



**DAILY PRACTICE SHEET COMPILATION
(MARCH, 2021)**

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DAILY PRACTICE SHEET

Prelims Topics

1st March

- PSLV-C51
- National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- National Science Day
- Phase 2 of the Covid vaccination
- Maritime India Summit 2021
- Child Welfare Committee (CWCs)
- Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary and the Mollem National Park (GOA)
- Johnson & Johnson's single-shot Covid-19 vaccine (JNJ-78436735 or Ad26.COV2.S.)
- Global Education Monitoring Report (GEM report)
- TEQIP (Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme)
- Cloud Computing
- Mission Poshan 2.0: Saksham Aganwadi schemes, National Crèche Scheme

2nd March

- National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC)
- FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India) scheme
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- Swachh Survekshan
- Reservation of seats in Local government
- CERT (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team)
- Contraindication
- Gap between Vaccine doses
- Uighur
- WTO gets new Director General
- Nuclear Enrichment

3rd March

- Prosopis juliflora or vilayati kikar
- Dard Aryan tribe
- Art and Craft at display at Dilli Haat
- Western Container terminal project (WCT) – Sri Lanka
- Surya Prakash Committee
- Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2021.
- Kringlerne Rare earth Deposit
- Spectrum
- Sagar-Manthan: Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC)
- Jamsetji Tata
- World Wildlife Day
- Cost Push inflation
- Bio-refinery

- Blood Thinner
- Himalayan serow

4th March

- FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2021
- Dhruvad
- Outcome Budgeting
- Gaphaz or the Glacier and Permafrost Hazards in Mountains
- Complete blood count (CBC), C-reactive protein (CRP), or Immunoglobulin-E (IgE) levels
- Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)
- Epigrap
- 30-Share Index (BSE Sensex)
- International energy Agency

5th March

- QS World Ranking by Subject
- Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020
- Ease of Living Index, 2020 (EoLI)
- OBC quota in local govt
- North-East removed from the delimitation commission mandate
- Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train
- International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC)
- Loan to Value (LTV) ratio
- OPEC+
- SC Bench proposes fast-track courts to address pendency of cases due to dishonoured cheques
- Heat Wave

6th March

- Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC)
- High level national Committee to commemorate 75 years of independence
- T1C2 tiger
- Inert waste
- 1st Quad leaders' meeting likely this month
- No confidence Motion
- Private members' bill
- Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)
- National Emergency
- Cryptocurrency bill and challenges
- GVA vs GDP
- Bridging trial

7th March

- Interim Injunction

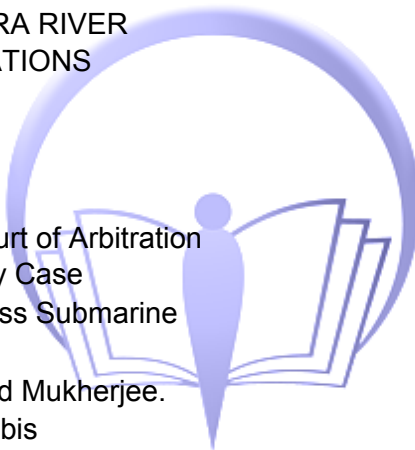
- Hybrid hearings
- Great Indian bustard
- Schedule 1 of Environment Protection Act
- Wi-fi 6
- Wine country shift
- Red Echo and Shadow Pad
- How long immunity remains?

8th March

- COMMONWEALTH
- JANAUSHADHI SCHEME
- I4C
- SAVITRIBHAI PHULE
- BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER
- CALM 2 MUTATIONS

9th March

- Permanent Court of Arbitration
- Indira Sawhney Case
- Project 75I-Class Submarine
- Electoral Bond
- Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.
- hemp or cannabis
- International Women's Day
- Thunderstorms
- Salt Satyagraha



10th March

- Resignation of the Chief Minister
- Wildlife Board of India:
- NSAP
- Base effect
- Reverse Repo and G Sec
- Digidhan mission and Digidhan dashboard
- Adjournments
- Western disturbance
- Vaccine passport
- Vaccine and Immunity

11th March

- No trust Motion
- Fuel Staking
- No trust motion
- Covaxin vs Covishield

- Clinical trial mode: Restrictive label that Covaxin is set to shed
- Stockholm+50
- In new Covid-19 vaccine candidate, key protein is encased in measles vaccine
- Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN)

12th March

- Nagpur first city to see 2nd lockdown in India amidst rising Corona cases
- Amrit Mahotsav
- RTE Act
- Thunderstorm
- Covaxin is now out of clinical trial mode and has now same authorization as Covishield
- NCPCR
- Disinvestment drive:
- Mapping Indian Ocean genome
- LGBT freedom zone:
- Trusted telecom products or trusted telecom equipment sources

13th March

- Quad vaccine initiative
- Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Appointing CBI director
- Lights Out Philly initiative
- 2001 FO32
- Liquefied hydrogen from brown coal
- AtmaNirbhar Incubator
- SEC
- IIP
- LAC

14th March

- Ordinance
- Lightening
- Operation Greens: Top to total
- Palamu Tiger reserve
- Foreign exchange Reserves
- Extreme wet-bulb temperature, or TW
- Lightening
- PM 2.5 & NITROGEN DIOXIDE
- MARTIAN BLUEBERRIES
- ADENOVIRUS VACCINE

15th March

- Z+ security

- 2. Permanent Indus Commission
- Shetrunjay Dungar Reserve Forest
- Communal GO (Government order) 1921
- Agricultural Markets and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index
- Mosquito protein (AEG12) inhibits number of viruses
- Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme

16th March

- DEATH PENALTY
- INTER PARLIAMENTARY UNION
- NATIONAL MISSION ON HIMALAYAN STUDIES
- CEDAW
- DELHI GOVERNMENT vs CENTRE
- DUST STORM
- OIL SUPPLIES TO INDIA
- PROJECT RE – HAB
- BARALACHA PASS
- NOTA
- KATHAKALI
- NATIONAL CADET CORPS
- GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD
- ARMS IMPORTS
- AIR BUBBLE ARRANGEMENT



17th March

- NATIONAL MONETISATION PIPELINE
- WORLD AIR QUALITY REPORT
- TENTH SCHEDULE
- SYNTHETIC MEAT
- MGNREGA
- ARTICLE 342 A
- DEVELOPMENTAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- SOFR
- FOOD WASTE INDEX REPORT
- RULE CURVE
- IRENA
- CENSUS
- MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020
- SEBI FRAMEWORK ON IPO

18th March

- Maharaja Anangpal 2/Tomar dynasty
- NCC
- Cotton Commission of India
- European Union
- International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, 2021

- District Mineral Foundation fund/Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana
- NRC
- Nirbhaya guidelines
- Appropriation bill
- Bankers survey
- Amicus curiae

19th March

- Voluntary vehicle-fleet modernization plan
- Daily Minimum Wages
- Point of Order
- Bill for FDI in insurance sector to be raised to 74%
- The Covid vaccine India is making, testing and supplying
- Global Wage Report 2020-21
- CIC
- Supplementary grants
- S400 & CAATSA
- Bond yields
- OMO
- Insurance amendment bill



20th March

- MMDR Amendment Bill
- National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA)
- Regent honeyeater (Anthochaeraphrygia)
- World Happiness Report
- Moscow summit on Afghanistan
- Vaccine Wastage
- Diatom test
- Milan 2T
- Constitutional order passed on loksabha
- State resolution on central law
- Global hunger index
- Tanzania first woman president - Samia Suluhu Hassan
- MMRD amendment bill
- Diatom test
- Aluminium air battery
- SAMAAR CAMPAIGN
- TRISHNA MISSION

21st March

- GREAT NICOBAR
- TSUNAMI
- CHEETAH
- PERIYAR

- ISTANBUL CONVENTION
- FAGRADALS VOLCANO
- WALR
- VOYAGER STATION
- CLASSIC BAGH FESTIVAL
- HELIUM
- INDIAN MONSOON
- INSIGHTS MISSION
- BLACK HOLE

22nd March

- Scramble crossing or X-crossing
- Asia's Largest Tulip Garden
- Nowruz festival
- Ken-Betwa Link
- Odissi dance
- Kambala
- Right to counsel in custody



23rd March

- Legislative Council
- Gandhi Peace Prize
- Marine Aids to Navigation Bill-2021
- NALSA
- Houthis/Yemen war
- Chin community
- Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971
- Role of weather in Covid-19 Pandemic
- VVPAT
- UNHRC
- CCI
- Periodic labour force survey

24th March

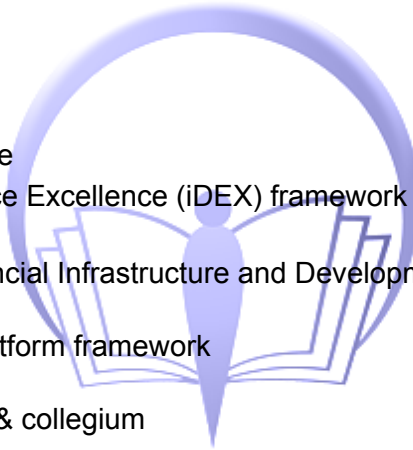
- Women harder hit by job losses due to Pandemic
- Lachit Borphukan
- National Disaster Management Force
- DARPAN
- Relaxation of Valuation of AT1 bonds
- UNHRC vote on Sri Lanka's Human right records
- Finance bill
- Sixth schedule
- Petrol and Diesel future inclusion in GST

25th March

- Double mutant variant
- Appointment of the CJI
- Thallium
- Pandaram land
- National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill6. UNHRC vote on Sri Lanka's Human right records
- PakalDul and Lower Kalnai project
- SARS-CoV-2 in animals and Myocarditis
- Suez canal
- Digital Tax

26th March

- Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) framework
- UIDAI
- National Bank for financial Infrastructure and Development
- Adjournment Sine die
- Innovators Growth Platform framework
- PESA
- Appointment of judge & collegium
- RT PCR test
- Adjournment
- Bocw
- Ballistic missile
- Sebi norms -ddt



27th March

- PDS
- National judicial Data Grid
- Non-Fungible Tokens
- Electoral Bond
- Tornadoes
- Covovax
- Oumuamua
- NCLAT
- Concurrent list
- RTI

28th March

- Indian PM's visit to Bangladesh
- Earth Hour
- The SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act
- Uniform Civil Code
- Zero year for PLI
- TRIPS
- The battle of Pherozeshah
- Exercise desert Flag-6
- Teesta
- Khumbh mela
- UNPKF
- Enceladus

29th March

- Free movement Regime
- Public Accounts Committee
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Composite water management index
- Judicial Review
- Avian influenza (H5N1)

30th March

- PMAY - G
- USD COIN
- UK VARIANT CORONAVIRUS
- POLLING AGENTS
- HEART OF ASIA- ISTANBUL PROCESS
- PROROGATION
- ASTEROID AOPHIS
- AFRICAN ELEPHANT

31st March

- NFSA
- International Criminal Court:
- Integrated Circuits (ICs)
- T cells
- DGCA
- Foreign portfolio Investment
- Inflation



General Studies - 1

History

4th March

1. Discuss the challenges and achievement independence movement in Africa post-World War 2. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

9th March

1. Discuss the significance of Dandi March in Indian History. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

10th March

1. Discuss the role of Indian women in freedom struggle. Why civil disobedience movement is considered a watershed in this context? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

Extra Source: India's struggle for independence by Bipin Chandra

2. Civil disobedience Movement remains to be a movement unsurpassed in the history of freedom movement. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

Extra Source: India's struggle for independence by Bipin Chandra

18th March

1. What made Indian democracy a successful example of democracy in the developing world? Is there an erosion of democratic tradition in India? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

31st March

1. Discuss the role of cooperatives in empowering women. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]



Geography

1st March

1. Explain why sugar mills are opened in drought prone districts.

2nd March

1. Discuss the distribution of coal bed methane in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

24th March

1. Discuss the ecological and economic significance of Sunderbans. [Reference: [Millennium Post](#)]



Society

1st March

1. Discuss the challenges of reopening schools in context translating the vision of the New Education Policy (NEP) into practice. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Establish a relation between health improvements and economic growth in developing countries.

2nd March

1. What do you understand by feminism? Discuss nature of feminist movement in India in current times and challenges it faces. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

4th March

1. Discuss the issues and challenges in urban development strategy in India. What should be the strategy going forward. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

5th March

1. "Promise to marry" jurisprudence in violence against women is reflection of deep-rooted patriarchy in society. In this context cause and challenges of patriarchy in Indian society. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

6th March

1. Examine how the Swachh Bharat Mission by putting women at the Centre can be a driver of gender equality in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

8th March

1. Discuss the numerous factors preventing women from entering, remaining and progressing in the labour force. Also discuss the strategies to counter them. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
2. Critically examine various issues in care economy? Is it fair to women? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
3. What do you understand by empowerment? Discuss how women empowerment is essential for achievement of sustainable empowerment.
4. What do you understand by glass ceiling effect? How does it affect women career prospects?
5. Corona pandemic is a disaster for feminism. Comment. [Reference: [The Atlantic](#)]

9th March

1. What do you understand by Mandalisation of Indian Politics? Discuss its evolution? [Reference: [The Quint](#)]

10th March

1. What do you understand by patriarchy? How does it impact the life of women? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

11th March

1. What do you understand by reverse migration? Explain the phenomenon. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

16th March

1. With India set to be most populous country in coming decade what are the challenges India is facing due to large population. Also, discuss strategy for population stabilization. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. What is women empowerment? Examine challenges in the women empowerment in India. Can the political empowerment be a way to achieve empowerment in other spheres? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

22nd March

1. Critically discuss the problem of unpaid work. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

24th March

1. Secure employment and better livelihood opportunities — especially for women are vital. In this context discuss women suffering disproportionately due to lockdown w.r.t employment and identify major causes. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

28th March

1. What do you understand by systemic discrimination? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

General Studies-2

Polity

1st March

1. What is lateral entry scheme? Critically examine its potential role in improving governance. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Discuss the challenge of “Parallel Judicial System” due to tribalization of the judicial process. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

5th March

1. Discuss the constitutional and other issues arising out of state laws providing for reservation in private industry for locals. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Discuss the significance of an Independent director in the context of governance? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
3. Discuss the need for mining reforms in India. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

6th March

1. The separation of power in policing is violated when police officers are appointed as the head of prisons. Comment the issues arising out of it. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Is banning crypto currency constitutional? Discuss multiple constitutional rights associated with crypto currencies. [Reference: [Economic Times](#)]

7th March

1. Do you think mandating EWS (economically weaker section) quota till class 12 for private schools will fix gaps in education? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
2. What do you understand by OCI? Is it dual citizenship? Discuss its rationale. [Reference: [Scroll In](#)]
3. Recent reports have highlighted poor achievement of India on the front of freedom in the society. In this context discuss the issues giving rise to such assessment and evaluate the role of the Judiciary in India as protector of the freedom and liberty of the individual. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

8th March

1. Can digitization be a substitute for the fundamentals of public health i.e. – infrastructure, human resources, quality? In this context, critically examine the National Digital Health Mission. [Reference: Indian Express]

9th March

1. Is there a need to revisit the Indra Sawhney v Union of India in the wake of Maratha reservation controversy?

10th March

1. Are small states in India are politically more unstable? Examine the case of the recent Uttarakhand episode.
2. Do small states guarantee better governance? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

11th March

1. Has globalization impacted the sovereign rights of the state? Critically discuss in the context of Cairn India arbitration episode? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
2. Public interest litigation, which was a tool meant to protect the rights of the marginalised and vulnerable, has been weaponised by self-appointed defenders of social, cultural and religious values to curtail artistic expression and viewer choice. Critically comment upon how PILs have evolved over the time.
3. What do you understand by chilling effect? Do you think recent IT Rules 2021, especially sec 69 A will have a chilling effect on the online content platforms? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
4. Discuss the need for reforms in the Public Distribution System. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

12th March

1. The covid-19 has reinforced the role of digital technologies in improving India's healthcare. Elaborate. Also, assess the govt measure in this regard. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

13th March

1. Discuss the significance of the Supreme Court judgement on software taxation in realignment of international customary law and India's international tax policy. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

14th March

1. The poor representation of women in the legislature has been a major barrier in empowerment of women in India. In this context discuss is it time to pass the Women's Reservation bill with 33% reservation to women in house.: ['Half of the population out of the House' | The Indian Express](#)

15th March

1. Discuss the evolution of reservation policy in India? Do you think sub-categorization of OBC quota will make reservation for OBCs more effective? [Reference: Indian Express]

19th March

1. What are electoral bonds? Discuss the concerns regarding them? [Reference: Scroll In]

20th March

1. Identity politics has been major driver of Indian politics. Comment. Do you think politics based on identity is a threat to democracy? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

21st March

1. Analyze the Bill on the National Capital Territory proposed recently and how will it impact the administration? [Reference: [The Quint](#)]
2. Coalition politics is seen to promote inclusive politics and governance in India. In this context discuss advantages of coalition politics and also challenges it entails. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

22nd March

1. Amid questions about the ECI's autonomy critically evaluate the role of Election Commission of India over the years. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Critically examine the appointment system of Supreme Court Judges.

23rd March

1. Pendency of the judicial appointment proposals is one of the many issues afflicting Indian judiciary. Examine. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Will the Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021 reduce the elected government to a mere vestigial organ? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

24th March

1. Universities are places of highest intellectual and academic standards and must remain so. Examine the statement w.r.t recent controversy in Ashoka University resignation saga. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

25th March

1. What do you understand by cooperative federalism? Do you think Indian federal tilt towards the Union pushes it towards coercive federalism? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. What is electoral bond? How far it has made election financing transparent? Also discuss possible misuse of funds received through electoral fund in the wake of Supreme Court observations. [Reference: [New Indian Express](#)]

26th March

1. What are electoral bonds? Critically examine pro's and con's of electoral bonds.

27th March

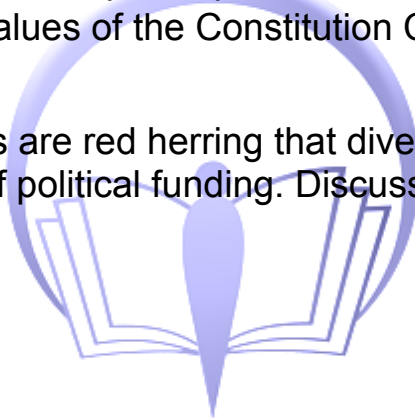
1. Do you think Indian Parliament has declined over the years? Discuss the reasons and suggest remedies.

28th March

1. What is asymmetric federalism? Is India a case of asymmetric federalism? Discuss the impact of new NCT bill on federalism in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Discuss the need for the National Judicial Infrastructure Corporation to improve justice delivery in India.

29th March

1. Discuss role of identity in Indian politics. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. The Places of Worship Act “protects and secures the fundamental values of the Constitution Comment. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
3. Electoral bonds are red herring that divert attention from the real problem of political funding. Discuss. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]



Governance

1st March

1. Discuss the role of Anganwadi Centres in fighting malnutrition?

2nd March

1. Do you think that the National Food Security Act needs changes to be more efficient? Discuss the Niti Aayog's proposed amendment and its implications. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Critically examine Aspirational Districts Programme implementation so far. Do you think this model can be extended for development of block or gram panchayat level? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

4th March

1. The woes of the telecom sector as a whole needs a revamp in its regulatory structure. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
2. Discuss strengthening Indo-US relations in the backdrop of recent Chinese assertiveness. What more needs to be done to strengthen the strategic logic underpinning this partnership. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

9th March

1. Discuss the importance of autonomy in functioning of higher education institute like IITs and IIMs. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

10th March

1. Discuss the agriculture regulatory environment in India. How has it impacted farmer's productivity, income and competitiveness? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

17th March

1. The recent pandemic has demonstrated the importance of public health and health care. Discuss the state of India's public health. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

19th March

1. What do you understand by Universal Health Coverage? Discuss need and feasibility of UHC in a new pandemic-led world. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

2. Lateral entry in administration is good but it poses numerous challenges as well. Elaborate. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

20th March

1. "From schooling to learning: For India to make this shift, it must reform the Right to Education Act". Comment: [Reference: [India Times](#)]

22nd March

1. Critically examine the PM-KISAN scheme's role in improving the lives of the rural population. Also, discuss measures to reform PM-KISAN to make it more inclusive. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
2. Discuss the issue of missing middle' in terms of health insurance penetration in India. Also, taking care of this missing middle can be a big step towards the Universal health care in India. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

27th March

1. What do you understand by corporate governance? In the context of Tata-Mistry case judgement discuss gaps in India's corporate governance system. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

31st March

1. Why is India one of the unhappy countries in the world? Discuss in the context of the World Happiness Report.

International Relation

1st March

1. Critically analyze India – China trade relations. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

2nd March

1. What is the Iran nuclear deal? Why is it important for world peace and security? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
2. Pakistan has been on FATF grey list for terror financing for a long period of time. In this backdrop, discuss the role of FATF in curbing terror financing. What are the implications of getting blacklisted by FATF? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

3rd March

1. What is soft power? How does the knowledge industry contribute to India's diplomatic potential? Critically examine India's progress on diplomatic potential of the knowledge industry. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. India's swift political and military response was a welcome step in the ongoing Indo-China border dispute from Indian security perspective. In this context, discuss issues and way ahead ensuring India is not caught on the wrong foot like this in future. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

5th March

1. Bangladesh has been one of the successes of India's Neighborhood policy. In this context discuss the nature of relationship between two and challenges which need to be given priority. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Discuss how current ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan translate Line of Control into Line of connectivity and cooperation if accompanied actions are undertaken. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
3. Is WTO a tool of rich and powerful developed countries? How can it be made fairer? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

10th March

1. Do you agree QUAD lacks strategic vision and shared agenda? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

12th March

1. Do you think India's global rise has made Quad 2.0 viable? Discuss how QUAD can be both a platform for consolidating India's geo-economic and geo-strategic challenges. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

13th March

1. Geo-political intricacies at play in and around the West Asia region have huge significance and concern for India. Comment. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

14th March

1. Despite close relations the India- Sri Lanka relationship is plagued by multiple irritants. Comment: [As India keeps Sri Lanka on tenterhooks at UNHRC, President Gotabaya dials PM Modi | India News - Times of India \(indiatimes.com\)](#)

16th March

1. In the context of rising China discusses the significance of Quad for strategic autonomy. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

19th March

1. What is soft power? Discuss various elements of India's soft power. Do you think current vaccine diplomacy will boost India's soft power? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

20th March

1. Discuss the 1951 UN convention on refugee. Why has India not signed it? [Reference: [Live Mint](#), [Hindustan Times](#)]

22nd March

1. Driven by shared threats from a rising China and united by a new geopolitical perspective on the Indo-Pacific, Delhi and Washington appear set to expand the scale and scope of the security partnership. Comment. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. What is the South China Sea dispute? Discuss its implications for geo-politics and geo-economics. [Reference: [SCMP](#)]

23rd March

1. Political stability and policy continuity have helped Delhi and Dhaka deepen bilateral ties. However, same has not translated in India-Pakistan relationship. Comment. **[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]**

24th March

1. Trace the history of Indus Water Treaty. Is there a need to review it? **[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]**

26th March

1. Bangladesh is the most important pillar of India's "Neighborhood first Policy". Elaborate. Also discuss the role of states in India's foreign policy. **[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]**
2. Unresolved water sharing agreements between India and Bangladesh and border killings have resulted in under exploitation of potential for mutual growth. **[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]**

30th March

1. Discuss the role of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). **[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]**

31st March

1. The recent coup and violence in Myanmar is both a humanitarian crisis as well security concerns. In this context discuss Indo-Myanmar relations challenges and what should be India's approach in the current situation. **[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]**
2. Discuss the role of geoeconomics in foreign policy. Also, explain the potential of foreign policy guided by geoeconomics acting as starting point of reset of Indo-Pak ties. **[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]**

General Studies-3

Economics

1st March

1. How far the “Operation Green” has been effective in checking price volatility, building efficient value-chain, and reducing post-harvest losses. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

2nd March

1. What do you mean by defence indigenisation? How defence indigenisation can contribute to Atmanirbhar Bharat and introduce much-needed procurement efficiency in defence? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

3rd March

1. How the space and Pharmaceutical model of indigenization could be replicated in other sectors to push indigenization. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Explain the sharp rise in number of billionaires in 2020 during COVID-19. [Reference: [The Print](#)]
3. Discuss the mandate of Development Finance Institution. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
4. Can economic growth alone alleviate poverty? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

6th March

1. Is India’s Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is a form of isolationism? What care must be taken so that while making India self-reliant it should not impact security and investment flow? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
2. Is GVA a better GDP? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

8th March

1. Differentiate between monetary and fiscal policy. Discuss the need for coordination between them. [Reference: Indian Express]
2. Do you think recent Haryana Government decision to reserve jobs for local would lead to “Balkanisation of the Indian labour market”? Critically discuss its impact. [Reference: Indian Express]

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11th March

1. Can protectionist policy help the domestic solar manufacturing industry? [Reference: [Mercom India](#)]
2. What are FPOs? How can they become a solution to agricultural distress? Examine hurdles faced by FPOs. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

12th March

1. What do you understand by insurance penetration? Discuss how the further opening up of the insurance sector to FDI can boost insurance penetration and overall health. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. We must avoid the ‘tyranny of the urgent’ and the budget balancing logic to address structural issues in the design of social protection. In this context, the need of budget prioritizing the most vulnerable, protects societies from extreme inequality, and provides proactive and systemic support to them in development process. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

13th March

1. Amidst rising trade war and protectionism discuss the need of a national security shield while dealing with the inflow of FDI. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. India needs a robust Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) that can support exporters and reverse the pandemic-induced economic downturn. In this context discuss the need of Inter linking policies on foreign trade, FDI and industry to support AtmaNirbhar strategy through exports. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

14th March

1. Tourism is both a blessing and curse in current global times. Comment: [For Planet Earth, No Tourism Is a Curse and a Blessing - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

15th March

1. Indian agriculture needs to shift from production-centric approach to a value-chain approach with FPOs at its center. Elaborate. In this context discuss the role FPOs can play in doubling farmer's income. [Reference: Indian Express]
2. Discuss the role of private investment in economic growth in a market-led economy. What are the challenges private sector investments faces in current context. [Reference: Indian Express]

16th March

1. How the Covid-19 pandemic could be made opportunity to build more & better infrastructure amidst need of sustainable ecosystem. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

17th March

1. Sustainable supply chains can guide us to environment conservatism. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

18th March

1. What is Development Finance Institutions as proposed recently? Critically examine India's earlier experience with FDIs and potentials of new DFIs for growth. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
2. Privatization of Indian Railways may not be needed; yet, more private investment should be encouraged for efficient functioning. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
3. How digital empowerment is key to making MSMEs future ready. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
4. What do you understand by inflation targeting? Should we reevaluate inflation targeting in India?
5. Is privatization a panacea for Public Sector Banks? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

19th March

1. Discuss the benefits of Vehicle Scrappage Policy. [Reference: [Times Of India](#)]

24th March

1. Discuss how India's Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative is different from 1960s import substitution strategy. How self-reliance to health, infrastructure and green

technologies can help India develop a true AtmaNirbhar Bharat. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

25th March

1. Banks already facing NPA and credit slowdown issues are also facing interference and encroachment on freedom from govt, judiciary and the Central Bank. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
2. What do you understand by unfair trade practices? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

26th March

1. Congestion is a big barrier to urban mobility and economic development. In this context identify the major factors for congestion in cities and suggest a viable framework. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

28th March

1. What do you mean by jobless growth? Discuss how jobless growth is a bigger pandemic and has India been witnessing this phenomenon? Also, suggest measures to improve employment scenario. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Technological solutions for water-intensive crops can make use of water more sustainably but it need right incentives, and agri-input pricing has to be on the right track. Explain. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
3. As the economy advances towards incentivizing wealth creation, environmental sustainability and technologically proficiency, urbanization acceleration is inevitable. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
4. What are nutri cereals? Discuss their significance. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

Science and Technology

1st March

1. Throw light on the contribution of C V Raman for Indian science and technology. Also, discuss the power of science in driving Atma Nirbhar Bharat. [Reference: [Google](#)]

11th March

1. What do you understand by vaccine efficacy? Why it is important? [Reference: [Live Mint](#)]

12th March

1. What is artificial intelligence? Discuss the challenges associated with the use of AI in a world of digital disruptions and polarized opinions. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

17th March

1. Without adequate safeguards, AI can widen social and economic schisms, leading to discriminatory outcomes. In this context discuss the need for responsible AI.

30th March

1. Discuss the factors for the spread of zoonosis. [Reference: [Edition CNN](#)]
2. What are superbugs? Discuss the reasons for spread of Superbugs.

Environment

1st March

1. What is meant by decarbonization? In context of the recent Uttarakhand flood and Texas crashing of the electricity grid due to the cold wave, discuss issues and limitations of the current decarbonization strategies. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

4th March

1. "Right to Repair" as recently brought in the EU is one of the many steps to address the challenge of rising e-Waste pollution. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

6th March

1. Mitigation and adaptation both need to go simultaneously as climate change consequences are already here. In this context, the focus on mitigation as in the Paris climate deal is good, but not significant progress has been made on adaptation. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

10th March

1. India needs second-generation reforms in environmental governance to protect environment and community rights and reduce transaction costs for industry. Discuss the need for a new national environment regulator. Context. [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#), [DownToEarth](#)]
2. India has just 16000 electric vehicles. Why is adoption of E- Vehicle low in India?

17th March

1. What do you understand by man-animal conflict? What are the causes of man-animal conflict? Suggest measures to overcome this. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Pandemic has halted or even reverse gains in addressing plastic pollution. In this context discuss the challenge of single-use plastic and what we must do to check it. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
3. Sound sustainable growth policy should ensure that societal costs are adequately captured in economic costs, and societal benefits accrue congruently with economic benefits. Explain. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

20th March

1. In the context of new Draft scrappage policy for auto sector discuss its various benefits. What complimentary steps must be taken to ensure scrappage becomes a norm to phase out old vehicles on road. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

23rd March

1. Discuss the role of MGNREGA in climate adaptation at time India is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change risk. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

24th March

1. Getting back on Paris climate track not only entails environment benefits but also many other benefits to the society and countries. Elaborate. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

25th March

1. Critically examine the impact of inter-linking of rivers. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Discuss the problem of water pollution in India. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

27th March

1. Discuss the impacts of crop stubble burning? Elaborate the effort taken in this regard and what more needs to be done.

31st March

1. Without getting prices right, water scarcity can't be tackled. Comment. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

Internal Security

6th March

1. Doctrinal clarity and institutional coherence are essential for a robust cybersecurity posture. Discuss. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

10th March

1. What do you understand by critical information infrastructure? Discuss the threats and role of National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) in this regard? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. Discuss the role played by central armed forces in maintenance of internal security. Analyze the organizational and functional challenges faced by them. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

11th March

1. The recent incidents allegedly by Chinese hackers have led to calls for a new national strategy to strengthen national security. In this context analyze the recent decision of the government to amend the unified licence for procurement of telecom equipment. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

23rd March

1. What do you understand by two front war? Is India prepared for it? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

General Studies-4

Ethics

1st March

1. What do you understand by code of ethics?

2nd March

1. What do you understand by wellbeing? How is it related to Ethics?

3rd March

1. Why has the medical profession lost its respect in the eyes of people?
[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
2. Discuss the importance of ethics, empathy and spirituality in the medical profession. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

4th March

1. Moral case for climate action is just as strong as the economic case. Elaborate.
[Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

6th March

1. An oversight mechanism for ethical AI is urgent today. Elaborate. In this context, discuss NITI Aayog's 2020 draft on Responsible AI. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

7th march

1. What is the difference between empathy and compassion? How are these significant human values? Explain through examples.

8th March

1. What do you understand by double standard? [Reference: Indian Express]

9th March

1. What do you understand by sense of justice?

10th March

1. What do you understand by gender sensitivity? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
2. What do you understand by patriotism? Do we need to redefine patriotism? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

11th March

1. Why is politics without principle considered as sin? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

22nd March

1. What do you understand by stereotypes? How do they impact women? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

25th March

1. What do you understand by hypocrisy?

26th March

1. What do you understand about "Ethics of care"? How it offers a society free of discrimination? [Reference: [UNODC](#)]

28th March

1. Discuss the role of values in public life. Also elaborate on role of education in shaping values. [Reference: [PIB](#)]

29th March

1. What do you understand by discipline? Why is it important in a nation's development? [Reference: [India Times](#)]
2. What do you understand by taboos? How to tackle them? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

30th March

What do you understand by impartiality? Why is it important in civil service?

31st March

1. What is conflict of interest? Explain with the help of examples. Also. Suggest ways to address conflict in interest in administration. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
2. What do you understand by integrity? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

