “Nehru, Tibet & China” by Avtar Singh Bhasin
      52. Approved formation for LC recently – West Bengal
3. MAY – JUNE

MCQ’sAnupam Kher won the Best Actor award at the New York City International Film Festival 2021 – Happy Birthday

* + 1. Sportswoman of the year 2021 at Laureus World Sports Awards 🡪 Naomi Osaka
       - Male – Rafael Nadal
    2. Joint Military Ex Mustafa Kemal Ataturk 2021 – Turkey & Azerbaijan
    3. Ex Sea Breeze 2021 – Maritime Exercise b/w US & Ukraine, location ????
    4. Indian Journalist won the Japans Fukuoka Grand Prize for 2021 – Palagummi Sainath
    5. Most expensive city for foreign workers – Mumbai
       - As per 2021 Cost of Living Survey by firm Mercer
    6. “Lakshya Tera Samne Hai” – Official Olympic Theme Song for Tokyo Olympics 2020
       - By Mohit Chauhan
    7. Topped EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century List – Jamsedhji Nusserwanji Tata
    8. World’s Top Research University in QS World University Rankings 2022 🡪 IISc Bengaluru
    9. PEN Pinter Prize 2021 🡪 Tsitsi Dangarembga
    10. New Election Commissioner of India – Anup Chandra Pandey
    11. i-Familia – new global database by Interpol
    12. Best Film Award on environment conservation at the 67th National Film Awards 2021 – Water Burial
    13. 2-deoxy-D-glucose 🡪 Anti-Covid Drug by DRDO
    14. Baihetan Dam
        - World’s 2nd biggest hydroelectric dam
        - On river Jinsha, tributary of Yangtze River
    15. Mission Karmayogi 🡪 Reform in Indian Bereaucracy
    16. New DG of NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) 🡪 Siddharth Longjam
    17. MANAS App launched by Principal Scientific Advisor
        - App by NIMHAMS in Bangalore
        - Full Form ???
    18. Indian Wrestler won her maiden gold at Asian Wrestling Championship 2021 – Vinesh Phogat
    19. Khelo India Youth Games in Nov 2021 – India & New Delhi
    20. Bhatin, Narwapahar & Turamdih 🡪 Uranium Mines in Jharkhand
    21. NH 65 🡪 connects Maharashtra-Karnataka-Telangana-Andhra Pradesh
    22. Koderma, Ajmer, Nellore 🡪 Famous for Mica
    23. Bell of Faith Scheme – provide security to senior citizens staying alone in home in Kerala
    24. Devika River Project 🡪 J&K (Udhampur)
        - Devika River known as Sister of Ganga
        - Bathing Ghats to be constructed
    25. Defense Exercises with Bangladesh – Samprit, Shantir Ogrosena
    26. Ajeya Warrior Ex with UK
    27. Suicide Worldwide in 2019 report released by WHO
    28. NISHTHA – National Initiative for Schools Heads & Teachers Holistic Advancement
        - World’s Largest teacher’s training programme
    29. Ram Prasad Bismil involved in Mainpuri Conspiracy 1918, Kakori Train Robbery, associated with Arya Samaj at a young age.
    30. G7 – USA, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, UK, Japan (no permanent office)
    31. New Shepherd – Launch vehicle developed by Amazon (Blue Origin)
    32. Pakhui Tiger Reserve – Arunachal Pradesh

IEbrahim Raisi won 2021 Iranian Presidential Election

* + 1. SIPRI Yearbook 2021, India’s rank in nuclear weapons 🡪 6th
       - 1st – USA
    2. French Open 2021 (Roland Garros Tennis Tournament)
       - Women’s Single Title – Barbora Krejcikova () beats
       - Men’s Single – Novak Djokovic beats
    3. Headquarters in Rome, Italy
       - World Food Programme
       - Food & Agriculture Organization
       - International Fund for Agricultural Development
    4. Blue Flag Beaches
       - Rushikonda Beach – Andhra Pradesh
       - Golden Beach – Odisha
       - Radhanagar beach – ANC
    5. Gaganyan – Indian human space flight to Low Earth Orbit
    6. Chairperson of NHRC – Arun Kumar Mishra
    7. World Day Against Child Labour – 12 June
       - Theme – Act Now, End Child Labour
    8. 2021 French Open
       - Mens 🡪 Novak
       - Womens 🡪 Barbara
    9. Best Ship at Fleet Award Functions 2021 – INS Sahyadri

1. JULY
   1. MCQs
      1. To mark anniversary of NEP – SAFAL launched, competency based assessment by CBSE
         * Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning
      2. Najib Mikati – New PM of Lebanon
      3. 2021 Cannes Festival
         * Palme d’Or Award – Titane
         * Best Actor
         * Best Actress
      4. New QUAD Group to counter Taliban – USA, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan
      5. Olympic Laurel at 2021 Tokyo Olympics – Muhammed Yunus (Bangladeshi)
         * International Olympic Committee HQ – Laussane, Switzerland
         * FIFA HQ – Zuric Switzerland
      6. Latest to join International Solar Alliance (ISA) – Sweden
         * HQ – Gurugram, Haryana
         * 124 members, estd 2015
         * India has a big hand in estd.
      7. Winner of 2021 Wimbledon women’s single
         * Ashleigh Barty (Australia) beats Carolina Kiskova (Czech Republic)
         * Mens
           1. Novak Djokovic
      8. 2021 Copa America Title – Argentina beats Brazil
      9. New Uttarakhand CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami
      10. Book “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin” 🡪 Dhaval Kulkarni
      11. NIPUN Bharat Programme – National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding & Numeracy
      12. Swasthya Portal – Health & nutrition commission of the tribal population
      13. Ujjawala Scheme – LPG connections to woman from BPL
      14. Aral Sea – Recently shrunk by human activities
          * Countries ??
      15. 2021 – Man Booker Prize 🡪 David Diop (At Night, All blood is black)
      16. Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyan 🡪 NITI Aayog
          * Doctors will treat covid patients at home
      17. Bhabha Kavach –
          * Lightest bullet proof jacket, can withstand ak 47 bullets
          * Developed by ???
      18. Foreign languages offered under NEP 2020 – Japanese, Portuguese, Thai, German, Spanish, French, Russian, Korean??
      19. KIRAN helpline – Relief and support to people with mental illness
      20. Bunder Diamond Mining Project – Madhya Pradesh
      21. Best Web Series at Indian Film Festival Melbourne 2021
          * Mirzapur Season 2
      22. Losharik – Russian Nuclear Powered Sub
      23. Prerana My Tree Initiative – students of Karnataka
      24. Supply Chain Resilience Initiative – to build supply chains in the Indo Pacific Region 🡪 India, Japan, Australia
      25. Best Documentary Awards at Academy Awards 2021
          * My Octopus Teacher
      26. Thwaites Glacier – Antarctica
      27. FACT Rebel Group 🡪 Chad, Libya
      28. Al – Mohed Al Hindi 2021 Naval Exercise – Saudi Arabia
   2. DAYS
2. AUGUST
3. SEPTEMBER
4. OCTOBER
5. CHAIRMANS
   1. National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
      1. Vijay Sampla
      2. Article ???

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. January – February
   1. 2nd Feb – World Wetlands Day
      * Wetlands & Water
   2. 20th Feb – World Day of Social Justice
2. March – April
   1. 3rd Mar – World Wildlife Day
      * Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
   2. 8th Mar – Worlds Women’s Day
   3. 15th Mar – World Consumer Rights Day
      * Tackle plastic pollution
   4. 16th Mar – National Vaccination Day
   5. 21st Mar – World Forests Day
      * Forest Restoration : A Path to recovery and wellbeing
   6. 22nd Mar – World Water Day
      * Valuing Water
   7. 18th Apr – World Heritage Day
      * Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures
3. May – June
   1. 1st May – International Labour Day
   2. 3rd May – World Press Freedom Day
   3. 11th May – National Technology Day
      * Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future
   4. 12th May – International Midvives and Nurses Day
      * A voice to lead, a vision for future healthcare
      * On birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale
   5. 22nd May – International Biodiversity Day
      * We’re part of the solution
   6. 28th May – World Blood Cancer Day
   7. 31st May – World No Tobacco Day
      * Commit to Quit
      * Harsh Vardhan given WHO Director General Special Award 2021
   8. 5th Jun – World Environment Day
      * Reimagine, Recreate, Restore
      * Hosted by Pakistan
   9. 8th Jun – World’s Oceans Day
      * Ocean Life & Livelihood
   10. 12th Jun – World Day Against Child Labour
       * Act now : End child Labour
   11. 14th Jun – World Blood Donor Day
       * Give Blood and keep the world beating
   12. 20th Jun – World Refugee Day
       * Together we heal, learn and shine
   13. 21st Jun – International Day of Yoga
       * Yoga for Wellness
   14. 23rd Jun – International Olympic Day
       * Stay Healthy, Stay Strong, Stay Active
4. July – August
   1. 11 July – World Population Day
      * The impact of COVID 19 on fertility
   2. 20th July – World Chess Day
   3. 29th July – World Tiger Day
      * Their Survival is in our hands
   4. 30 July – World Day Against Trafficking
      * Victims voices lead the way
   5. 10th Aug – World Biofuel Day
   6. 12th Aug – World Youth Day
      * Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health
   7. 14th Aug – Partition Horrors Remembrance Day
   8. 19th Aug – World Humanitarian Day
   9. 20th Aug – Sadbhavana Diwas (birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi)
   10. 29th Aug – National Sports Day (Major Dhyan Chand’s Anniversary)
5. September – October
   1. 8th Sept – World Literacy Day
   2. 21st Sept – World Peace Day
   3. 24th Sept – World Maritime Day
   4. 27th Sept – World Tourism Day
      * Tourism for Inclusive Growth
   5. 29th Sept – World Heart Day
   6. 6th Oct – World Wildlife Day
   7. 9th Oct – World Migratory Bird Day
      * Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a bird
   8. 16th Oct – World Food Day
6. December
   1. 1st Dec – World Aids Day
   2. 3rd Dec – World Disability Day
   3. 10th Dec – International Human Rights Day

INDEX’s / REPORTS

1. Human Freedom Index 2020
   * Released – Frazer Institute (Canada) & Cato Institute (USA)
   * India – 111/162
   * Topped – NZ
2. Human Development Report
   * Released – UNDP
3. 6th Assessment Report (AR6)
   * Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
   * Prepared by UNEP + World Meteorological Org.
4. World Press Freedom Index 2021
   * By Reporters without Borders
   * India 142nd/180
5. Global Forests Goals Report 2021
   * UN Dept. of Economic & Social Affairs
6. Environment Risk Outlook 2021
   * 43 Indian Cities in top 100
   * Riskiest – Jakarta | 2nd – Delhi | 3rd – Chennai
   * Safest – Glasgow
7. Global Peace Index
   * By Institute for Economics & Peace
8. Global Gender Gap Report
   * By WEF
   * India – 140/156
   * Toppers – Finland, Sweden , Denmark
9. Ease of Living Index 2020
   * Topped – Bangalore, Pune, Ahmedabad
   * By Centre for Science & Environment

PRIZES / AWARDS / SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

1. The Green Oscar / Whitley Award 2021
   * Y Nuklu Phom (Indian)
   * For creating Biodiversity Peace Corridor
2. 69th Miss Universe 2020 🡪 Andrea Meza (Mexico)
   * Indian Adline Castellio came 4th s
3. International Invincible Gold Medal 2021 🡪 Ramesh Pokhriyal
4. Millennium Technology Prize 2020 🡪 Prof Shankar Balasubramanian (DNA Seq. Tech)
5. Etienne Glihitch Award 🡪 Hockey
6. Green Urja Award 2021
   * IREDA – Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency
7. World Food Prize 2021 🡪 Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted (Denmark)
8. NY City International Film Festival
   * Best Actor – Anupam Kher (Happy Birthday)
9. Arline Pacht Global Vision Award 2021
   * Justice Gita Mittal
   * Shares with Margarita Luna Ramos (Mexico)
10. BillBoard Music Award 2021
    * Icon Award – Pink (Indian Movie)
11. 2021 Laureate of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
    * Maria Ressa (Phillipines), investigative journalist
12. Rudolf V Schindler Award
    * Dr. D Nageswar Reddy
    * By American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)
13. Princess of Asturias Award
    * Amartya Sen (Social Wellness)
14. Order of the Rising Sun (3rd highest decoration of Japan)
    * Shyamla Ganesh – promoting Japanese culture in India
15. Dadasaheb Phalke Award
    * 1969 (1st) – Devika Rani
    * 1984 – Satyajit Ray
    * Latest - Rajinikanth
16. International Man Booker Prize
    * David Diop
    * Novel – “At night all blood is black”
17. 2021 – Arline of the Year Award
    * By Air Transport World
    * Winner – South Korea
18. 2021 Humboldt Research Award for Economics 🡪 Kaushik Banu

SPORTS

1. Venues
   * 2022 Women’s Rugby World Cup – New Zealand
   * 2022 FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup – India
2. Laureus Sports Award 2021
   * Sportsman of the Year Award – Rafael Nadal (Spain)
   * Sportswoman of the Year Award – Naomi Osaka (Japan)
   * Team of the Year Award – Bayern Munich (German)
   * Lifetime Achievement Award – Billie Jean King
   * Athlete Advocate of the Year Award – Lewis Hamilton (UK)
   * Sporting Inspiration Award – Mohamed Salah (Egypt)