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April GA Quiz 25

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

1. Which of the following states has launched 'COVID Emergency Loan Scheme' for Entrepreneurs supplying Oxygen and Medicines?

- A. Punjab
B. Rajasthan
C. Gujarat
D. Haryana
E. None of these

2. Which state government has announced "Health Safety Week" beginning from April 22 to 29 to break chain of growing COVID-19 infection rate?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Haryana
C. Jharkhand
D. Kerala
E. None of these

3. Administrative Professionals Day 2021 was observed which of the following dates?

- A. April 20
B. April 22
C. April 23
D. April 21
E. None of these

4. Which company has delivered the first lot of light bulletproof vehicles to the Indian Air Force in collaboration with Lockheed Martin?

- A. Eicher Motors
B. Tata Motors
C. Mahindra & Mahindra
D. Ashok Leyland
E. None of these

5. Russian space agency Roscosmos has decided to launch its own space station in which year?

- A. 2022
B. 2023
C. 2024
D. 2025
E. None of these

6. Who among the following has been awarded the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021' by the Diplomatic Mission Global Peace?

- A. Rumana Sinha Sehgal
B. Rubina Ali Khan
C. Rekha Singh Menon
D. Ramita Pathak
E. None of these



7. Name the woman who has made it to the Forbes Asia's 30 Under - 30 in just one year of opening her venture.

- A. Vibha Harish B. Manu Bhatia C. Neelam Sharma
D. Ankita Jain E. None of these

8. India Ratings and Research has revised down India's FY22 real GDP growth forecast to _____ from earlier projection of 10.4 per cent, citing the second wave of Covid-19 infections and slower pace of vaccination.

- A. 10.1 per cent B. 10.2 per cent C. 10.3 per cent
D. 10 per cent E. None of these

9. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of based Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited due to inadequate capital. The Bank is based in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Maharashtra C. Jharkhand
D. Kerala E. None of these

10. Which of the following banks has signed an MOU with angel investment group The Chennai Angles to finance startups under the bank's loan product - IND Spring Board?

- A. Bank of India B. Indian Bank C. Syndicate Bank
D. Cenera Bank E. None of these

11. BFSL and which company have launched World's 1st QR on Card Program – ConQR to Support SMEs?

- A. Mastercard B. Visa C. Maestro
D. American Express E. None of these

12. Which company has tied-up with Google Pay & VISA to allow secured tokenization on its Credit Cards?

- A. HSBC B. NatWest C. Scotiabank
D. American Express E. None of these



13. Which bank has issued USD 1.5 billion Benchmark Bond?

- A. Asian Development Bank B. World Bank C. New Development Bank
D. Soft Bank E. None of these

14. Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 held in which country?

- A. Japan B. China C. Malaysia
D. North Korea E. None of these

15. According to Central Bank of China's report, India's Demographic Growth Transition will overtake China's by which year?

- A. 2030 B. 2032 C. 2035
D. 2037 E. None of these

16. Which organization and CEEW's Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF) have launched the India Renewables Dashboard?

- A. Central Electricity Authority
B. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
C. Ministry of Power
D. Power System Operation Corporation
E. None of these

17. Who among the following has recently launched his E-Book "Climate Change Explained – For One And All"?

- A. Bhanu Pandit B. Aakash Ranison C. Manoj Tripathi
D. Rajesh Rawat E. None of these

18. Amit Mistry passed away recently, was a/an _____ .

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



19. World Day for Laboratory Animals 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

A. April 21

B. April 23

C. April 24

D. April 22

E. None of these

20. National Panchayati Raj Day was observed on which of the following dates?

A. April 22

B. April 23

C. April 24

D. April 21

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: Haryana

What: Launches 'COVID Emergency Loan Scheme' for Entrepreneurs supplying Oxygen, Medicines

When: published on 23rd April 2021

To ensure uninterrupted flow of vital medical supplies to fight the Covid-19 pandemic in the State, Haryana Government on Thursday announced "Haryana Covid Emergency Loan Scheme" for new and old entrepreneurs supplying medicines, oxygen and other medical facilities to Covid-19 patients.

For this, the State Government has set up a fund of Rs 500 crore.

The State Cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave approval to launch the scheme.

"Under the scheme, Haryana Government will help businessmen, presently working in the state, to increase their current production or to set up new units to meet various requirements to tackle Covid-19 pandemic. The scheme will come into effect from the date of notification and will remain in effect across the state," said Chief Minister Manohar Lal while talking to the mediapersons after the cabinet meeting. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Jharkhand govt

What: announces "Health Safety Week" beginning from April 22 to 29 to break chain of growing COVID-19 infection rate

When: published on 20th April 2021

In Jharkhand, the State Government has announced to follow a "Health Safety Week" beginning from April 22 to 29, to break the chain of growing COVID-19 infection rate in the State.

People have been advised to stay home and do not move without unnecessary work. Essential services and medical services continue to function and all identified offices of private sector, central and state government offices shall remain open.



AIR Correspondent reports, in the fight against COVID-19, Chief Minister of Jharkhand Mr Hemant Soren has also appealed to the people of the State to follow a Health Safety Week from 6 am in the morning on April 22 till 6 am in the morning on April 29. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Administrative Professionals Day 2021

What: was observed April 21

On April 21, we get to celebrate National Administrative Professionals Day! This holiday is always celebrated on the Wednesday of the last full week of April. Although it's not observed as a public holiday this day is still important and there's so much to celebrate. This holiday even got its own episode on "The Office."

The day is celebrated on various dates in United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Australia, South Africa, Brazil.

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Ashok Leyland

What: delivers first lot of light bullet proof vehicles to Indian Air Force

When: published on 16th April 2021

Hinduja flagship firm Ashok Leyland on Friday said it has delivered the first lot of light bulletproof vehicles to the Indian Air Force in collaboration with Lockheed Martin.

These modern vehicles were delivered on April 13. The light bulletproof vehicle (LBPV) is an adapted version of Lockheed Martin's CVNG (common vehicle next-gen), the company said in a regulatory filing.

It has been developed under the transfer of technology (TOT) from Lockheed Martin to Ashok Leyland. It is completely indigenised and developed in India, Ashok Leyland added.

LBPV has high off-road mobility in mud, sand, rocks, and shallow water. It can accommodate a crew of 6 with ample cargo space to carry substantial mission equipment. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia

What: to launch its own space station in 2025

When: published on 22nd April 2021



Russian space agency Roscosmos on Tuesday said that it hoped to launch its own space station in 2025. Moscow is considering withdrawing from the International Space Station programme. Dmitry Rogozin, chief of Roscosmos said work had already begun on the first module of the new space station.

"The first core module of the new Russian orbital station is in the works," Rogozin said in a statement on messaging app Telegram.

He said Russia's Energia space corporation was aiming to have the module "ready for launch" in 2025 and released a video of Energia staff at work. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Bizwoman

What: bags humanitarian award

When: published on 20th April 2021

Software-engineer turned social entrepreneur, Rumana Sinha Sehgal has been awarded the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021' by the Diplomatic Mission Global Peace earlier this month. The proud Hyderabadi is also the recipient of the Nationwide Award - under 50- Business Leader 2021 for social entrepreneurship by Business Mint. At the Influencer Summit in January this year, she also received the 'International Influencer of the year 2021'.

The ceremonies were held virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On these recognitions, Rumana says: "My work has been recognised in the fields of developing innovative and functional 'green' products by recycling varied materials and creative use of non-biodegradable materials, thus enhancing their useful life." ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Bengaluru-based lady entrepreneur Vibha Harish

What: makes it to Forbes Asia's 30 'Under-30' list

When: published on 22nd April 2021

Bengaluru-based lady entrepreneur Vibha Harish, CEO and founder of herbal nutrition and plant-based supplement company Cosmix, has made it to the Forbes Asia's 30 Under- 30 in just one year of opening her venture. At present, Cosmix is one of the fastest-growing ventures in the country.

Within one year of its operation, Cosmix has registered a turnover of around Rs 2 crore, all credit goes to the products, its manufacturing and marketing techniques.



A health issue as a teenager made her look at the absence of adequate nutrition for women, which became the prime source for launching this venture last year, news agency Press Trust of India mentioned in a report.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: India Ratings

What: revises down India's FY22 GDP growth forecast to 10.1%

When: published on 23rd April 2021

India Ratings and Research on Friday revised down India's FY22 real GDP growth forecast to 10.1 per cent, from earlier projection of 10.4 per cent, citing the second wave of Covid-19 infections and slower pace of vaccination.

At a time when large parts of the country are experiencing tremendous pressure on medical infrastructure, the agency said it expects the second wave to start subsiding by mid-May.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank

When: published on 22nd April 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 22 said it has cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited due to inadequate capital.

"Consequently, the bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on April 22, 2021. The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank," the RBI said.

The Reserve Bank cancelled the licence of the bank as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects, the RBI said. The bank has failed to comply with the requirements and the continuance of the bank is prejudicial to the interests of its depositors, the RBI said.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Bank

What: signs MoU with Chennai Angels



When: published on 23rd April 2021

Indian Bank has signed an MOU with angel investment group The Chennai Angles to finance startups under the bank's loan product - IND Spring Board.

The idea is to empower startups to realise their research efforts backed by financial support from the bank.

Under this scheme, the public sector bank will extend credit facilities of up to Rs 50 crore for working capital requirements and also fund term loan requirements for acquiring fixed assets. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: BOB Financial and Mastercard

What: to launch world's first QR on card programme to simplify digital payments

When: published on 23rd April 2021

Mastercard and BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) have come together to offer an easy, frictionless payment solution for cardholders with the launch of ConQR – a Mastercard QR on Card solution.

This solution uses a Mastercard patented technology which enables cardholders/ SMEs to accept cashless payments using their cards. By doing so, QR on Card makes payments more flexible and empowers cardholders (mainly small merchants) to spend and earn on the same card. The solution does not require cardholders to give out personally identifiable information to receive payments, providing them with an important layer of security.

Furthermore, it helps banks displace cash and strengthen the cardholder relationship. It also reduces the operational costs with fewer chargebacks, resulting in increased revenue from electronic payments, for the banks. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: HSBC

What: Tied-up With Google Pay & VISA To Allow Secured Tokenization On Its Credit Cards

When: published on 24th April 2021

HSBC is among the world's leading banking and financial services organisations, with a network that spans 64 countries and territories across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, as well as North and Latin America. The multinational bank has partnered with Google Pay to ensure the tokenization of its credit cards, allowing payments through Gpay's network for NFC (near field communications), QR Pay, and in-app transactions. Tokenization allows transfers to be done



without revealing the card number, expiry date, or security code, only sharing a unique token number. Customers with HSBC Credit Cards will be able to link their cards to GPay and use it as a payment method to safely and electronically transact via their smartphones - both online and also in merchant stores - thanks to this new update. Google Pay is a quick and easy way to pay using your HSBC credit cards in applications and stores using your Mobile phone. You can now link your HSBC credit card to Google Pay in just a few minutes and start making payments. Since your card details are tokenized, they are never shared with merchants or stored on your device, and you can continue to experience the same rewards and benefits as your physical HSBC credit card. Tokenization is the method of replacing confidential data on a card, such as the card number, expiration date, and security code, with a device-specific alternate code, or "Token." Tokens are used in mobile payments to secure payment details and to mitigate the security issues associated with plastic cards. It also eliminates the risks of holding your cards physically for offline or in-store transactions. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: NDB

What: issues USD 1.5 billion benchmark bond

When: published on 22nd April 2021

On April 20, 2021, the New Development Bank (NDB) priced its 5-year USD 1.5 billion benchmark bond. This transaction is the third USD benchmark bond offering of the Bank in the international markets.

The net proceeds of the Bond will be used for financing sustainable development activities as well as COVID-19 Emergency Program Loans to the Bank's member countries. The NDB established the Emergency Assistance Facility in April 2020, to provide up to USD 10 billion in crisis-related assistance to its member countries, including USD 5 billion for financing healthcare and social safety-related expenditures, as well as USD 5 billion for supporting economic recovery efforts.

This transaction was met with significant support from the global investor community. The high-quality order book highlights the recognition of NDB's mandate and its growing stature in the USD market. The distribution of investors of the final book was as follows, by geography: Asia – 36%, EMEA – 60%, Americas – 4% and by investor type: Central Banks/Official Institutions – 78%, Banks – 16%, Asset Managers – 4%, Private Banks – 1%, Others – 1%. The book was oversubscribed with the order book in excess of USD 1.975 billion. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021

What: held in China

When: published on 20th April 2021



The opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was held in Boao, south China's Hainan Province, on Tuesday.

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony.

This year's conference, attended by more than 2,600 guests from over 60 countries and regions, is themed "A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation."

The forum, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, has not only played a unique role in pooling consensus and putting forward valuable "Boao proposals," but also engaged countries in addressing global issues and promoting world development and prosperity. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India's Demographic Growth Transition

What: will overtake China's by 2035 : Central Bank of China

When: published on 20th April 2021

China's demographic transition owing particularly to its stricter birth policies has grappled it with the problem of ageing population and dwindling work-force. A report released by the People's Bank of China (PBOC), China's central bank, said that China should immediately liberalise its birth policies to tackle the problems of an ageing population and plan to compete economically with a demographically young India and an immigration-friendly US.

In a detailed section on India, the report said the gap between the two countries is narrowing. As two big countries in Asia, China's economic growth has been faster than India's for a long time but in recent years, China's demographic dividend fading, India's economic growth has tended to approach China's, the report said. In a rare frank assessment, it added that China's ageing population and the declining birth rate will become more serious in 10 years while India's demographic structure will be further optimised. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: CEA, CEEW

What: Launch Renewable Dashboard For Detailed Operational Info On RE Projects In India

When: published on 22nd April 2021

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and CEEW's Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF) on Wednesday launched the India Renewables Dashboard.

The dashboard is a joint effort to provide detailed operational information on renewable energy (RE) projects in India, according to a statement.



This information on dashboard is freely available to policymakers, developers, financiers, and the public.

It was launched by Sandesh Kumar Sharma, member (planning) of CEA, the statement added.

The dashboard, supported by the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, captures daily generation data at the state, regional and national levels for the aggregate 93 gigawatts (GW) of installed RE capacity in India.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Climate Change Activist, Sustainability Influencer And Author, Aakash Ranison

What: Launches His EBook “Climate Change Explained – For One And All”

When: published on 21st April 2021

Earth Day is celebrated on 22nd April worldwide, to mark the same Aakash Ranison, a well-known Climate Change Activist and Sustainability Influencer launches an eBook “Climate Change Explained – for one and all”. The book focuses on the serious topic of climate change and how it can affect every individual’s life. The book is exclusively available on climateaction.aakashranison.com for free from 22nd April 2021. It will also be available on Amazon, iBook, & Google Books as well at a nominal cost of INR 20 from 10th May 2021.

To put forth the concern on this growing topic brands like Blue Tribe – Plant-based meat Brand, Thought Over Design and The Other Circle – PR India, came forward to partner with Aakash and support his cause.

The author has also collaborated with “Spiti Ecosphere” – a social enterprise that focuses on creating sustainable livelihoods through conservation and development of economies. The profit made from these platforms will be donated to the NGO and will be used on their climate change drive.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Amit Mistry

What: dies of cardiac arrest at 47

When: published on 24th April 2021

Popular Gujarati and Hindi film actor Amit Mistry died on Friday morning after suffering a major cardiac arrest. He was 47. His manager Maharshi Desai told indianexpress.com, “I spoke to Amit’s mother. It is true that he is no more. He passed away after suffering a massive cardiac arrest this morning. He was at his house in Andheri, Mumbai with his parents and passed away on the spot, before they could get any help.”



The manager also said that Amit had no underlying medical condition. “He woke up, had his breakfast and even exercised before he suffered a cardiac arrest. He was absolutely fit and fine,” Desai told PTI.

Amit, who was famous in the Gujarati theatre circuit and films, also did many Hindi films including Kya Kehna, Ek Chalis Ki Last Local, 99, Shor In The City, Yamla Pagla Deewana, Bey Yaar, A Gentleman among many others. He had also appeared in TV shows like Tenali Rama, Woh, Sssshhh...Koi Hai, among others. He was recently seen in the Amazon Prime web series Bandish Bandits.[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: World Day for Laboratory Animals 2021

What: was observed on 24th April 2021

World Day for Laboratory Animals – April 24th – commemorates the suffering of animals in laboratories. Founded in 1979 by ADI’s campaign partner in the UK, National Anti-Vivisection Society, World Day for Laboratory Animals has been a focal point for educating the public and legislators about animal tests and the alternatives for 40 years.

Founded in 1875, the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS) was the world’s first organisation campaigning against animal experiments, and established the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research (LDF) in 1973 to support and fund advanced non-animal methods of scientific and medical research.

Founded in 1990, Animal Defenders International (ADI) funds and promotes advanced scientific methods to replace the use of animals in research, the LDF transferred to its charitable foundation in 2017.[\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Rememer

Who: National Panchayati Raj Day 2021

What: was observed on 24th April 2021

National Panchayati Raj Day 2021: April 24 has been recognised as National Panchayati Raj Day. The annual celebration is done to commemorate the day on which the 73rd Constitutional Amendment was passed in 1992. The act came into effect on April 24, 1993. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had declared the first National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April in the year 2010. National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated to mark the inception of decentralised power.

A committee was formed in 1957 to focus on the evolution of Panchayati Raj in the country. The chairman of the committee was Balwantrai Mehta. The committee in its report recommended a decentralised three-layered Panchayati Raj system – Gram Panchayat at the Village level, Panchayat Samiti at the Block level and Zila Parishad at the District level.[\(Read more\)](#)





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