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# Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS RRB, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, LIC Assistant, RBI Assistant, RBI Grade-B, SBI Clerk and SBI PO Exams

## April GA Quiz 1

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. Representatives of state pollution control boards, urban local bodies and Institutes of Repute signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for \_\_\_\_\_ identified cities to implement city-specific action plans under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

- A. 131                                      B. 132                                      C. 133  
D. 134                                      E. None of these

2. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

- A. Kona Sasidhar                              B. Arun Kumar Shrivastava      C. Archana Ranjan  
D. Sanjeev Kumar                              E. None of these

3. Which International Airport has become the Worlds 1<sup>st</sup> Smart reading Airport?

- A. New York International Airport  
B. Dubai International Airport  
C. Tokyo International Airport  
D. Beijing International Airport  
E. None of these

4. Asia's largest Tulip Garden has been opened in which of the following states/UTs?

- A. Gujarat                                      B. Delhi                                      C. Assam  
D. Jammu and Kashmir                      E. E. None of these

5. Meeting of Permanent Indus Commission between India and \_\_\_\_\_ is underway in New Delhi.

- A. China                                      B. Japan                                      C. Pakistan  
D. USA                                      E. None of these



**6. What was the theme of Earth Hour 2021, observed on 27<sup>th</sup> March this year?**

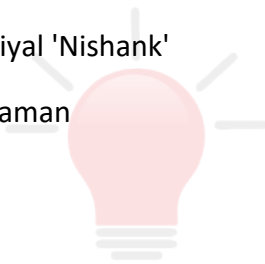
- A. Save Energy, Save Earth - Energy saving, Earth protection
- B. Shining a light at Climate Action
- C. Climate Action and sustainable development
- D. Climate Change to Save Earth
- E. None of these

**7. Who among the following has been felicitated with the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2020, the highest honour of the state government?**

- A. Javed Akhtar
- B. Anupam Kher
- C. Udit Narayan
- D. Asha Bhosle
- E. None of these

**8. Who among the following has virtually inaugurated the Central Scrutiny Centre and Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority's Mobile App?**

- A. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Raj Nath Singh
- D. Amit Shah
- E. None of these



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**9. Which state's Chief Minister has launched the Mera Mask Meri Suraksha Campaign?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. None of these

**10. The Sports Minister Kiren Rijju has included \_\_\_\_\_ in Khelo India Youth Games 2021.**

- A. Yogasana
- B. Kite-fighting
- C. Gillidanda
- D. Leg Cricket
- E. None of these

**11. Who has been sworn in as the new Chairman of Food Corporation of India?**

- A. Edwin Kulbhusan Majhi
- B. Atish Chandra
- C. Gudey Srinivas
- D. Vivek Aggarwal
- E. None of these



**12. A team of four undergraduate students from which IIT has emerged as winners at the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0?**

- A. IIT Kharagpur
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Chennai
- D. IIT Mumbai
- E. None of these

**13. How many AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres have been e-inaugurated by Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha?**

- A. 190
- B. 88
- C. 100
- D. 73
- E. None of these

**14. Who among the following has topped the GROHE Hurun Indian Real Estate Rich List for 2020?**

- A. Rajiv Singh
- B. N. Hiranandani
- C. M.P. Lodha
- D. Ajay Pirama
- E. None of these

**15. Which Small Finance Bank was awarded with 'Great place to work' certification?**

- A. Fincare Small Finance Bank
- B. Equitas Small Finance Bank
- C. ESAF Small Finance Bank
- D. Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- E. None of these

**16. Who among the following has been recommended by the CJI SA Bobde as his successor after he retires next month?**

- A. Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar
- B. N V Ramana
- C. Rohinton Fali Nariman
- D. Uday U. Lalit
- E. None of these



**17. Ayush ministry sets up inter-disciplinary committee to explore potential of Yoga. Who is the chairperson of this committee?**

- A. H. R Nagendra                      B. Baba Ramdev                      C. B. K. S. Iyengar  
D. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar              E. None of these

**18. India's Vijayveer Sidhu and Tejaswani claimed the gold medal in the \_\_\_\_\_ rapid fire pistol mixed team event of the ISSF World Cup in Delhi.**

- A. 30 meter                              B. 25 meter                              C. 50 meter  
D. 10 meter                              E. None of these

**19. Mount Merapi Volcano is located in which of the following countries?**

- A. Malaysia                              B. Maldives                              C. Vietnam  
D. Indonesia                              E. None of these

**20. Which country and China signed a 25-year "strategic cooperation pact" in the latest expansion of Beijing's flagship trillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative as the US rivals build closer ties?**

- A. Iraq                                      B. Oman                                      C. Iran  
D. Yemen                                      E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** MoU

**What:** signed to implement action plan in 132 cities under clean air programme

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Representatives of state pollution control boards, urban local bodies and Institutes of Repute signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 132 identified cities on Friday to implement city-specific action plans under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

The NCAP is a long-term, time-bound, national level strategy to tackle air pollution problem across the country in a comprehensive manner with targets to achieve 20-30 per cent reduction in particulate matter concentrations by 2024, with 2017 as base year.

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar was also present during the signing of MoU. He said concerted efforts are required by state governments and all concerned for improving air quality in the country, and exhorted all to work in mission mode. ([Read more](#))

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Another IAS

**What:** appointed as new Chairman of Airports Authority of India

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Sanjeev Kumar (IAS) has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved his appointment to the post on Thursday. With his appointment, Kumar will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Chairman of India's national airport regulator in a row from India's elite bureaucracy, IAS. Currently, AAI's Member (HR) Anuj Aggarwal is holding the additional charge of the post, after Arvind Singh (IAS), who joined the Culture Ministry as Secretary in February this year.

Before Arvind Singh the charge of AAI Chairman was held again by Anuj Aggarwal as Guruprasad Mohapatra, again an IAS, was transferred to the Ministry of Finance. Before Mohapatra, RK Srivastava, a 1984-batch Jharkhand-cadre IAS officer, had been appointed as Airports Authority of India (AAI) chairman for five years in January 2015. Although Srivastava had been removed way before his term



ended, in May 2018 only. After his removal, the Chairman's charge was briefly handled by then Member (Planning) Sudhir Raheja. ([Read more](#))

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Dubai International

**What:** becomes world's first smart reading airport

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Passengers travelling through Dubai Airport will now have free access to an extensive collection of their favourite publications online as part of the airport's bid to become more contactless and paperless.

Passengers flying through Dubai International Airport (DXB) now have free access to a collection of more than 7,000 leading magazines, newspapers, journals and comics, making DXB the world's first 'smart reading airport'.

A fully contactless and paperless digital experience – which uses geo-fencing satellite technology – the airport's partnership with Magzter enables customers travelling through DXB to download the latest issues of world-renowned publications on their own devices, to read in the airport and onboard their flights. ([Read more](#))



### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Jammu and Kashmir: Asia's largest tulip garden overlooking Dal Lake

**What:** opens for public in Srinagar

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Asia's largest tulip garden overlooking the famous Dal Lake here in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir was thrown open to the public on Thursday, marking the beginning of the new tourism season in the valley.

Formerly known as Siraj Bagh, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden was opened in 2008 by then chief minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state Ghulam Nabi Azad.

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## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Meeting of Permanent Indus Commission

**What:** between India and Pakistan underway in New Delhi

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Meeting of Permanent Indus Commission between India and Pakistan is underway in New Delhi. The Commission deals with water rights on the Indus river. The Permanent Indus Commission was set up under the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. The Indian side is being led by the Indian Commissioner for Indus Waters Pradeep Kumar Saxena. The Pakistan side is being led by Syed Muhammad Meher Ali Shah.

The Indus water treaty warrants the two commissioners to meet at least once a year. Last year's meeting scheduled to be held in March in New Delhi was cancelled in view of the Corona virus pandemic. The last meeting took place in Lahore in August 2018. The Indus Waters Treaty was signed between then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and former Pakistan President Ayub Khan. It sets out a mechanism for cooperation and information exchange between the two countries regarding their use of the rivers.

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Earth Hour 2021

**What:** was observed on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Earth Hour is celebrated every year on the last Saturday of March at 8.30 pm. People from all across the world come together to spread awareness about the need to protect the world by switching off lights for an hour.

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), started this initiative in the year 2007, with an aim to raise awareness about the issues of the environment and how we can take some actions to protect it. This year Earth Hour will be celebrated on March 27, 2021.

Every year Earth Hour is celebrated with the theme and the theme for 2021 is "Climate Change to Save Earth". Climate change is one of the biggest concern of people and it is affecting everyone across the globe. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Asha Bhosle

**What:** Felicitated With The 'Maharashtra Bhushan Award'

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021





Legendary playback singer, Asha Bhosle, on March 25, 2021, was felicitated with Maharashtra government's highest honour, Maharashtra Bhushan Award for 2020. The announcement was made by the board, on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

The award is given annually by the Ministry of Culture and this is second member from her family to be given this award. Earlier, Lata Mangeshkar was felicitated in 1997. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray also took to Twitter to share the message and stated that the name was decided after a meeting was held with the Maharashtra Bhushan Award Selection Committee was held on Thursday. The same was chaired by CM Uddhav Thackeray.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, Cultural Affairs Minister Amit Vilasrao Deshmukh, Minister of State Rajendra Patil-Yadavkar and other members from the government. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

**What:** Launches Central Scrutiny Centre

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman here today virtually launched Central Scrutiny Centre (CSC) and Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority's (IEPFA) Mobile App - two tech-enabled initiatives by Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Announcing the launch of new initiatives, Sitharaman said that digital India is a campaign launched by the Government of India in order to ensure that the Government's services are made available to citizens electronically by making the country digitally empowered in the field of technology. These two initiatives would create a new corporate and investor friendly ecosystem. Going forward, MCA would bring in more tech-enabled services for ease of doing business and ease of living for the people. The Finance Minister also said that the Ministry of Corporate affairs has been engaged in a continuous journey of digitisation, automation and improvement, for the good of the society, the corporates, the economy and the professionals.

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Covid-19 surge: MP CM

**What:** launches 'Mera Mask Meri Suraksha' campaign

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan also spoke on the importance of maintaining hygiene and drew circles in front of shops to ensure customers follow social distancing in marketplaces.



To curb the rising cases of coronavirus (Covid-19) in state, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday launched 'Mera Mask Meri Suraksha' campaign. In an attempt to raise awareness about Covid-19 in Bhopal, the CM urged all citizens to wear masks at all times.

CM Chouhan also spoke on the importance of maintaining hygiene and drew circles in front of shops to ensure customers follow social distancing in marketplaces. ([Read more](#))

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Yogasana

**What:** included in Khelo India Youth Games 2021: Rijju

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Sports Minister Kiren Rijju on Thursday said the government has included Yogasana in Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in a bid to develop it as a competitive sport.

Rijju said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha that the government has also given recognition to National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF) for promotion and development of Yogasana in the country.

"Yogasana sport for both male and female categories have been included in Khelo India Youth Games, 2021," he said.

"The Government recognition makes NYSF eligible for financial assistance for conduct of national championships in all the categories, viz. Senior, Junior and Sub-junior and participation in international sporting events." ([Read more](#))

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Atish Chandra

**What:** appointed as CMD of Food Corporation of India

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Atish Chandra has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary. Mr Chandra, a 1994 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, is currently Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** IIT Kharagpur team

**What:** wins CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0



**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

A team of four undergraduate students from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K) emerged as winners at the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0, sponsored by Cushman and Wakefield, KI and IA: Interior Architects.

The team comprised of Siddhant Samarth (3<sup>rd</sup> year, Department of Civil Engineering), Pratim Majumdar (3<sup>rd</sup> year, Department of Chemical Engineering), Rishita Raj (2<sup>nd</sup> year, Department of Mechanical Engineering) and Utkarsh Agrawal (3<sup>rd</sup> year, Department of Manufacturing Science and Engineering), and were guided by Prof. Jenia Mukherjee (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences).

The team from IIT Kharagpur was one of the four teams to progress into the final round out of 1,300 teams from all over the world and were pitted against the University of Washington, New York University and the University of Denver in the final round hosted online on 18 March 2021. This is the first time a squad from India has emerged as winners in the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge since the inception of the competition in 2015. ([Read more](#))

### 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** J&K LG

**What:** e-inaugurates 73 AYUSH Health, Wellness Centres across UT

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

With the aim of promoting good health and expanding the outreach of comprehensive primary healthcare services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday e-inaugurated as many as 73 AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat across the UT.

The Lt Governor, while speaking on the occasion, observed that healthcare services in Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a revolutionary transformation in the past several months.

Unprecedented work is being done for advancement and upgradation of medical facilities for ensuring quality and affordable healthcare services in the UT, he added. ([Read more](#))

### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** GROHE Hurun Real Estate Rich List 2020: Mangal Prabhat Lodha

**What:** named India's richest real estate tycoon

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021



With a wealth of Rs 44,270 crores, Mangal Prabhat Lodha (65) and family of Lodha Group is the richest real estate developer on the GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List 2020 for the fourth consecutive year. His wealth increased by 39 percent in the current year.

Founded in 1980 and headquartered in Mumbai, Lodha is India's largest real estate developer by sales value for financial years 2014-20 and the second-largest by area delivered. Lodha Group had the highest revenue from operations among all the real estate developers in India during the pandemic hit year 2020, the List said.

With a wealth of Rs 36,430 crores, Rajiv Singh, 61 of DLF ranked second on the list and registered an increase of 45 percent in wealth, backed by 50 percent rise in DLF's share price, it said. ([Read more](#))

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ESAF Small Finance Bank

**What:** Awarded With 'Great Place To Work' Certification

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

ESAF Small Finance Bank had been awarded 'Great place to work' certification by the Great place to Work Institute. The certification is the result of an employee survey conducted by the third-party global authority on recognising high-trust and performance culture at workplaces. This recognition acknowledges the bank's commitment and credibility amongst its employees.

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CJI SA Bobde

**What:** recommends Justice NV Ramana as successor

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Chief Justice of India (CJI) SA Bobde recommended Supreme Court judge Justice NV Ramana as his successor. The CJI sent a letter to the government and handed his copy of recommendation to Justice Ramana. CJI Bobde is scheduled to retire on April 23. He was sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India in November 2019, and succeeded Justice Ranjan Gogoi.

The Chief Justice's recommendation comes after the government asked him to recommend his successor, as a little less than a month is left for his retirement. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Ayush ministry

**What:** sets up inter-disciplinary team to explore potential of Yoga



**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Union Ministry of Ayush has set up an interdisciplinary team of experts to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity enhancing tool for the population.

The committee is chaired by H R Nagendra, chancellor, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana and its members include representatives from All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) New Delhi, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, various leading Yoga institutions, the corporate sector and the Ayush Ministry.

One of the primary tasks of the committee is to review evidence that linked Yoga to productivity and analyse the same. The various possible directions of the productivity dimension could then be identified systematically, and along these directions, protocols could be developed. The committee resolved that it would adopt an approach based on science and evidence in finalising its recommendations.

The committee will submit its preliminary recommendations by May this year. In the inception meeting held recently, the committee recognised that in the past five years, there has been an unprecedented global surge in the popularity of Yoga. But the productivity dimension of Yoga - its role at the workplace in offering benefits to employees to perform better - remains unexplored to a large extent. ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Vijayveer, Tejaswani

**What:** win gold in all-Indian 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team final

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India's Vijayveer Sidhu and Tejaswani claimed the gold medal in the 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team event of the ISSF World Cup in Delhi on Saturday.

In an all-Indian gold medal match, they comfortably beat Gurpreet Singh and Abhidnya Patil 9-1 at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range.

In the Qualification 2, Gurpreet and Patil finished at the top with a total score of 370 while the team of 16-year-old Tejaswani and 18-year-old Sidhu aggregated 368.

On Friday, Sidhu won the individual silver medal in the 25 rapid fire pistol event ahead of Anish Bhanwala and Gurpreet.

Later, India missed out on a medal in the trap mixed team event as Kynan Chenai and Shreyasi Singh went down to Turkey in the bronze medal match. ([Read more](#))



## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indonesia's 2,968-metre high Mount Merapi volcano

**What:** erupts

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Indonesia's most volatile volcano was erupting again on Saturday, releasing plumes of ash high into the air and sending streams of lava and debris down its slopes. No casualties were reported.

An avalanche of rocks spilled down Mount Merapi's slopes before dawn and clouds of hot ash shot 200 meters (656ft) into the air as the mountain groaned and rumbled, said Hanik Humaida, the head of Yogyakarta's Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center.

The volcano unleashed hot clouds of ash at least eight times since the morning as well as a series of pyroclastic flows – a mixture of rock, debris, lava and gasses – that had reached nearly 2km (1.2 miles) down its slopes, Mr. Humaida said.

The 2,968-metre (9,737-foot) high volcano is on densely populated Java island near the ancient city of Yogyakarta. It is the most active of dozens of Indonesian volcanoes and has repeatedly erupted recently. ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Iran and China

**What:** sign 25-year cooperation pact

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Iran and China signed a 25-year "strategic cooperation pact" on Saturday in the latest expansion of Beijing's flagship trillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative as the US rivals build closer ties.

Negotiations for the deal, launched five years ago, sparked controversy in Iran last year and virtually no details of its contents have been released.

China is Iran's leading trade partner and was one of the biggest buyers of Iranian oil before then US president Donald Trump reimposed sweeping unilateral sanctions in 2018 after abandoning a multilateral nuclear agreement with Tehran.

The China-Iran pact, which Tehran said included "political, strategic and economic" components, was signed by the two countries' foreign ministers, Wang Yi and Mohammad Javad Zarif, a correspondent reported. ([Read more](#))





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