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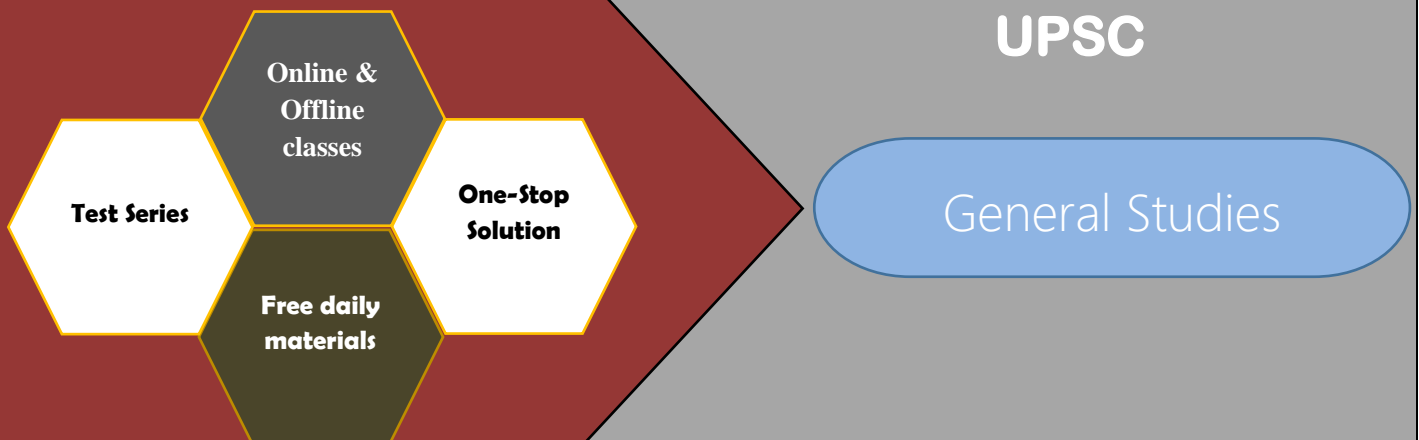
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World AIDS Day is observed on **1st December every year all over the world** to spread awareness about the disease and remember all those who lost their lives to it.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - It was founded in 1988 by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and was the first ever global health day with a motto of raising public awareness about **Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**.
 - AIDS is a pandemic disease caused by the infection of **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)**, which damages the human immune system.
 - There were an estimated 37.7 million people living with HIV at the end of 2020, over two thirds of whom (25.4 million) are in the African Region.
 - In **2020**, 680 000 people died from HIV-related causes and 1.5 million people acquired HIV.
- **Theme for 2021:** ‘End inequalities. End AIDS’.
 - With a special focus on reaching people left behind, WHO and its partners are highlighting the growing inequalities in access to essential HIV services.
 - WHO is calling on **global leaders and citizens to rally to confront the inequalities that drive AIDS** and to reach people who are currently not receiving essential HIV services.
- **Significance:**
 - The very day reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away and there is still **a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.**
 - It is an opportunity **to show solidarity with the millions of people** living with HIV worldwide.