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April GA Quiz 5

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

1. In a major boost to the Indian Army's firepower, the Defence Ministry has inked a contract with _____ to supply 4,960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles to Army at a cost of Rs 1,188 crores.

- A. Bharat Dynamics Limited B. Bharat Electronics C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
D. BEML Limited E. None of these

2. World Piano Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. 28th March B. 30th March C. 27th March
D. 29th March E. None of these

3. Who among the following has won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix of Formula One?

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

4. Which shipyard company has delivered MV 'Sindhu', a 500 pax passenger-cum-150 MT Cargo Vessel built indigenously for Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A. Cochin Shipyard
B. Goa Shipyard
C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
E. None of these

5. Which company and Thalamus Irwine, a local startup have come together to develop a technology for storing medical data on blockchain, and conducted a Proof of Concept (PoC) with as many as 300 patients?



- A. Bharat Electronics Limited
- B. Electronics Corporation of India Limited
- C. Indian Telephone Industries Limited
- D. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited
- E. None of these

6. Who among the following has been given one-year extension as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to Government of India?

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. K. Vijay Raghavan
- C. Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- D. K. K. Venugopal
- E. None of these

7. According to a report by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), which country may miss its 2022 Renewable Energy Capacity Targets?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. None of these

8. Kempegowda airport becomes first in south India to have operational parallel runways. This airport is located in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. Cuttack
- D. Kochi
- E. None of these

9. Troops of Southern Command, Pune have launched which operation in continuance of their efforts to contribute directly towards security and well being of people?

- A. Operation Thiruvallur
- B. Operation Kanchipuram
- C. Operation Coimbatore
- D. Operation Tiruppur
- E. None of these

10. Which agency and Yamuna International Airport has signed LoA for civil aviation security?

- A. Airports Authority of India
- B. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
- C. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- D. International Civil Aviation Organization
- E. None of these



11. Tourism Ministry has launched 'MICE Roadshow – Meet in India' and Inaugurated Chhatrasal Convention Centre at which place?

- A. Hampi
- B. Orchha
- C. Khajuraho
- D. Konark
- E. None of these

12. India Centre for Migration (ICM) has entered into collaboration with which organization for the joint study on "Strengthening data-informed and migrant-centred migration management frameworks in India"?

- A. International Organisation for Migration
- B. Food and Agriculture Organization
- C. United Nations Development Programme
- D. World Health Organization
- E. None of these

13. Which company has become the first Indian buyer of Guyanese oil?

- A. Hindustan Petroleum
- B. Bharat Petroleum
- C. HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited
- D. Reliance Industries Limited
- E. None of these



14. Which states is set to become India's 1st State to have 2 Green Energy Efficient Towns?

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

15. Which of the following countries has passed miscarriages bereavement leave law?

- A. Australia
- B. West Indies
- C. Japan
- D. Maldives
- E. None of these



16. Indian and US Special Forces have concluded joint training exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2021 in which state?

- A. Rajasthan B. Jharkhand C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these

17. Who among the following has inaugurated "Anandam", the Happiness Centre at IIM Jammu?

- A. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre B. Prakash Javadekar C. Piyush Goyal
D. Ramesh Pokhriyal E. None of these

18. Tonnerre and Surcouf Naval Shipped have arrived at Cochin Port Trust on a goodwill visit. These two ships are from which country?

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

19. A 104 feet tall flag mast hoisting the National Flag was inaugurated in which state recently?

- A. Assam B. Tripura C. Sikkim
D. Nagaland E. None of these

20. Centre has recently proposes up to what percent of tax concession on purchase of new vehicles on submission of scrap page certificate?

- A. 25 percent B. 20 percent C. 30 percent
D. 35 percent 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	D	A	A	C	B	B	E	A	B	C	A	C	C	E	C	D	C	C	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Major boost to Indian Army's firepower | Army

What: to get 4,960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles; deal signed

When: published on 19th March 2021

In a major boost to the Indian Army's firepower, the Defence Ministry on Friday inked a contract with Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Bharat Dynamics Limited to supply 4,960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles to Army at a cost of Rs 1,188 crores. The induction is planned to be completed in three years.

The Milan-2T is produced by BDL under license from a defence firm from France: Defence Ministry.

MILAN-2T is a man portable (Infantry) second-generation ATGM, that can destroy battle tanks fitted with explosive reactive armour, moving and stationary targets. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: World Piano Day 2021

What: was observed on 29th March

Piano Day is the brainchild of German pianist and composer Nils Frahm. His idea was to celebrate the instrument across the world through performances, masterclasses, lectures, etc... all manner of events.

The first Piano Day was in 2015. Since then the "festival" has gone from strength to strength. This year is its 7th anniversary. And it has enjoyed the participation of pianists, venues, promoters, organizers, manufacturers, retailers and distributors, technicians, piano enthusiasts, in fact, anyone associated with the instrument. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Lewis Hamilton

What: wins 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix of Formula One



When: published on 28th March 2021

Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won a nail-biting Bahrain Grand Prix season opener, triumphing over the Red Bull of Max Verstappen in a fantastic duel in the desert that went down to the very last lap of the race, as the second Mercedes of Valtteri Bottas completed the podium.

Starting from the fourth pole position of his career, Verstappen had taken control of the race early on, but lost his advantage when Hamilton was able to undercut the Dutchman into the lead in the first round of pit stops. Following a second stop for both drivers – Verstappen's coming 10 laps after Hamilton's – a thrilling finale was set up, Verstappen eating into Hamilton's lead before attempting a pass on Lap 53 but running too wide and giving the place back. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

What: delivers crucial Passenger-cum-Cargo Vessel-'MV Sindhu' for Andaman

When: published on 28th March 2021

Cochin Shipyard Ltd. has delivered MV 'Sindhu', a 500 pax passenger-cum-150 MT Cargo Vessel built indigenously for Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Protocol signing & handing over ceremony was held on board the vessel at Cochin Shipyard last evening. The world-class ship will prove to be a boon in Shipping Service for the far-flung Islands. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: ITI, Thalamus Irwine

What: debut healthcare services using blockchain technology

When: published on 25th March 2021

ITI Limited, India's telecom products manufacturing arm, and Thalamus Irwine, a local startup have come together to develop a technology for storing medical data on blockchain, and conducted a Proof of Concept (PoC) with as many as 300 patients on Thursday.

The blockchain technology-based solution by the two companies would also enable the Centre's ambitious One Nation One Health Card initiative, in line with the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) to develop the backbone to support the integrated digital health infrastructure nationwide.

"India is one of the few countries to start a blockchain-based health data record system where a better care would be provided to those who need medical attention,": Rishabh Sharma, chief executive of Thalamus Irwine said, adding that with ITI partnership, they would be able to store medical data on blockchain network. ([Read more](#))



6. Hints to Remember

Who: Prof K VijayRaghavan

What: to continue serving as Principal Scientific Advisor to GoI till 2 April 2022

When: published on 26th March 2021

Professor K VijayRaghavan has been given one-year extension as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to Government of India, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry on Thursday said. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension in the tenure of Professor VijayRaghavan as the PSA for a period of one year beyond 2 April 2021, i.e. upto 2 April 2022, it said. The office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India was established in November 1999 by the Cabinet Secretariat.

The PSA's office aims to provide pragmatic and objective advice to the prime minister and cabinet on matters related to science, technology and innovation with a focus on application of science and technology in critical infrastructure, economic and social sectors in partnership with government departments, institutions and industry. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: miss its 2022 Renewable Energy Capacity Targets

When: published on 25th March 2021

Renewable energy installation in India are falling short of the levels needed and the country is falling short of the (emission) reductions required to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius, according to a report by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).

This is despite the fact the world's fourth largest energy consumer is on-track to achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) target and contributing a fair share of the global effort to limit climate change, the report said.

"The government's 2022 targets may also be missed, due to constraints around land allocation, grid availability, recurring financial instability of DISCOMs, tender design and PPA sanctity," GWEC said in its just released report Global Wind Report 2021. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Bengaluru's Kempegowda airport

What: becomes first in south India to have operational parallel runways

When: published on 26th March 2021



With the successful touchdown of an IndiGo flight from Lucknow at the refurbished north runway on Thursday, the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru became the first in south India to have operational parallel runways.

It also marked the resumption of flight operations from the north runway, which was closed for renovation and upgrades in June 2020.

A spokesperson for the Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL), which operates KIA, confirmed that approval to begin operations on the north runway was obtained from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

“With the CAT IIIB-equipped South Runway becoming operational since December 6, 2019, these enhancements would offer BLR Airport the flexibility to operate both runways in low visibility and adverse weather conditions,” the spokesperson said. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: OPERATION THIRUVALLUR: INDIAN ARMY'S MASSIVE EFFORT

What: TO ENSURE AND ENHANCE SECURITY OF CITIZENS

When: published on 22nd March 2021

Troops of Southern Command, Pune have launched “Operation Thiruvallur” in continuance of their efforts to contribute directly towards security and well being of people. “Operation Thiruvallur” is being undertaken under the aegis of “Aid to Civil Authorities”, involving the safe disposal of nearly 10 tonnes of unexploded ordnance which had possibly been collected inadvertently by some factories over a number of years located in the general area of SIPCOT Industrial Estate in Gummidipoondi in Thiruvallur district of TamilNadu. It is an intricate and complex effort involving many weeks of detailed planning and coordination with the civil authorities. The operation is a classic demonstration of joint coordination and planning undertaken between the Army and Tamil Nadu State Government, on whose request the operation has been specifically approved by Ministry of Defence. The aim of the operation is to ensure a safe environment for all citizens in and around Gummidipoondi.

The operation involves segregation & disposal of unexploded ordnance from a metal scrap dump, now covered with undergrowth. The dump had been unattended after a violent blast & consequent death of a factory worker a few years back. The overriding factor whilst planning and undertaking the operation has been safety. The operation is likely to continue for few days. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Yamuna International Airport

What: sign LoA for civil aviation security

When: published on 24th March 2021



A Letter of Agreement (LoA) was signed between the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) in New Delhi today. The LoA defines provisions for civil aviation security responsibilities and functions at the upcoming international airport at Jewar, Noida. The agreement letter was signed by Shri Ankit Garg, Deputy Director General, BCAS, and Shri Christoph Schnellmann, CEO, YIAPL. Shri Jaideep Prasad, DG, BCAS, and Ms. Kiranjeet Kaur Jain, COO of YIAPL were also present on the occasion.

The Letter of Agreement stipulates the civil aviation security responsibilities and functions and implement the tasks relating to civil aviation security, defined, and allocated for implementation of various aspects of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP) at Noida International Airport. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Launch of 'MICE Roadshow - Meet in India' and inauguration of Chhatrasal Convention Centre

What: at Khajuraho

When: published on 25th March 2021

Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) and Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh will inaugurate the 'Chhatrasal Convention Centre at Khajuraho developed under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism. They will also launch "MICE Roadshow Meet in India" Brand and Roadmap for the Promotion of India as MICE Destination in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh tomorrow. Smt. Usha Thakur, Minister for Tourism and Culture, Madhya Pradesh will grace the occasion with other dignitaries and officials of Government of India and State Government of Madhya Pradesh. The event will also have Keynote sessions and Panel discussions on Responsible Tourism, Iconic Destination, India as a MICE Destination, etc. by senior Government officials and industry experts.

In order to promote India as MICE Destination (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in association with Madhya Pradesh Tourism and India Convention Promotion Bureau are organizing this 'MICE Roadshow – Meet in India' at the heart of Incredible India from 25-27 March 2021 at Chhatrasal Convention Centre, Khajuraho. This event will be an effort under Aatmanirbhar Bharat, realizing India's MICE potential. The roadshow will be an opportunity to focus on the Government's initiatives in developing India as a MICE destination with infrastructure and an eco-system pan-India that will favourably place India amongst the global competitors. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: MEA thinktank, International Organisation for Migration

What: collaborate for joint study on migration

When: published on 23rd March 2021



The India Centre for Migration (ICM), a research think tank of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) entered into a collaboration for a joint study on "Strengthening data-informed and migrant-centered migration management frameworks in India".

According to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs, the project was launched by Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV&OIA) and Chairman of ICM on Tuesday. This project comes at a time when post-Covid recovery efforts to address the issues of international migration have gained momentum.

The project will study; best practices with regard to international migration data management to strengthen evidence-based policymaking, and explore opportunities for new migration corridors based on sectoral data and trends, as per the release. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: HPCL-Mittal first Indian company

What: to buy Guyanese crude Liza: Report

When: published on 24th March 2021

The first cargo from new oil producer Guyana to the world's third-largest crude importer, India, departed this month from a production facility off the South American nation's coast in a vessel chartered by trading firm Trafigura, data from Refinitiv Eikon showed on Tuesday.

The cargo was bought by HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd, a joint venture between state-run Hindustan Petroleum Corp and steel tycoon LN Mittal, a source with knowledge of the matter said. HMEL operates a 226,000 barrel per day (bpd) Bathinda refinery in the northern state of Punjab. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Bihar first state

What: to have two green towns

When: published on 30th March 2021

If everything goes as per plan, Bihar is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir and Bodh Gaya. The towns will start getting solar energy through the first of its kind renewable energy project from 2023.

After Rajgir and Bodh Gaya, Patna's many important government offices including the governor house, the Patna High Court, the Bihar Museum and the Vidhyut Bhawan would also get round the clock green energy supply being developed with the help of the Solar Energy Corporation of India.

To implement this project, the state government has decided to use the land available in Lakhisarai and Bhagalpur district to construct solar energy plants.



Confirming this, Bihar's secretary of energy Sanjeev Hans said that the 500-megawatt solar energy plants will be set up at Lakhisarai and Bhagalpur. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to remember

Who: New Zealand

What: passes bereavement leave law for miscarriages, stillbirths

When: published on 25th March 2021

New Zealand's Parliament has unanimously approved legislation that would give couples -- who suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth -- three days of paid leave, putting the country in the vanguard of those providing such benefits.

According to The New York Times, employers in New Zealand, as in some other countries, had already been required to provide paid leave in the event of a stillbirth, when a fetus is lost after 20 weeks or more.

The new legislation, approved on Wednesday, will expand that leave to anyone who loses a pregnancy at any point, removing any ambiguity. The measure is expected to become law in the coming weeks. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian and US Special Forces

What: conclude joint training exercise

When: published on 31st March 2021

The 11th edition of Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2021 was conducted at Special Forces Training School located at Bakloh, HP in March 2021.

The joint exercise by the Special Forces of both the countries is conducted alternatively between India and the United States to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.

During such events, the armies of participating nations jointly train, plan and execute a series of operations for neutralisation of threats of varied nature with a common aim of countering threats of international terrorism through mutual training. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal



What: inaugurates Happiness Centre at IIM-Jammu

When: published on 31st March 2021

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated a happiness centre at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Jammu virtually on Tuesday. The minister said that incorporating happiness in the academic curriculum is a very crucial step towards empowering the nation, and congratulated the institute for the venture.

'Anandam - the Centre for Happiness' aligns with the National Education Policy 2020, aiming to achieve holistic wellbeing for all, he said. "This step will take our education system to new heights, similar to the times of ancient Indian universities like Nalanda and Takshashila," the minister added. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Two French Naval Ships Tonnerre and Surcouf

What: arrive at Cochin Port Trust on a goodwill visit

When: published on 30th March 2021

Two French Naval Ships arrived at Cochin Port Trust today on a goodwill visit to Kochi. The ships - Tonnerre (Amphibious Assault Ship) and Surcouf (Frigate Class Ship) - were received by Senior Naval Authorities amidst fanfare by the naval band. French delegation comprising Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador in India at New Delhi was also present as part of the visit.

Our correspondent reports that interactions between India and France have evolved into a strong partnership especially in the domain of maritime security. The regular conduct of bilateral exercises, goodwill visits by ships and high level delegation visits are indicative of growth in mutual cooperation. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: 104-feet tall flag mast

What: inaugurated by Sikkim Governor

When: published on 30th March 2021

A 104 feet tall flag mast hoisting the National Flag was inaugurated by Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad at the Mahatma Gandhi Marg in Gangtok, officials said.

The governor unveiled the plaque and hoisted the national flag on Monday in the presence of Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, other ministers and senior officials.

The flag mast will be a permanent structure and the national flag will remain hoisted throughout, they said. ([Read more](#))



20. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: proposes up to 25% tax concession on purchase of new vehicles on submission of scrap page certificate

When: published on 31st March 2021

The Ministry of Road, Transport, and Highways (MoRTH) has proposed a concession of 25% in road tax against the scrappage certificate of personal vehicles and 15% for transport vehicles.

(Also Read: Over four crore old vehicles on Indian roads, Karnataka tops list with 70 lakh)

As a part of the newly introduced vehicle scrappage policy, this rule is proposed to come into effect from October 1st, 2021.

According to the notification issued by the MoRTH, in case a new vehicle is registered against the submission of "Certificate of vehicle scrapping", it can avail a concession in the motor vehicle tax up to 25% for the non-transport vehicles; and up to 15% in case of transport vehicles. These concessions will be available up to eight years for transport vehicles, and up to 15 years for private vehicles, as the notification further said. ([Read more](#))



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