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April GA Quiz 10

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

1. Which bank has invested \$137 million in India's EverSource Capital's GGEF?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. Dutch Development Bank
- C. Australian Development Bank
- D. Chinese Development Bank
- E. None of these

2. The government has announced an infusion of what amount into Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of India and UCO Bank by issuing non-interest bearing bonds to them despite reservations raised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) over the use of this instrument?

- A. Rs 14,500 crore
- B. Rs 15,500 crore
- C. Rs 16,500 crore
- D. Rs 17,500 crore
- E. None of these

3. Who among the following has approved National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021?

- A. Prakash Javadekar
- B. Ramesh Pokhriyal
- C. Harsh Vardhan
- D. Nitin Gadkari
- E. None of these

4. Which dates was observed on World Backup Day 2021?

- A. March 31
- B. March 29
- C. March 30
- D. March 28
- E. None of these

5. International Day Of Reflection On The 1994 Genocide Against The Tutsi In Rwanda 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. April 8
- B. April 9
- C. April 7
- D. April 6
- E. None of these



6. World Health Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. April 6 B. April 7 C. April 8
D. April 9 E. None of these

7. International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2021 was observed on which date?

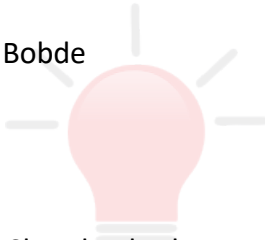
- A. April 8 B. April 7 C. April 9
D. April 6 E. None of these

8. Which country is testing new 'Super Torpedo' that can cause 'Radioactive Tsunamis'?

- A. China B. USA C. India
D. Russia E. None of these

9. Who among the following has launched "Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE)" an Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven tool, which is 1st of its kind in the World that collects relevant facts and laws related to the case, thereby easing the research process for Judges?

- A. Sharad Arvind Bobde
B. Ranjan Gogoi
C. N. V. Ramana
D. Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
E. None of these



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10. Who among the following has launched the Integrated Health Information Platform in New Delhi?

- A. Ramesh Pokhriyal B. Prakash Javadekar C. Piyush Goyal
D. Ravi Shankar Prasad E. None of these

11. CCI approved proposed combination relating to acquisition of Principal Asset Management Private Limited, Principal Trustee Company Private Limited and Principal Retirement Advisors Private Limited by which company?

- A. Sundaram Asset Management Company Ltd
B. UTI Asset Management
C. HDFC Asset Management Co
D. Indiabulls Asset Management Company Limited
E. None of these



12. BYJU'S the Edtech company has acquired _____ for \$1 billion.

- A. Aakash Educational Services Limited
- B. Allen Career Institute
- C. Career Point
- D. FIITJEE
- E. None of these

13. Who among the following has been appointed as the 48th Chief Justice of India?

- A. Sharad Arvind Bobde
- B. N. V. Ramana
- C. Ranjan Gogoi
- D. Uday Lalit
- E. None of these

14. International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised its growth forecast for Indian economy by 100 basis points to what percent for fiscal year 2021-22?

- A. 12.3 per cent
- B. 12.6 per cent
- C. 12.5 per cent
- D. 12.4 per cent
- E. None of these

15. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fixed the average base rate that NBFC-MFIs can charge their borrowers at _____ for the quarter beginning April 1, 2021.

- A. 6.81 percent
- B. 9.81 percent
- C. 8.81 percent
- D. 7.81 percent
- E. None of these

16. Who among the following has participated in Climate and Development Ministerial meet in run up to COP26?

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Prakash Javadekar
- C. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- D. Ramesh Pokhriyal
- E. None of these

17. Who among the following has attended Consultation meeting of Education Ministers of E9 Countries?

- A. Sanjay Dhotre
- B. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Ramesh Pokhriyal
- E. None of these



18. Spices Board India and Industry and which firm have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the aim to build a blockchain based traceability interface for Indian spices to enhance transparency in supply chain and trade?

- A. United Nations Development Programme
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- D. United Nations Population Fund
- E. None of these

19. As per the Ministry of Rural Development, what percent of targets have been completed in the 1st Phase of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme i.e from 2016-17 to 2018-19?

- A. 91 percent
- B. 92 percent
- C. 93 percent
- D. 94 percent
- E. None of these

20. Who among the following has launched Tribal Health Collaborative 'Anamaya'?

- A. Harsh Vardhan
- B. Prakash Javadekar
- C. Arvind Kejriwal
- D. Narendra Modi
- 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: Netherlands' FMO

What: to invest \$137 million in Green Growth Equity Fund

When: published on 2nd April 2021

Dutch development bank FMO will invest \$137 million in Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF), managed by EverSource Capital, that invests in India' green energy space such as clean energy, transportation, resource efficiency and energy services.

GGEF targets raising equity capital up of \$940 million and has National Investments and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India and the UK government's Department for International Development as anchor investors. Earlier BP Plc announced a \$70 million investment in GGEF.



2. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: to infuse Rs 14,500 crore in 4 banks, issue recapitalisation bonds

When: published on 1st April 2021

The government has announced an infusion of Rs 14,500 crore into Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of India and UCO Bank by issuing non-interest bearing bonds to them despite reservations raised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) over the use of this instrument.

The recapitalisation bonds would be issued with six different maturities and would be at par for the amount, in line with the application made by the eligible banks. The special securities would be repayable at par on the date of maturity.

No interest would be payable on issue of these securities, said the notification. This is a shift from the past when the government issued interest-bearing bonds to public sector banks.

To save the interest burden on recapitalisation bonds, the government last year decided to issue zero-coupon bonds for capital infusion of Rs 5,500 crore into Punjab and Sind Bank. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan

What: approves National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021

When: published on 4th April 2021

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan approved the 'National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021' which aims to lower the high cost of treatment for rare diseases, with an increased focus on indigenous research and local production of medicines, an official statement said on Saturday.

"The policy also envisage the creation of a national hospital-based registry of rare diseases so that adequate data is available for definition of rare diseases and for research and development related to rare diseases within the country," the statement read.

It also focuses on early screening and prevention through primary and secondary health care infrastructure such as Health and Wellness Centres and District Early Intervention Centres (DEICs) and through counselling for the high-risk parents, the statement further said. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: World Backup Day 2021

What: was observed on March 31

World Backup Day on March 31st reminds us to protect our precious digital documents as we've become more reliant on technology.

There's always that one photo, video or memory that you took the time to save, yet for some reason, it's not yours anymore. Whether it was a lost or broken phone, a faulty hard drive or some other technological mishap, it can feel impossible to keep all your files in one piece.

Thankfully, the day before April Fools is World Backup Day, which saves us from being the punchline of a joke played by our own devices. It is the day when we finally stop saying, "I'll do it tomorrow," and make sure all our precious files find a safe space. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day Of Reflection On The 1994 Genocide Against The Tutsi In Rwanda 2021

What: was observed on 7th April

On 7 April, UNESCO commemorates the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, which was established by the United Nations General Assembly (link is external) in 2003. The date marks the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government. Within just over 100 days, more than 1 million Tutsi



were systematically murdered. Moderate Hutu and others who opposed the massacres were also killed during this period.

UNESCO is committed to promote education about genocides as a means to sensitize learners for the causes, dynamics and consequences of such crimes and to strengthen their resilience against all forms of discrimination. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: World Health Day

What: was observed on 7th April 2021

World Health Day 2021: Health is not just about physical well-being but also about the mental and social aspects. A person is said to be healthy if he/she possesses all three. According to the WHO, health is central to human happiness and well-being. It also makes an important contribution to economic progress, as healthy populations live longer and are more productive.

Millions of people around the world are prey to many terrible diseases. Therefore, to raise awareness about the overall health and well-being of people across the globe every year World Health Day is celebrated. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2021

What: was observed on 6th April 2021

Sport has the power to change the world; it is a fundamental right, a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and promote sustainable development and peace and well as solidarity, and respect. Through our unique individual skills and collective power, we can come together and share creative ways to improve our health and well-being through sport and physical activity - even from the confines of our own homes.

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace on 6 April presents an opportunity to recognize the role that sport and physical activity plays in communities and in people's lives across the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult to gather as friends, for teams and fans to compete, play and cheer together. It has taken a toll on individuals, societies, organizations and economies. Measures put in place to defeat the pandemic have touched every aspect of our lives, including sport. But sport itself can help play a role in building resilience and in the recovery from the pandemic. It can help in the effort to build back better to a more resilient and equitable world. [\(Read more\)](#)



8. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia

What: Testing new 'Super Torpedo' that can cause 'Radioactive Tsunamis'

When: published on 7th April 2021

Russia is planning to deploy a nuclear-powered missile to the Arctic next summer that's designed to detonate off the coastlines of enemy countries, CNN reported.

Satellite images provided this week to CNN by Maxar, a satellite company, indicated that Russia is testing weapons in the region and building significant military infrastructure in the Arctic - which is increasingly free of ice because of climate change.

CNN reported that Russia would deploy the Poseidon 2M39 missile to its Arctic region next summer. The missile has been referred to in reports as a "doomsday" device because of its devastating power. [\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: CJI

What: launches top court's AI-driven research portal

When: published on 7th April 2021

The Supreme Court on Tuesday unveiled its Artificial Intelligence (AI) portal SUPACE, designed to make research easier for judges, thereby easing their workload.

A pet project of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, the Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE) is a tool that collects relevant facts and laws and makes them available to a judge.

Launching the portal, CJI Bobde said though some interpret AI as automated decision making, the Supreme Court's system is not designed to take decisions, but only to process facts and to make them available to judges looking for an input for a decision. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Health Minister Harsh Vardhan

What: launches Integrated Health Information Platform; India becomes 1st country to adopt such advanced disease surveillance system

When: published on 5th April 2021

Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually launched the Integrated Health Information Platform in New Delhi today. The Integrated Health Information Platform is the next generation highly refined



version of the presently used Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that India is the first country in the world to adopt such an advanced disease surveillance system.

He said this day shall be written in Golden Letters as a day that marks a milestone in the history of disease surveillance. He elaborated on the timely need for the software platform. The new version will house the data entry and management for India's disease surveillance program. In addition to tracking 33 diseases now as compared to the earlier 18 diseases, it shall ensure near-real-time data in digital mode.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: CCI

What: Approved the Proposed Combination of SAMC to acquire PAMPL, PTCPL and PRAPL

When: published on 6th April 2021

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the proposed combination relating to acquisition of Principal Asset Management Private Limited, Principal Trustee Company Private Limited and Principal Retirement Advisors Private Limited by Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited.

The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 100% of the issued and paid-up equity share capital of: (i) Principal Asset Management Private Limited (PAMPL); (ii) Principal Trustee Company Private Limited (PTCPL) and (iii) Principal Retirement Advisors Private Limited (PRAPL) by Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited (SAMC). As part of the proposed combination, the schemes of the Principal Mutual Fund (PMF) shall be transferred to Sundaram Mutual Fund (SMF) and the trusteeship and management of the PMF schemes shall be transferred to Sundaram Trustee Company Limited (STCL) and SAMC, respectively ("Proposed Combination").

SAMC is a public limited company incorporated in India. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sundaram Finance Limited (SFL). SAMC is the investment manager for SMF and manages funds that cater to the investment needs of investors with different risk, reward and liquidity preferences.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Byju's

What: acquires Aakash Educational Services in nearly \$1-billion deal

When: published on 6th April 2021

Byju's is acquiring tutorial chain Aakash Educational Services Ltd (AESL) in a cash and stock deal estimated at \$950 million, sealing its largest buyout. India's most-valued edtech startup snagged coding tutor WhiteHatJr in a \$300-million deal amid the pandemic last year.



Byju's buyout of AESL is also among the largest acquisitions by an Indian startup — bigger than Snapdeal's purchase of Freecharge for \$400 million in 2015 and Flipkart's acquisition of Myntra for an estimated \$330 million in 2014.

The startup's founder, Byju Raveendran, told ET that Aakash Educational Services's founders and its primary backer, the Blackstone Group, will both hold a minority stake in Byju's. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Justice NV Ramana

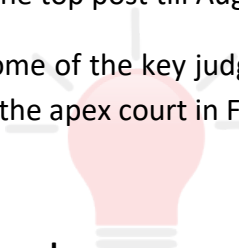
What: appointed as the 48th Chief Justice of India

When: published on 7th April 2021

President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday formally issued a warrant appointing Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana, who had ruled against the Narendra Modi government over the Internet restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir, as the 48th Chief Justice of India from April 24.

Justice Ramana will take over after current CJ Sharad Arvind Bobde retires on April 23, and will continue in the top post till August 26, 2022.

Below are some of the key judgments that Justice Ramana, a former journalist, has authored since his elevation to the apex court in February 2014. [\(Read more\)](#)



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14. Hints to Remember

Who: IMF

What: raises India's growth forecast for FY22 to 12.5%

When: published on 6th April 2021

International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday raised its growth forecast for Indian economy by 100 basis points to 12.5 per cent for fiscal year 2021-22.

In its latest edition of World Economic Outlook, IMF said it expects India's GDP to grow 12.5 per cent in FY22, the highest among emerging and advanced economies. GDP growth for FY23 is pegged at 6.9 per cent.

India is the only country expected to register a double-digit growth this fiscal. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: sets average base lending rate for NBFC-MFIs at 7.81% for April-June quarter



When: published on 31st March 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 31 fixed the average base rate that NBFC-MFIs can charge their borrowers at 7.81 percent for the quarter beginning April 1, 2021.

"The Reserve Bank of India has today communicated that the applicable average base rate to be charged by Non-Banking Financial Company – Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) to their borrowers for the quarter beginning April 1, 2021 will be 7.81 per cent," the RBI said.

RBI, on the last working day of every quarter, advises the average of the base rates of the five largest commercial banks for the purpose of arriving at the interest rates to be charged by NBFC-MFIs to their borrowers in the ensuing quarter. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar

What: participates in Climate and Development Ministerial meet in run up to COP26

When: published on 31st March 2021

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar today participated in the virtual Climate and Development Ministerial meet in the run up to COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference 2021.

Mr Javadekar said, he had suggested COP26 presidency to take up discussion on one issue at a time. He expressed happiness that during today's meet the issue of finance was discussed exclusively. The Minister said, he put across India's stand clearly and stressed that for ambitions to be set high, finance should be an integral part of it. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister Sanjay Dhotre

What: Addresses At Consultation Meeting Of Education Ministers Of E9 Countries

When: published on 7th April 2021

Minister of State for Education, Shri Sanjay Dhotre addressed at the consultation meeting of Education Ministers of E9 countries on E9 initiative: Scaling up digital learning to accelerate progress towards SDG4 on 6th April, 2021. Education Minister of Bangladesh, Ms Dipu Moni, Deputy Secretary General, United Nations, Ms Amina Mohammed, Education Ministers from the E9 countries and officials from the United Nations, UNICEF and UNESCO attended the meeting. E9 Countries include Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Dhotre said that Covid 19 pandemic has hampered education the world over. Imparting education to such a large number of students in India was indeed a challenge. Shri



Dhotre was happy to share that by using diverse modes like digital, television and radio, Government of India not only ensured quality education for all, but also ensured that our children don't lose an academic year. He also shared that during this pandemic, Ministry of Education successfully conducted the largest entrance exams of our premier engineering and medical courses for almost 2.3 million students which has set an example for other countries to reflect upon for safe conduct of examination.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: plans blockchain-powered traceability interface for Indian spices

When: published on 5th April 2021

Spices Board India under Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India's Accelerator Lab have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the aim to build a blockchain based traceability interface for Indian spices to enhance transparency in supply chain and trade.

Blockchain is a decentralized process of recording transactions on an open and shared electronic ledger. This allows for ease and transparency in data management across a complex network, including, farmers, brokers, distributors, processors, retailers, regulators, and consumers, thus simplifying the supply chain.

UNDP and Spices Board India are working towards integrating the Blockchain Traceability Interface with the e-Spice Bazaar portal developed by Spices Board India for connecting spices farmers with markets.[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: 92% of Target

What: achieved in 1st Phase of PMAY-G: Ministry of Rural Development

When: published on 6th April 2021

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G), a flagship programme of the Government of India, 92% target of completion has been achieved in the 1st phase of the scheme i.e. from 2016-17 to 2018-19. The government is confident that all the houses in the Permanent Wait List (PWL) would be completed by the end of Amrut Mahtosava. As against the existing Permanent Wait List (PWL) identified using the SECC database of 2011, as on date 2.14 crore beneficiaries have been found to be eligible. Though this list consisted of 2.95 crore households initially, through multistage verification including at the time of sanction, many more households have been found ineligible, therefore, this list has been pared down to 2.14 Cr. and likely to go down further. Against this, 1.92 crores (90%) houses have been sanctioned and against the sanctioned houses, 1.36 crore (71%) houses



have been completed. A target of 1 crore houses was set for completion in the 1st phase of the scheme i.e. from 2016-17 to 2018-19, against which 92% target of completion has been achieved. In the FY 20-21, a total allocation of Rs 19,269 cr was made available as budgetary support, in addition, extra-budgetary support of Rs 20,000 cr has been provided, the overall release of Rs 39,269 cr is so far the highest in any year since the launch of PMAY-G. The expenditure incurred by states including state share has also seen an unprecedented increase in the current FY amounting to Rs 46,661 cr, which is the highest since the launch of the scheme.

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

What: launches Tribal Health Collaborative 'Anamaya'

When: published on 7th April 2021

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare along with Shri Arjun Munda, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launched 'Anamaya', the Tribal Health Collaborative through video conference today. A multi-stakeholder initiative supported by Piramal Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), 'Anameya' will converge efforts of various Government agencies and organisations to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities of India.

Lauding the efforts of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs towards ensuring holistic health for the tribal communities and the recent joint effort undertaken to target Tuberculosis, Dr Harsh Vardhan said "In the past one year, several efforts have been made by the Health Ministry to jointly address the health gaps of the tribal communities with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Recently, the Tribal TB Initiative was launched by both the Ministries to fulfil the Prime Minister's goal of 'TB Mukta Bharat' by 2025, five years ahead of the global deadline." He also made an explicit request to the senior functionaries to focus on TB since it is one area where India has been suffering for decades and commented, "We want to create awareness for TB similar to COVID19. If we can eradicate Polio and Small Pox, we can also eliminate TB". He also expressed hope that in the coming days, other critical diseases such as Malaria, Sickle Cell Disease, malnutrition, anaemia etc, which are widely prevalent among the tribal communities will also be addressed effectively. ([Read more](#))





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