



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 21, 2025

APPOINTMENT

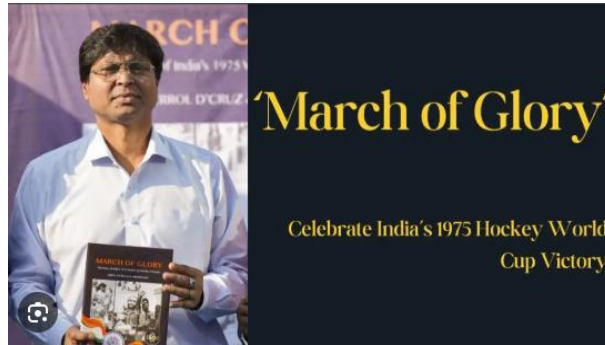
- **First Female and African President of the International Olympic Committee**
- ✓ Kirsty Coventry, legendary Zimbabwean swimmer, made history as the first female and first African president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in its 130-year history.



- ✓ She secured a landslide victory with 49 out of 97 votes, defeating Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. (28 votes) and Sebastian Coe (8 votes).
- ✓ Coventry's election marks a new era of diversity and inclusivity in global sports leadership.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **March of Glory**
- ✓ To mark 50 years since India's historic Hockey World Cup victory in 1975, a book titled 'March of Glory' was unveiled on March 18, 2025, at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.



- ✓ The book, co-authored by hockey historian K. Arumugam and journalist Errol D'Cruz, captures the dramatic journey of the Indian team to World Cup glory in Kuala Lumpur on March 15, 1975.

IMPORTANT DAYS

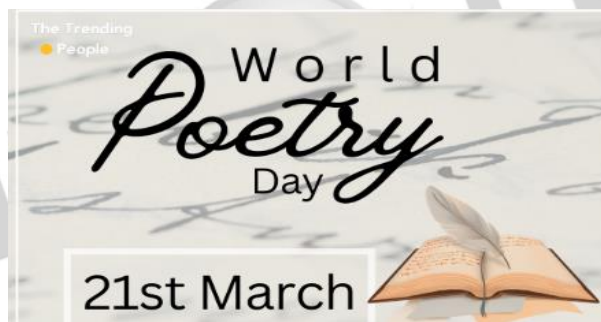
- **International Day of Happiness: March 20**
- ✓ Every year on 20 March, International Day of Happiness is observed.



- ✓ The theme International Day of Happiness 2025 is "Caring and Sharing."
 - ✓ The first International Day of Happiness was observed in 2013.
 - ✓ Finland tops the list of happiest countries in the world as per the World Happiness Report 2025.
 - ✓ India is ranked at 118th place out of 147 countries in 2025.
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- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – March 21**
 - ✓ The year 2025 marks the 60th anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 21, 1965.



- ✓ The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, observed on March 21, highlights progress in combating racism while addressing ongoing challenges.
- **World Poetry Day – March 21**
- ✓ World Poetry Day 2025, celebrated on March 21, highlights poetry’s role as a universal medium of expression.



- ✓ Established by UNESCO in 1999, the day promotes reading, writing, publishing, and teaching poetry while preserving cultural heritage and linguistic diversity.
- ✓ The 2025 theme, “Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion,” emphasizes poetry’s impact on social harmony and cultural exchange.
- **Down Syndrome and World Down Syndrome Day – March 21**
- ✓ The 14th World Down Syndrome Day Conference will be hosted by Down Syndrome International at the United Nations headquarters in New York on March 21, 2025.



- ✓ Down syndrome, a genetic condition caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21, affects physical, cognitive, and developmental abilities.
- ✓ With an incidence of 1 in 1,000 to 1,100 live births worldwide, approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children are born with this condition each year.

➤ **World Day For Glaciers – March 21**

- ✓ The United Nations has declared March 21 as the World Day for Glaciers under resolution A/RES/77/158, alongside the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation 2025, to emphasize their crucial role and the urgent need for conservation.



- ✓ Glaciers, which store 69% of the world's freshwater, regulate sea levels, support biodiversity, and act as climate indicators, are rapidly melting due to climate change, posing severe environmental risks.

➤ **International Day of Forests – March 21**

- ✓ The International Day of Forests 2025, celebrated on March 21, highlights the vital role of forests in food security and livelihoods, with the theme "Forests and Food".



- ✓ Forests are crucial for oxygen production, food supply, medicinal resources, and supporting millions of livelihoods.
- ✓ Established by the United Nations in 2012, this day raises global awareness about forest conservation, encouraging sustainability efforts to protect these essential ecosystems.

