## UPSC Civil Services Examination IAS Prelims

## **Topic – Important National & International Dates**

In India, we habitually celebrate many days which are of social, international, economic, commemorative or festive importance. Some of the days are also significant for General Studies as UPSC <u>IAS Prelims exam</u> has at least one question about a celebration of the important days and dates. Nowadays, the exam does ask factual questions related to days when they are in news due to some other important aspect. Every international day adopts a theme for that year. The concerned authorities formulate the policies according to the theme adopted for the year. UPSC is keen to ask questions connected to international days especially associated with technology, environment, and humanity services.

This article will help you with those important dates & events that are important for <u>UPSC 2020</u>.

## National & International Dates For IAS Exam

Aspirants should have all information of our important days and dates in India. There list of dates and their importance which will help the aspirants for understanding the days and dates of both national and international level.

| Day                  | Events                                      |
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|                      | January                                     |
| 1st Jan              | World Peace Day                             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | International World Braille Day             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | World Day -War Orphans                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | NRI Day                                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan | World Laughter Day                          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan | National Human Trafficking Awareness Day    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan | National Youth Day (India)                  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Army Day (India)                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan | World Religion Day                          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan | National Girl child day (India)             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Tourism Day and National Voters Day (India) |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Republic Day (India)                        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan | International Holocaust Remembrance Day     |

| 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan | World Leprosy Eradication Day  |
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|                      | February   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb  | World Wetlands Day   |
| 3rd Feb              | World Cancer Awareness Day   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | World Cancer Day   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation                     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb | International Day of Women's Health  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb | World Radio Day (UNESCO)   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb | World Day of Social Justice  |
| 21st Feb             | International Mother Language Day  |
| 23th Feb             | World Peace and Understanding Day  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Central Excise Day   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb | National Science Day (India)   |
|                      | March  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | International Women's Day<br>International Literacy Day                              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar | International Day of Action for Rivers   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar | World Consumer Rights Day<br>World Disabled Day                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar | National Vaccination Day   |
| 21st Mar             | International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination UN World Forestry Day |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar | World Day for Water  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar | World Meteorological Day   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar | World Tuberculosis Day   |

|                      | April  |  |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | World Autism Awareness Day   |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | National Maritime Day (India)  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | World Health Day   |  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Cultural Unity Day (recognized by India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, and Nepal)<br>National Law Day (India) |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr | World Haemophilia Day  |  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr | World Heritage Day   |  |
| 21st Apr             | Civil Services Day (India)   |  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr | Earth Day  |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr | World Malaria Day<br>National Administrative Professionals Day   |  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr | World Intellectual Property Day  |  |
|                      | May  |  |
| 1st May              | Labour Day   |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  | International Astronomy Day  |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  | World Solar Energy Day<br>World Asthma Day   |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | World Red Cross & Red Crescent Day   |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May  | World Thalassemia Day  |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May | World Mother Day   |  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May | National Technology Day (India)  |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May | World Migratory Bird Day   |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May | International Criminal Court Day   |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May | World Telecommunication Day<br>World Information Society Day   |  |

| 18 <sup>th</sup> May | International Museum Day   |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | World Hepatitis Day  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May | World Metrology Day  |
| 21st May             | World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development<br>Anti-Terrorism Day                |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | International Day for Biological Diversity   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Commonwealth Day   |
| 29thMay              | International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers International Mount Everest Day (Chosen by Nepal) |
| 31st May             | World Anti-Tobacco Day   |
|                      | June   |
| 1st Jun              | International Children's Day   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun  | International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun  | World Environment Day  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun  | Hunger Day   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun  | World Ocean Day  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun | World Day Against Child Labour   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun | World Blood Donor Day  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun | World Elder Abuse Awareness Day  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun | International Integration Day  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun | World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun | World Sickle Cell Day  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun | World Refugee Day  |
| 21st Jun             | World Music Day  |
| 23th Jun             | United Nations Public Service Day<br>International Olympic Day                                     |

| 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun | International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking International Anti-Drugs Day International Day in Support of Victims of Torture |
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| 3rd Sunday of June   | International Father's Day   |
|                      | July   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul  | Doctor's Day   |
| 2st Jul              | World UFO Day<br>World Sports Journalists Day  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul  | International Cooperative Day  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul | World Population Day   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul | Mandela Day  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul | Kargil Memorial Day  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul | World Hepatitis Day<br>World Nature Conservation Day   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul | International Tiger Day  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul | International Day of Friendship  |
|                      | August   |
| 1st Aug              | Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness Day  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Hiroshima Day<br>Anti-Nuclear Day  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | World Senior Citizen Day   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Nagasaki Day<br>International Day of the World's Indigenous People   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Dengue Prevention Day  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug | International Youth Day  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug | India's Independence Day   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug | World Humanitarian Da  |

| 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug | World Mosquito Day   |
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| 23rd Aug             | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug | National Sports Day (India) International Day against Nuclear Tests        |
|                      | September  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep  | World Coconut Day  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep  | Minority Welfare Day<br>World Cerebral Palsy Day                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep  | Teachers Day (India)   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep  | International Literacy Day   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep | World First Aid Day  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep | United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation                             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep | Hindi Day (India)  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep | International Day of Democracy   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep | World Ozone Day  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep | International Talk Like a Pirate Day                                       |
| 21st Sep             | International Day of Peace World Alzheimer's Day                           |
| 22nd Com             | Biosphere Day  World Phine Day   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep | World Rhino Day  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep | World Day Of The Deaf  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep | Right to Know Day  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep | Blasphemy Day  |
| October              |  |
| 1st Oct              | International Day of Older Persons   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct  | International Day of Non-Violence  |

|                      | Human Rights Protection Day  |
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|                      | World Animal Day   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct  | World Nature Day   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | World Animal Welfare Day   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | World Teachers' Day  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | World Humanitarian Action Day  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct | National Post Day (India)  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct | World Day for Natural Disaster Reduction<br>World Calamity Control Day                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct | International Day of Rural Women   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | World Food Day   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | International Day for the Eradication of Poverty   |
| 20th Oct             | International Day of the Air Traffic Controller  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct | United Nations Day World Development Information Day   |
|                      | World Polio Day  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct | World Day for Audiovisual Heritage   |
| 30th Oct             | World Thrift Day   |
| 31st Oct             | National Integration Day (India)   |
|                      | November   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | World Legal Services Day   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov | World Immunization Day   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov | World Pneumonia Day  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov | World Kindness Day   |

| 14th Nov             | Children's Day (India)   |
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| 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov | International Day for Tolerance<br>World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov | International Students Day   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov | International Journalist's remembrance Day International Men's Day                         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Africa Industrialization Day<br>Universal Children's Day<br>Transgender Day of Remembrance |
| 21st Nov             | World Television Day<br>World Fisheries Day  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov | International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women                            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov | National Law Day (India)   |
| 29th Nov             | International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People                                |
|                      | December   |
| 1st Dec              | World Aids Day   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | International Day for the Abolition of Slavery   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec  | World Conservation Day   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Indian Navy Day  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development                            |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Indian Armed Force Flag Day, International Civil Aviation Day                              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | The International Day against Corruption   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Human Rights Day<br>International Animal Rights Day  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | International Mountain Day   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | The International Day Of Heavy Metal   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | National Energy Conservation Day (India)   |

| 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec | International Migrants Day         |
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| 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | International Human Solidarity Day |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec | Farmers Day (India)                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec | International Biodiversity Day     |