Q. The International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) is observed on which day?

A) March 31  C) March 29
B) March 30  D) March 28

Answer - A

- The International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) occurs annually on March 31 to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as to celebrate their contributions to society.

History of the Day:

- The day was founded by US-based transgender activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan in 2009.

Transgender in NEWS

- International Transgender Day Of Visibility: 31st March
- India’s First ‘Transgender Community Desk’ Opens In Telangana
- Thaawarchand Gehlot E-Launches National Portal For Transgender Persons
- Ex-SPG Officer Pens Novel “Rasaathi” On Transgenders
- Cricket Australia Unveils New Transgender Inclusive Policy
List of important Days in March 2021

- 2 March – Employee Appreciation Day
- 4 March – National Safety Day
- 8 March – International Women’s Day, Ramakrishna Jayanti
- 10 March – CISF Raising Day
- 12 March – Mauritius Day
- 14 March – Pi Day, International Day of Action for Rivers
- 15 March – World Consumer Rights Day, World Sleep Day
- 16 March – National Vaccination Day
- 18 March – Ordnance Factories Day (India), Global Recycling day
- 20 March – International Day of Happiness, World Oral Health Day
- 22 March – World Water Day
- 23 March – World Meteorological Day
- 24 March – World Tuberculosis (TB) Day
- 25 March – International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, International Day of the Unborn Child
- 26 March – Purple Day for epilepsy
- 27 March – World Theatre Day
- Second Wednesday of March – No Smoking Day

Q. Anandam: The Center for Happiness has recently been inaugurated at which place?

A) IIT Delhi  
B) IIM Jammu  
C) IISc Bengaluru  
D) AIIMS
Answer - B

- **Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ inaugurated “Ānandam: The Center for Happiness” virtually on March 30, 2021 at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu.**

**Most IMP IIT IN NEWS**

- IIT Kharagpur Wins CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0
- HCL Tech Inks Pact With IIT Kanpur To Build Up Competence In Cybersecurity
- IIT Madras-Incubated Pi Beam Launches PiMo E-Bike
- IIT Bombay Launches Fundraising Campaign ‘Cherish IIT Bombay 2021’
- PNB Collaborates With IIT Kanpur To Set Up Fintech Innovation Centre
- India’s 1st Testbed TiHAN Launched At IIT Hyderabad
- IIT Kanpur, ASI Sign MoU With Italian Institutes For Restoration Of Monuments
- IIT Jodhpur, NHAI Sign MoU For Betterment Of Highway Infrastructure
- Indian Bank, IIT-Madras In Pact For Start-Up Funding
- IIT Kharagpur’s Develops ‘COVIRAP’ Technology For COVID-19

Q. Thisara Perera was in news recently for hitting six sixes in a single over. He is a cricket player from which country?

A) South Africa
B) West Indies
C) New Zealand
D) Sri Lanka

Answer - D

- **Sri Lankan all-rounder Thisara Perera has become the first cricketer from the island nation to hit six sixes from one over.**

**Quick Recap**

- Kieron Pollard Becomes 3rd Man To Hit 6 Sixes In An Over
- Leo Carter of New Zealand Becomes 7th Batsman to Hit Six Sixes in an Over
Q. Name the Indian ranger who is the only Asian to win the prestigious International Ranger Award 2021

A) Shiv Prasad Barthwa  
B) Sushil Kumar  
C) Mahinder Giri  
D) Parvendra Singh

Answer - C

- Mahinder Giri, a range officer at Rajaji Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand has been honored with the prestigious International Ranger Award for his contribution towards conservation. He is the only ranger from Asia to win the prize.

List of Awards & Honours in NEWS March 2021

- Mahinder Giri Wins International Ranger Award 2021
- Asha Bhosle selected for Maharashtra Bhushan award, state’s highest honour
- IIT Kharagpur team wins CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0
- Prof. Sharad Pagare Selected for Vyas Samman 2020
- Kiran Bedi Receives Baton of Honor from President Ram Nath Kovind
- Amitabh Bachchan becomes first Indian to be honoured with 2021 FIAF Award
- Koneru Humpy named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021
- Mahamadou Issoufou wins Africa’s top prize for Leadership

Q. Which country has passed a bill to provide leave for miscarriage and for stillbirth, becoming the only country after India to have such legislation?

A) New Zealand  
B) Australia  
C) Ireland  
D) Norway

Answer – A

- The New Zealand Parliament has recently passed legislation to provide leave for miscarriage and for stillbirth
New Zealand in NEWS

- New Zealand becomes only second country after India to pass Miscarriages Bereavement Leave Law
- Lowy Institute’s Covid-19 Response Index, New Zealand Tops List
- Corruption Perception Index 2020; New Zealand and Denmark tops
- India-New Zealand World Test Championship Final In Southampton
- New Zealand All-Rounder Corey Anderson Retires From All Forms Of Cricket
- New Zealand all-rounder Corey Anderson retires from international cricket
- Human Freedom Index 2020; New Zealand Tops
- Oldest living first-class cricketer, Alan Burgess, of New Zealand and World War II veteran, passes away at 100
- Priyanca Radhakrishnan becomes first Indian-origin minister of New Zealand
- New Zealand’s Greg Barclay elected new ICC Chairman
- Jacinda Ardern wins second term as New Zealand’s Prime Minister

About New Zealand

- Prime minister of New Zealand: Jacinda Ardern.
- Capital of New Zealand: Wellington.
- The currency of New Zealand: New Zealand dollar

Q. Which of these days is observed as the International Day of Drug Checking?

A) March 29           C) March 28
B) March 31           D) March 30

Answer - B

➢ The International Day of Drug Checking takes place on March 31 every year since 2017 to ensure people are educated on drugs and aware of their effects.

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the World Backup Day every year?

A) 29 March           B) 30 March
C) 28 March  
D) 31 March

Answer - D

➢ World Backup Day is marked every year on March 31 the day aims to reminds us to protect our precious digital documents as we’ve become more reliant on technology.

Q. Which film has won the best film award at the 66th Filmfare Awards for the year 2021?

A) Thappad  
B) Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior  
C) Angrezi Medium  
D) Ludo

Answer - A

Check the complete list of Bollywood celebrities, who won big at the 66th Filmfare Awards 2021:

- Best Film: Thappad
- Best Film (Critics): Prateek Vats (Eeb Allay Ooo!)
- Best Director: Om Raut (Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior)
- Best Actor in a Lead Role (MALE): Irrfan Khan (Angrezi Medium)
- Best Actor (Critics): Amitabh Bachchan (Gulabo Sitabo)
- Best Actor in a Lead Role (Female): Taapsee Pannu (Thappad)
- Best Actress (Critics): Tillotama Shome (SIR)
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male): Saif Ali Khan (Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior)
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female): Farrokh Jaffar (Gulabo Sitabo)
- Best Story: Anubhav Sushila Sinha and Mrunamayee Lagoo Waikul (Thappad)
- Best Screenplay: Rohena Gera (SIR)
- Best Dialogue: Juhi Chaturvedi (Gulabo Sitabo)
- Best Debut Director: Rajesh Krishnan (Lootcase)
- Best Debut Female: Alaya F (Jawaani Jaaneman)
- Best Music Album: Pritam (Ludo)
- Best Lyrics: Gulzar (Chhappak)
• Best Playback Singer (male): Raghav Chaitanya – Ek Tukda Dhoop (Thappad)
• Best Playback Singer (Female): Asees Kaur (Malang)
• Lifetime Achievement Award: Irrfan Khan.

Q. The Indian Navy is scheduled to take part for the first time in the naval drill ‘La Perouse’ in April 2021. The annual navy exercise is organised by which country?

A) Singapore  C) Russia
B) France  D) Israel

Answer - B

➢ The Indian Navy is scheduled to participate in France-led naval drill named “La Perouse”, which will be held from April 5 to 7, 2021 in the Bay of Bengal. The participating nations also include the other Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) member countries namely Australia, Japan and the United States of America (USA).

Indian Navy in NEWS 2021

• Indian Navy to participate in French Naval Exercise in Bay of Bengal with QUAD nation
• Indian Navy undertakes PASSEX with Royal Bahrain Naval Force in Persian Gulf
• Scorpene-class submarine INS Karanj commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai
• Indian Navy Ship Pralaya Participates in NAVDEX 21 and IDEX 21 in Abu Dhabi, UAE
• GRSE delivers eighth & final Landing Craft Utility (LCU) ship to Indian Navy
• BEL and Indian Navy inks pact for initial supply of indigenously developed Laser Dazzlers
• Indian Navy & DRDO conduct maiden trial of first indigenous air-dropped container ‘SAHAYAK-NG’

Static Facts About INDIAN NAVY

➢ Father of Indian Navy : Shivaji
➢ First Chief : Admiral Sir William Edward Parry
Motto(s) : शं नो वरुणः (Sanskrit)
- Shaṅ No Varunah (ISO)
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Colours: Navy blue and white
- First Indian Chief of the Naval Staff: Katari
- 24th Chief of the Naval Staff: Karambir Singh
- Vice Chief: Ashok Kumar

Q. What was the profession of Anil Dharker who has passed away recently?

A) Economist  
B) Filmmaker  
C) Journalist  
D) Sportsperson

Answer – C

- Noted journalist and author Anil Dharker has passed away suffering from heart ailment.

Q. 28th Hunar Haat is being organized in ____.

A. Delhi  
B. Agra  
C. Lucknow  
D. Goa

Answer: D

- 28th Hunar Haat is being organized at the ‘Kala Praishad’ in Goa. It was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant. The theme of the event is ‘Vocal for Local’.

Q. Maggie O’Farrell’s ‘______’ has won the US National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction.

A. Hamnet  
B. Hobbies  
C. Relations  
D. Rules

Answer: D

- Maggie O'Farrell's 'Hamnet' has won the US National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction. Hamnet is based on the death of Shakespeare's son from bubonic plague.
Q. Which of the following countries have recently received 'Made in India' COVID-19 vaccines?

A. Fiji  
B. Zimbabwe  
C. Nigeria  
D. Paraguay  
E. All of these

Answer: E

- Paraguay, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Fiji have received 'Made in India' COVID-19 vaccines recently. The vaccines have been extended by the Indian government under its 'Maitri' initiative. India has already supplied vaccines of COVID-19 to 70 countries.

Q. India conducted naval exercise, 'PASSEX' with ________ in Bay of Bengal.

A. Japan  
B. Australia  
C. USA  
D. None of them

Answer: C

- India conducted 'PASSEX' naval exercise with United States of America (USA) in Bay of Bengal on 28th and 29th March, 2021. INS Shivalik and P81 patrol aircraft were deployed by Indian Navy for the exercise. USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group represented US Navy.

Q. India has initiated the ____ phase of India Beamline Project in Japan.

A. 1st  
B. 2nd  
C. 3rd  
D. 4th

Answer: C

- India has initiated the 3rd phase of India Beamline Project in Japan. Researchers from India will be trained with Advanced X-Ray techniques used in material research.

Q. Who has become the only Asian to with International Ranger Award?

A. Juan Long Ping  
B. Mahinder Giri  
C. Md. Yousuf  
D. Rubina Ansari
Mahinder Giri has become the only Asian to win the International Ranger Award for his efforts towards reducing conflicts between humans and wild animals. He is currently serving as a Ranger in the Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

Q. Which state-run company got the ‘Role Model’ Award at the 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21?

A. NTPC
B. ONGC
C. GAIL
D. IOCL

Answer: A

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has won the ‘Role Model’ Award at the 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21. NTPC has become the only Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) to win this award.

About NTPC

- NTPC MD & CEO: Gurdeep Singh.
- NTPC Headquarters: New Delhi, India.

Q. Who will be awarded with Maharashtra Bhushan award?

A. Lata Mangeshkar
B. Asha Bhosle
C. Alka Yagnik
D. Shilpa Rao

Answer: B

Asha Bhosle will be awarded with Maharashtra Bhushan Award. The prestigious award will be conferred to the legendary playback singer by the CM of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray.

About the award:
The award, instituted in 1996 by the State government to recognise distinguished work and achievements of eminent persons from the State, representing different walks of life, carries a cash prize of ₹10 lakh and a citation.

The first Maharashtra Bhushan awardee was Marathi writer P.L. Deshpande and the last winner of this award was historian Babasaheb Purandare who got it for the year 2015.

About Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai.
- Maharashtra CM: Uddhav Thackeray.

Q. What was the name of the container ship that blocked the Suez Canal?

A. Ever Given
B. Ever Green
C. Ever Love
D. Ever Live

Answer: D

Q. The Indian folk dance Karakattam has been originated from which state?

A) Odisha
B) Kerala
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer - D

Q. Port-Au-Prince is the capital of which country?

A) Haiti
B) Malta
C) Slovakia
D) Uganda

**Answer - A**

Q. What is the currency of Brazil?
A) Dollar
B) Euro
C) Peso
D) Real

**Answer - D**

Q. Who is the current Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports?
A) Shripad Yesso Naik
B) Kiren Rijiju
C) Prahalad Singh Patel
D) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer - B**

Q. The purpose of Pink Revolution is ____?
A) Potato Production
B) Pharmaceuticals Production
C) Horticulture Production

**Answer - B**

Q. What is the State Bird of Bihar?
A) House Sparrow
B) White-winged duck
C) Hill myna
D) Flamingo

**Answer - A**

Q. The Beighton Cup is related with which sports?
A) Cricket
B) Hockey
C) Golf
D) Football

**Answer - B**

Q. Where is “Kalighat Mandir” situated?
A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Maharashtra
C) West Bengal
D) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer - C**
Q. Where is the HQ of National Hydroelectric Power Generation Corporation of India?

A) Mumbai  
B) Gwalior  
C) Nagpur  
D) Faridabad  

Answer - D