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April GA Quiz 20

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

1. Tourism and Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has inaugurated the first-ever online exhibition on _____.

- A. Mahabharata B. Bhagwad Gita C. Ramayana
D. A and B E. None of these

2. International Day for Monuments and Sites 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. April 18 B. April 17 C. April 19
D. April 20 E. None of these

3. Who among the following is the author of the book "The Cursed Inheritance"?

- A. Sutapa Basu B. Kiran Desai C. Anuja Chauhan
D. Nandini Bajpai E. None of these

4. Bhumidhar Barman passed away at 91 recently, who the former CM of which state?

- A. Tripura B. Jharkhand C. Odisha
D. Assam E. None of these

5. Who among the following is the author of the book "Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages"?

- A. Preeti Shenoy B. Peggy Mohan C. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
D. Jhumpa Lahiri E. None of these

6. Bachi Singh Rawat passed away recently, was a/an _____.

- A. Actor B. Politician C. Scientist
D. Author E. None of these



7. State-run Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has appointed which company to facilitate its digital payments?

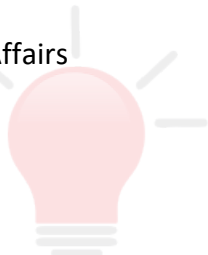
- A. PhonePe
- B. Paytm
- C. Google Pay
- D. PayPal
- E. None of these

8. World Liver Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. April 19
- B. April 20
- C. April 18
- D. April 18
- E. None of these

9. Which of the following ministries has launched "Gender Samvaad" event recently?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Minority Affairs
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- E. None of these



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10. Who among the following has won the Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021?

- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Daniel Ricciardo
- E. None of these

11. India has clinched how many medals at 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship?

- A. 12
- B. 13
- C. 14
- D. 15
- E. None of these

12. World Art Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. April 17
- B. April 16
- C. April 18
- D. April 19
- E. None of these



13. Who among the following has launched Online Grievance Management Portal of National Commission for Scheduled Castes?

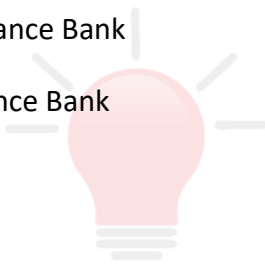
- A. Prakash Javadekar
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- E. None of these

14. Which of the following countries is to send rover 'Rashid' to the Moon in 2022?

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

15. Which Small Finance Bank has announced its collaboration with fintech NIRA as part of its strategy of leveraging its API Banking platform for fintech partnerships?

- A. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- B. Equitas Small Finance Bank
- C. Jana Small Finance Bank
- D. AU Small Finance Bank
- E. None of these



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16. Which insurance company and Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank have entered into Corporate Agency Agreement?

- A. New India Assurance
- B. TATA AIG
- C. SBI General Insurance
- D. HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- E. None of these

17. Which company has announced the acquisition of 30 per cent stake in Conneqt Business Solutions Ltd (Conneqt) for Rs 208 crore?

- A. Qess Corp Limited
- B. IDFC FIRST Bank
- C. Infosys
- D. HDFC Bank
- E. None of these



18. Which group of companies has become the 3rd Indian Conglomerate To Cross 100 Billion USD mcap?

- A. GMR Group B. Aditya Birla Group C. Tata Group
D. Adani Group E. None of these

19. India and which country have signed an agreement on “Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment”?

- A. Finland B. Germany C. France
D. Canada E. None of these

20. National climate vulnerability assessment has identified how many eastern states as highly vulnerable to Climate Change?

- A. 9 B. 10 C. 8
D. 11 E. None of these



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Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
C	A	A	D	B	B	B	A	A	C	C	E	D	C	A	C	A	D	B	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Tourism and Culture Minister

What: inaugurates first-ever online exhibition on Ramayana

When: published on 19th April 2021

Tourism and Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has inaugurated the first-ever online exhibition on Ramayana. The weblink for the online exhibition is www.nmvirtual.in/Virtual_Tour/Ramayan. Mr Patel addressed a webinar 'India's Heritage: Powering Tourism' on the occasion of World Heritage Day 2021 yesterday. The online exhibition showcases forty nine miniature paintings collections of National Museum, New Delhi from different art schools of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Patel said that India has a unique heritage of temples, dance, music, shastras which can not be found anywhere in the world. He said, protecting these invaluable inheritances for future generations is a collective responsibility and requires a renewed focus on community participation and awareness. The Minister said, it is the responsibility of the younger generation to carry forward the task of promoting the vast heritage of the country with proper facts and timelines. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day for Monuments and Sites 2021

What: was observed on 18th April

Every year, the United Nations marks April 18 as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, in many countries also celebrated as World Heritage Day. The theme for this year is is “Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures”.

Globally, the day is promoted by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: New Book: The Cursed Inheritance



What: is authored by Sutapa Basu

When: published on 17th April 2021

Storytelling and literature play an important role in preservation of human heritage, culture and diversity and author Sutapa Basu, who is just out with her mystery novel "The Cursed Inheritance" says it is important for writers to contribute more towards conservation of heritage through their stories.

"Whether global or local, this awareness of heritage is important for it is a platform to share political recognition, is a medium for intellectual discourse and a means of ethical reflection," she says.

"Exposure to architectural ancestry is best through storytelling because they engross the old and the young," she says. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Assam CM Bhumidhar Barman

What: passed away at 91

When: published on 18th April 2021

Former Assam Chief Minister Bhumidhar Barman passed away at a Guwahati hospital on Sunday evening after a prolonged illness.

The 89-year-old Congress veteran had served as the CM of Assam for a brief period from April 22-May 14, 1996 after the death of the then CM Hiteswar Saikia.

An MBBS, he was first elected to the Assembly in 1967. Subsequently, he was elected six more times.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was among leaders who mourned the demise.

"Saddened to learn about the demise of former Chief Minister of Assam Dr. Bhumidhar Barman. My sincere condolences to his bereaved family members and well-wishers. Om shanti," Sonowal tweeted. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Linguist Peggy Mohan's new book

What: tells the story of India through its languages

When: published on 18th April 2021

A new book delving into the early history of South Asia reveals how migration -- both external and internal -- has shaped both, Indians and Indian languages from ancient times.

"Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages", published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI), is written by noted linguist Peggy Mohan. The book, through an incisive



study of languages, such as the story of early Sanskrit, the rise of Urdu, language formation in the North-east, presents the argument that "all Indians are of mixed origins".

".. Hindi, Marathi, all the northern languages we call 'Indo-Aryan': they have words that were taken from the Prakrits and Sanskrit, but the way these words string together is strikingly different. There is another parent in this family that we have been ignoring!," said Mohan, who has also the author of "Jahajin" and "Walk in C-Minor". [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Union Minister Bachi Singh Rawat

What: Dies At 71

When: published on 19th April 2021

Former Union minister and senior BJP leader Bachi Singh Rawat died at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences here on Sunday. He was 71.

Bachi Singh Rawat was admitted to the hospital on Saturday after he complained of difficulty in breathing.

Medical Superintendent of AIIMS, BS Bastia, confirmed his death.

Rawat was brought in an air ambulance from Haldwani and was admitted to the emergency ward of the hospital.

Preliminary tests had revealed an infection in his lungs.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat expressed grief at his death and prayed for peace to his soul and strength to the bereaved family. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: LIC

What: appoints Paytm to handle its digital payments

When: published on 19th April 2021

State-run Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has appointed Paytm to facilitate its digital payments. The state-run insurance firm had tied up with another payment gateway earlier but has now signed a new deal with Paytm as most of its payments have moved to digital modes.

As per the new agreement, the payment process needs to be smoother including a broader range of payment options and the inclusion of more players — banks, wallets, etc — in payment channels.



According to sources quotes in a Times of India report, at least 17 payment platforms had bid proactively for LIC's contract. However, Paytm's wide range of payment services helped it bag the contract over all the other players.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: World Liver Day 2021

What: was observed on 19th April 2021

World Liver Day is observed on April 19 every year to spread awareness about liver-related conditions and diseases. The theme for this year is 'Keep your liver healthy and disease-free.'

"The liver is the second largest and the second most complex organ in the body, after the brain. It is responsible for performing crucial functions related to immunity, digestion, metabolism, storage of absorbed nutrients, and excretion. Keeping your liver in good shape is the key to preventing liver diseases," said Dr. Amit Jain, MS MCh (GI Surgery) FMAS FALS FIAGES, who also consults on Practo.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Gender Samvaad event

What: was launched by Ministry of Rural Development

When: published on 16th April 2021

Gender Samvaad event, a joint attempt between DAY-NRLM and the Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE) to create a common platform to share experiences emerging from this effort, was organised today by the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. The attempt is to generate greater awareness on gender related interventions under DAY-NRLM across the country and best practices, with a focus on hearing voices from the states and the field.

Gender Samvaad provides states with opportunities to:

Understand best practices/initiatives that other states have been undertaking to improve women's agency (e.g. facilitating women's access to land rights, their engagement in farmer producer organizations (FPOs), best practices around Food, Nutrition, Health and Water and Sanitation (FNHW), in establishing strong institutions for public service delivery, and in protecting and providing redress to vulnerable groups within women (e.g. to victims of witch hunting));

Understand gender interventions globally;

Engage with experts and other colleagues on suggestions regarding how to handle issues/implementation barriers;



Contribute to creation of a 'gender repository' with resource materials on best practices for gender interventions across the country/other countries; and

Build advocacy around the need to focus on gender issues across SRLMs and the NRLM.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Max Verstappen

What: wins Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix after Hamilton blunder

When: published on 18th April 2021

Elation, crushing disappointment and a mighty display of fighting spirit, the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix ran the very gamut of visceral sporting emotions. Such theatre, such drama was on show at Imola, the most human side of this technological arms race given glorious centre stage.

Max Verstappen's win was a masterclass in execution in tricky conditions while Lewis Hamilton exhibited an exceptionally rare moment of his own weakness, only for the world champion to follow it up with a brilliant, relentless comeback to claim an unlikely second place.

As if Imola, this classic, magnificent circuit, had not delivered enough with the two rivals for the title now separated by just one point in Hamilton's favour, there was a marvellous cameo too for McLaren's Lando Norris. The young British driver threw himself around the fast-flowing track with wonderful abandon to return third place, equalling his best finish yet in what was perhaps the finest race of his career.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: Clinches 14 medal at 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship

When: published on 18th April 2021

India Clinches 14 medal including 5 Gold, 3 Silver and Six Bronze at 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championship

The 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championships was held from April 13 to 18, 2021 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The event was the 34th edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships.

India won 14 medals to stand at third spot in the medal table. The medals include 5 Gold, 3 Silver & 6 Bronze Medals.

Iran and Kazakhstan topped the medal tally with 17 medals each.



12. Hints to Remember

Who: World Art Day 2021

What: was observed on 15 April

World Art Day is celebrated every year on April 15, to promote the development, diffusion, and enjoyment of art. The day was adopted by the International Association of Art, a partner of UNESCO, to create awareness of creative activity worldwide.

Each year, World Art Day celebrations help reinforce the links between artistic creations and society, encourage greater awareness of the diversity of artistic expressions and highlight the contribution of artists to sustainable development.

It is also an occasion to shine a light on arts education in schools, as culture can pave the way for inclusive and equitable education. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad

What: launches Online Grievance Management Portal of National Commission for Scheduled Castes

When: published on 14th April 2021

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad today launched the Online Grievance Management Portal of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Presently the complaints of victims, who are members of Scheduled Caste are processed manually in the commission. The new mechanism has been introduced to handle the complaints in online mode from the victim. The National Commission for Scheduled Castes is an Indian constitutional body established with a view to provide safeguards against the exploitation of Scheduled Castes.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Prasad said, this launching of Online Grievance Management Portal is especially important as today the nation is observing the birth anniversary of one of India's great luminaries Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Mr Prasad said, Dr. Ambedkar worked for the upliftment of the marginalised and downtrodden sections of the society. The Minister opined that digital India needs to be a mass movement in the country. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: UAE

What: to send rover 'Rashid' to the Moon in 2022

When: published on 14th April 2021

Lunar exploration firm iSpace said Wednesday it will transport a United Arab Emirates unmanned rover to the Moon next year, as the Gulf state seeks to expand its space sector.



The UAE — made up of seven emirates including the capital Abu Dhabi and freewheeling Dubai — announced in September 2020 that it planned to launch the "Rashid" rover by 2024. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

What: Partners With NIRA To Provide Personal Loans

When: published on 14th April 2021

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank today announced its collaboration with fintech NIRA as part of its strategy of leveraging its API Banking platform for fintech partnerships. This is Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's first Digital Lending partnership with many more on the way. Through this partnership, salaried customers can apply for a Personal Loan by using the NIRA app which is available in the play store.

NIRA is a Bangalore based fintech that helps to fund the salaried class, starting at incomes as low as Rs. 15,000 per month. This partnership will help Ujjivan SFB to on-board customers for Personal Loans.

Commenting on the development, Mr Dheemant Thacker, Head - Digital Banking, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank said, "A robust API Banking framework to enable fintech partnerships such as NIRA is at the core of our digital strategy and helps augment our digital expansion. Collaboration with fintechs like NIRA plays a vital role in the financial ecosystem, especially to serve the mass market. Such partnerships will help us to reach out to more customers with better products and offerings with ease and convenience." [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI General Insurance and Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank

What: enters into Corporate Agency Agreement

When: published on 13th April 2021

A Corporate Agency Agreement has been signed between SBI General Insurance (one of the leading General Insurance companies in India) and Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank (one of the key Banks in North Bengal) recently.

Mr. Samir Chhabra, Head – Bancassurance, SBI General Insurance said, "Our alliance with Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank is an important milestone in our journey to further strengthen our distribution of products and clientele in the region. With this tie-up, we hope to increase insurance penetration. Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank, with its wide reach of over 142 Branches in the area will help us reach out to a larger customer base". Sri D K Singh, General Manager, Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank said, "The tie up with SBI General Insurance Co. Ltd. will help our Bank to offer wide range non-life insurance products to our customers, and help us provide a complete 360 degree financial protection." [\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: Qess Corp

What: acquires residual 30% stake in Conneqt for Rs 208 crore

When: published on 16th April 2021

Bengaluru-headquartered business services provider Qess Corp announced on Friday the acquisition of 30 per cent stake in Conneqt Business Solutions Ltd (Conneqt) for Rs 208 crore, pursuant to the Put Option notice by Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd.

With this transaction, Conneqt will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Qess.

Conneqt is a leading CLM and BPM services provider in India and operates 21-plus delivery centres with more than 29,000 employees, a Qess statement said.

Qess had acquired 51 per cent of Conneqt in November 2017 and further increased its stake in Conneqt to 70 per cent in May 2019 via infusion of primary capital, which was used to fund the acquisition of Allsec Technologies Limited ("Allsec"), a listed CLM and HRO services provider, it said.

"Conneqt has performed exceedingly well during this period achieving a pre-COVID revenue CAGR of around 15 per cent, growing NPS from 14 per cent to 45 per cent, and reducing concentration from its top 10 customers, from 74 per cent to 59 per cent of revenues," the statement said. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Adani Group

What: Becomes 3rd Indian Conglomerate To Cross USD 100 Bn In M-Cap

When: published on 7th April 2021

Billionaire Gautam Adani's ports-to-energy conglomerate has become India's third group to cross USD 100 billion in market capitalisation with shares of four of its six listed companies soaring to an all-time high on Tuesday.

The total market cap of Adani Group's six listed companies at the close of trading on Tuesday was Rs 7.84 lakh crore or USD 106.8 billion, according to stock exchange data.

Adani Group is the third Indian conglomerate to cross the USD 100 billion market cap mark after Tata Group and Reliance Industries Ltd.

After starting out as a commodities trader in the late 1980s, Gautam Adani has over two decades built an empire that now spans from mines, ports and power plants to airports, data centre, city gas and defence. [\(Read more\)](#)



19. Hints to Remember

Who: India and Germany

What: sign agreement on 'Cities combating plastic entering the marine environment'

When: published on 19th April 2021

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety signed an agreement on Technical Cooperation titled 'Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment' at a virtual ceremony in New Delhi today.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA said, "2021 marks 63 years of fruitful development cooperation between our two countries. It gives me great pleasure to kickstart this new endeavour with our German partner. The project's outcomes are completely in line with the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban focusing on sustainable solid waste management and Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to phase out single use plastic by 2022".

Shri Kamran Rizwi, Additional Secretary, MoHUA, Dr Regina Dube, Director General, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Dr. Antje Berger, First Secretary, Climate & Environment, Embassy of the Republic of Germany and Dr. Julie Reviere, Country Director GIZ India attended the event. The virtual event also saw representatives from the state governments of Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands and from the implementing cities of Kanpur, Kochi and Port Blair. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: National climate vulnerability assessment

What: identifies eight eastern states as highly vulnerable to Climate Change

When: published on 18th April 2021

National climate vulnerability assessment has identifies eight eastern states as highly vulnerable to climate change. The report has identified Jharkhand, Mizoram, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, and West Bengal as states highly vulnerable to climate change. These states, mostly in the eastern part of the country, require prioritization of adaptation interventions, the report pointed out.

The report titled 'Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation Planning in India Using a Common Framework' was released by Department of Science and Technology Secretary Prof Ashutosh Sharma yesterday. He said, we have seen how extreme events are on rise both in terms of their number and severity. Mapping the parts of India that are vulnerable to such changes will help initiating climate actions at the ground level, he said. [\(Read more\)](#)





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