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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 4

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

1. Which firm has India's growth forecast for financial year 2021-22 to 11% from 10% earlier?

- A. S&P Global Ratings
- B. Moody's Investors Service
- C. Fitch Rating
- D. Nasdaq, Inc
- E. None of these

2. Which motor company has signed MOU with SBI for financing light commercial vehicles?

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

3. Which digital payment firm has launched 'Distributor to Retailer Finance' to empower SMEs?

- A. Airtel Pay
- B. Google Pay
- C. Amazon Pay
- D. BharatPe
- E. None of these

4. Which bank has the launch of "Yes Essence Plus" a unique accelerator to support women-led startups in partnership with SHEROES, the women-only social network?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank
- E. None of these

5. EAM S Jaishankar attended 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of 'Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process on Afghanistan' in which country?

- A. Tajikistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Pakistan
- D. Uzbekistan
- E. None of these



**6. Which country has passed miscarriages bereavement leave law?**

- A. Australia                      B. New Zealand                      C. India  
D. China                              E. None of these

**7. Which of the following countries has inaugurated children's home renovated with Indian grant?**

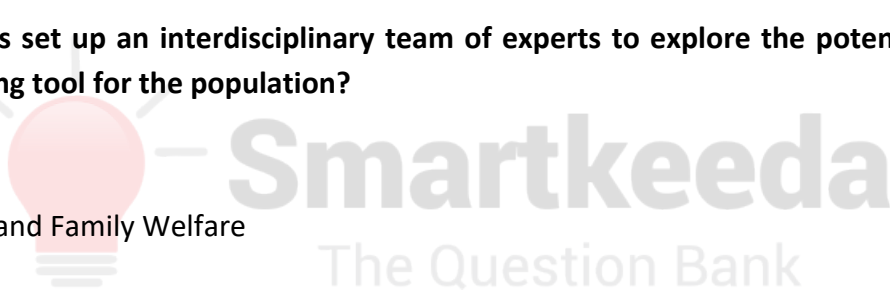
- A. Malaysia                      B. Maldives                      C. Indonesia  
D. Vietnam                      E. None of these

**8. 'World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives' released by which organization?**

- A. United Nations                      B. World Bank                      C. Asian Development Bank  
D. Reserve Bank of India                      E. None of these

**9. Which ministry has set up an interdisciplinary team of experts to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity enhancing tool for the population?**

- A. Ministry of AYUSH  
B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
C. Ministry of Culture  
D. Ministry of Minority Affairs  
E. None of these



**10. Consulate General of India has partnered with which state to boost tourism to India post COVID-19, highlighting the state's various religious sites and other attractions?**

- A. Madhya Pradesh                      B. Andhra Pradesh                      C. Himachal Pradesh  
D. Uttar Pradesh                      E. None of these

**11. As per the Global Wind Report 2021, which year was the Best Year for Wind Industry?**

- A. 2019                              B. 2020                              C. 2021  
D. 2018                              E. None of these



**12. Which bank was named India's best SME Bank by Asiamoney?**

- A. ICICI Bank                      B. HDFC Bank                      C. Yes Bank  
D. Axis Bank                      E. None of these

**13. Equitas Small Finance Bank has renewed partnership with IPL team for IPL 2021?**

- A. Chennai Super Kings              B. Mumbai Indians              C. Royal Challengers Bangalore  
D. Kolkata Knight Riders              E. None of these

**14. Niyox has launched Niyox in partnership with which bank?**

- A. Equitas Small Finance Bank  
B. IDFC FIRST Bank  
C. ESAF Small Finance Bank  
D. Lakshmi Vilas Bank  
E. None of these



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**15. Ernesto Araujo is the Foreign Minister of which country who has resigned recently from the post?**

- A. Sudan                      B. Cuba                      C. Mali  
D. Brazil                      E. None of these

**16. Who among the following is the author of the book "Dawn Under The Dome"?**

- A. Ankita Singh                      B. Vinita Kumari                      C. Rashmi Chawla  
D. Swati Pandey                      E. None of these

**17. Who among the following has become the first batsman from Afghanistan to register a double hundred in Test cricket?**

- A. Asghar Afghan                      B. Rahmat Shah                      C. Hashmatullah Shahidi  
D. Ibrahim Zadran                      E. None of these



**18. Who among the following has been appointed as the new commandant of strategic Kashmir-based 15 Corps?**

- A. Anand Raj                      B. D P Pandey                      C. Nitin Verma  
D. Rajni Kumari                      E. None of these

**19. What amount of loan guarantee program has been announced jointly by USAID and DFC to finance investments by Indian small and medium enterprises in renewable energy solutions?**

- A. USD 42 million                      B. USD 43 million                      C. USD 44 million  
D. USD 41 million                      E. None of these

**20. Which date was observed as Global Recycling Day 2021?**

- A. March 17                      B. March 20                      C. March 18  
D. March 19                      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
A	B	D	E	A	B	B	B	A	D	B	B	A	A	D	D	C	B	D	C

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to remember**

**Who:** S&P

**What:** raises India’s FY22 GDP growth forecast to 11% from 10%

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

S&P Global Ratings on Thursday raised India’s growth forecast for financial year 2021-22 to 11% from 10% earlier, led by an expansionary fiscal policy aimed at boosting domestic private spending.

After two consecutive quarters of contraction, India’s economy grew 0.4% in the October-December quarter. During April-June, at the peak of pandemic and most economic activities at a standstill, the country’s GDP had contracted a massive 23.9% , following a 7.5% decline in the fiscal second.

The US credit rating agency said a three-speed recovery pattern has emerged in Asia-Pacific. China, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Vietnam, lead the group where activities are already above pre-pandemic levels. Australia, Japan, and Korea, are in the middle group where activities should reach pre-pandemic levels in early to mid-2021. India has joined the group following a sharp rebound in recent months.

“We also expect gradual vaccine coverage in the region to encourage a virtuous cycle of higher spending on services, more jobs, and rising incomes to power the next leg of the recovery,” said Shaun Roache, Asia-Pacific chief economist at S&P Global Ratings. [\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Tata Motors

**What:** signs MOU with SBI for financing light commercial vehicles

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

Tata Motors on Friday said it has signed a three-year MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the State Bank of India, to offer financial assistance for the purchase of the company's range of small and light commercial vehicles.

The collaboration with State Bank of India (SBI) will allow Tata Motors' commercial vehicle (CV) customers to avail of loans in a hassle-free manner as well as access SBI's unique technology-laden offerings, the company said in a statement.

It will also introduce easy loan structured schemes which will help mitigate the cost difference between the BS-IV and the BS-VI vehicles for both, down payment as well as the EMI of the vehicle, it added. ([Read more](#))

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BharatPe

**What:** launches 'Distributor to Retailer Finance' to empower SMEs

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

BharatPe has rolled-out its innovative lending product- Distributor to Retailer (D2R) Finance which will focus specifically on empowering Small and Medium Enterprises. The product is designed to provide instant liquidity to distributors, wholesalers, traders and dealers across industry verticals.

With this new lending product, the company will offer collateral-free loans of upto Rs. 50 lakhs for a period of 7 days to 30 days. BharatPe also shared that it has already facilitated D2R loans of Rs. 50 crores in the first month of launch and aims to facilitate disbursements of Rs. 2500 crores via this new product in the next fiscal year (FY22).

BharatPe's D2R Finance is quick with loan disbursements in 1 business day. This industry-first offering caters to businesses across industries, including FMCG, Consumer Durables, Pharma, Electronics, Telecom, Dairy, Industrials, Auto Parts, Fashion, Cosmetics, also helps them to keep track of their collections from retailers. ([Read more](#))

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** YES BANK, SHEROES

**What:** launch "YES Essence Plus" accelerator to support women entrepreneurs

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

YES BANK announced the launch of YES Essence Plus — a unique accelerator to support women-led startups in partnership with SHEROES, the women-only social network. The 10-week Yes Essence Plus accelerator offers a curated curriculum, training, support to select women-led startups.

The curriculum will focus on building skills such as financial management, legal, fundraising, marketing, and effective leadership. The accelerator culminates with a final Demo Day, where the startups will then present their ideas to venture capital partners, Bharat Innovation Fund, CIIE A and 3one4 Capital. Leading accelerators like GAIN, Strategy Garage and WSquare, will support outreach as ecosystem partners.

The applications will be screened, and shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by a committee comprising leaders from YES BANK and SHEROES, along with industry experts. ([Read more](#))



## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** A stable, sovereign and peaceful Afghanistan

**What:** is basis for peace and progress in our region, says External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar emphatically stressed on the need to promote durable peace in Afghanistan for shared interests of countries in the Heart of Asia region. Speaking at the 9<sup>th</sup> Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan today, Dr. S Jaishankar asserted that for a durable peace in Afghanistan, every stakeholder should work towards genuine 'double peace' mechanism, which includes peace both within and around Afghanistan. He said, this requires harmonizing the interests of all, both within and around that country. Dr. Jaishankar said that if the peace process is to be successful, then it is necessary to ensure that the negotiating parties continue to engage in good faith and with a serious commitment towards reaching a political solution.

External Affairs Minister said that the aim of a more inclusive Afghanistan which can overcome decades of conflict will happen only if the stakeholders and participating countries stay true to the principles that Heart of Asia platform has long embodied. He also stated that Collective success may not be easy but the only remaining alternative would be collective failure. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** New Zealand

**What:** passes miscarriages bereavement leave law

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

New Zealand's parliament has passed legislation giving mothers and their partners the right to paid leave following a miscarriage or still birth, becoming only the second country in the world to do so.

The bereavement allowance, passed unanimously in parliament late on Wednesday, gives employees three days leave when a pregnancy ends with a stillbirth without having to tap into sick leave.

"The passing of this bill shows that once again New Zealand is leading the way for progressive and compassionate legislation, becoming only the second country in the world to provide leave for miscarriage and stillbirth," said Labour Party MP Ginny Andersen, who initiated the bill. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Maldives

**What:** inaugurates children's home renovated with Indian grant

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





The Maldives government has inaugurated a children's shelter that was renovated under Indian grant assistance.

A virtual ceremony was held to mark the completion of the Fiyavathi Home for Vulnerable Children in Hulhumalé in North Male.

The ceremony was attended by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulla Shahid, Indian High Commissioner to Maldives Sunjay Sudhir, State Ministers of Gender, Family and Social Services, Aishath Rasheed and Zifleena Hassan.

Shahid said that the state has a moral and ethical responsibility to ensure that children in a position of socioeconomic vulnerability are given adequate care and attention. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 'World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives'

**What:** released by World Bank

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

Today's unprecedented growth of data and their ubiquity in our lives are signs that the data revolution is transforming the world. And yet much of the value of data remains untapped. Data collected for one purpose have the potential to generate economic and social value in applications far beyond those originally anticipated. But many barriers stand in the way, ranging from misaligned incentives and incompatible data systems to a fundamental lack of trust. World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives explores the tremendous potential of the changing data landscape to improve the lives of poor people, while also acknowledging its potential to open back doors that can harm individuals, businesses, and societies. To address this tension between the helpful and harmful potential of data, this Report calls for a new social contract that enables the use and reuse of data to create economic and social value, ensures equitable access to that value, and fosters trust that data will not be misused in harmful ways.

## 9. Hints to remember

**Who:** AYUSH Ministry

**What:** set up interdisciplinary team to explore potential of Yoga

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

The 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 AIIMS New Delhi, IIM Bangalore, IIT Bombay, various leading Yoga institutions, the corporate sector and the AYUSH Ministry.



The committee will submit its preliminary recommendations by May this year. In the inception meeting held yesterday, 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](#))

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indian Consulate General in S Africa

**What:** partners with UP to boost tourism to India

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

The Consulate General of India here has partnered with Uttar Pradesh to boost tourism to India post COVID-19, highlighting the state's various religious sites and other attractions.

Mukesh Kumar Meshram, Principal Secretary for Tourism and Culture in UP, shared the detailed plans on attracting tourists to the state at a meet titled 'Post-Covid Tourism to India' which was organised by the Indian Consul General in Johannesburg Anju Ranjan on Wednesday.

Uttar Pradesh was the partner state in the programme.

"We are committed to making Ayodhya a leading place among religious places in the world (for tourism)," Meshram said, as he highlighted a wide range of Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian sites in the state that could attract tourists.

He also highlighted the wildlife and handicrafts of the state. ([Read more](#))

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 2020

**What:** was Best Year for Wind Industry: Global Wind Report 2021

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

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the year 2020 was the best year in history for the global wind industry as this sector installed 93GW of new capacity in 2020, according to a new report titled 'Global Wind Report 2021, released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC- Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium).

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> annual flagship report, released by GWEC on March 25, 2021.

The 93GW represents a 53% year-on-year increase.



## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** HDFC Bank

**What:** named India's best SME Bank by Asiamoney

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

HDFC Bank was adjudged the 'India's Best Bank for SMEs' at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021. In its evaluation the magazine said on its website - "HDFC Bank's transformation of its micro, small and medium-sized enterprise (MSME) business over the past few years makes it a worthy winner of this award."

The Annual Best Banks survey of the financial magazine based in Hong Kong, aims to identify which banks in each market have excelled across a range of core banking activities over the past 12 months. Asiamoney's award decisions were made by a team of senior journalists after receiving detailed submissions from market participants and in conjunction with research into the banking and capital markets by our editorial committee. Our senior editors also visited each country or territory to meet leading bankers and gather client and competitor feedback. ([Read more](#))

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Equitas Small Finance Bank

**What:** renews partnership with Chennai Super Kings for IPL 2021

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

Equitas Small Finance Bank has renewed its partnership with Chennai Super Kings for the IPL season 2021. It will be the 'Official Retail Banking Partner' for the team. In line with the brand ethos and the logo positioning at the back of the helmet & cap, it is also going to launch a new campaign titled "The Bank Behind Every Champion".

Chennai Super Kings team will sport the Equitas SFB logo on the back of the helmet and the cap as part of the team jersey. The new campaign will be aimed to communicate that, Equitas has been transforming lives of individuals through their lending and social responsibilities over time with the support and funds of people who are banking with them. Equitas Small Finance Bank has been previously associated with the three-time IPL champions from season 2018-2020. ([Read more](#))

## 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Niyo

**What:** Launches NiyoX in partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank

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



India's leading fintech company, Niyu, today launched yet another pioneering mobile-first digital banking solution NiyuX in partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank and VISA. Their newest product brings in a 2-in-1 proposition of a digital savings account and a wealth management platform to help you grow your money along with you.

Ahead of the launch, Niyu conducted a nationwide survey among 8000 millennials living in metro and non-metro cities to understand their banking needs post COVID-19. Remarkably, 55% respondents said they'd switch banks for rewards & offers and the rest 45% for better interest rates. NiyuX aspires to address this with its compelling features: a digital savings account with a VISA Platinum Debit Card, an industry-high 7%\* p.a. interest rate on account balance, instant account opening through a seamless digital onboarding process, and a promise of "zero non-maintenance fee". It's a perfect solution for the fast-paced lifestyle of today's millennial Indian. ([Read more](#))

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Brazilian foreign minister

**What:** resigns after criticism over vaccine shortage: Report

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Brazilian Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo has resigned amid rising criticism over what is perceived to be diplomatic failure to secure coronavirus vaccines as the country is grappling with supply shortages, Sputnik reported citing local media.

According to Brazil's O Globo newspaper, the minister had notified his staff about the decision and sent a letter of resignation to president Jair Bolsonaro, saying he does not want to create problems for the government. There has been no official confirmation of the fact yet. ([Read more](#))

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Maharashtra Governor

**What:** releases e-book titled Dawn Under The Dome

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari released a digital e-book titled Dawn Under The Dome. The digital book depicts the history of the Mumbai General Post Office building. It has been authored by Post Master General of Mumbai Swati Pandey in collaboration with Orchida Mukherjee.

The book says that three types of Indian stones were used in the construction of the building: the grey basalt with buff trachyte and the Yellowstone from Mumbai's Kurla and Malad respectively and the white stone from Dharandhra. ([Read more](#))



## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Hashmatullah Shahidi

**What:** Becomes First Afghan Player To Score Test Double Century

**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Afghanistan's Hashmatullah Shahidi became the first batsman from the country to register a double hundred in Test cricket. Shahidi got his first double century on Day Two of the second Test against Zimbabwe in Abu Dhabi on Thursday. Shahidi made 200 not out off 443 balls with 21 fours and one six as Afghanistan put up a mammoth 545 for 4 in their first innings. Captain Asghar Afghan made 164 while opener Ibrahim Zadran scored 72. Zimbabwe lead the two-match series 1-0.

Shahidi has played five Tests and 42 ODIs for Afghanistan since making his international debut in an ODI against Kenya.

He made his Test debut in Afghanistan's first-ever Test, against India in Bengaluru in 2018. ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Lt Gen Pandey

**What:** takes over as new commander of 15-Corps

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Lt General DP Pandey Wednesday took over the command of strategic Kashmir-based 15 Corps from Lt Gen BS Raju, who has been appointed as the new Director-General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army.

Prior to his appointment as the Chinar Corps Commander, General Pandey served as the First Director General of the Territorial Army. He has served in Kashmir in various capacities that included General Officer Commanding (GOC) Kilo Force, which is responsible for anti-militancy operations in north Kashmir. He has also served as Commander of Charkote Kupwara based 8 Sector which is looking after the anti-militancy operations across Lolab valley. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** USAID, DFC

**What:** announce \$41 million financing for renewable energy in India

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021



The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) have announced a USD 41 million-loan guarantee program to finance investment in renewable energy solutions by Indian SMEs.

"USAID and DFC are jointly sponsoring a USD 41 million loan portfolio guarantee to help finance investments by Indian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in renewable energy solutions, including rooftop solar installations. These loans will enable SMEs to access reliable power and cut costs," a statement said.

USAID/India's Acting Mission Director Karen Klimowski stated, Investments in solar solutions, secured by these credit guarantees, will improve access to clean, steady, and affordable energy as well as further progress towards India's clean energy transition and climate change mitigation. ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Global Recycling Day 2021

**What:** was observed 18<sup>th</sup> March

Every year, the earth yields billions of tons of natural resources to transform into consumables. At some point, there will be nothing left. That's why we must, as a planet, think again about what we throw away seeing not waste, but opportunity.

Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet. It is a Day for the world to come together, and put the planet first. ([Read more](#))





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