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April GA Quiz 8

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

1. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)?

- A. Lakshmi Venu B. Venu Srinivasan C. A. Sivasailam
D. Mallika Srinivasan E. None of these

2. Who among the following has joined hands with with Digit Insurance to spread awareness about insurance?

- A. Virat Kohli B. Rohit Sharma C. MS Dhoni
D. Sachin Tendulkar E. None of these

3. Who among the following is to be honoured with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- A. Kamal Haasan B. Rajinikanth C. Amitabh Bachchan
D. Chiranjeevi E. None of these

4. Which group of company has partnered with Northern Arc Capital for first pooled bond issuance?

- A. Actis Group B. CDC Group C. FMO Group
D. Proparco Group E. None of these

5. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has recently announced the formation of its wholly-owned subsidiary firm _____ .

- A. NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd B. NPCI India BillPay Ltd C. NPCI Hindustan BillPay Ltd
D. NPCI Indian BillPay Ltd E. None of these

6. The Centre has directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to retain the inflation target of what percent with a tolerance of 2 percent on either side for another five-year period ending March 2026?

- A. 3 percent B. 4 percent C. 5 percent
D. 6 percent E. None of these



7. Which country has topped in Digital Payments with 25.5 Billion Real-Time Transactions in 2020, as per the ACI Report 2021?

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

8. Finance Ministry has made it mandatory for Businesses with turnover of more than INR 5 Crore to furnish _____ Digit HSN/SAC (Harmonised System of Nomenclature Code/Service Accounting Code) on invoices issued for supplies of taxable goods and services.

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7
- E. None of these

9. As per the recent report, the government of India is to launch Unique ID Number for All Plots of Land by which year?

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

10. Which of the following countries has chaired the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meet?

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

11. The Union Cabinet has recently approved PLI scheme for food processing industry. What does PLI stand for?

- A. Production linked incentives
- B. Processed linked incentives
- C. Primitive linked incentives
- D. Possessive linked incentives
- E. None of these

12. India and which country agreed to revise their Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP)?

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



13. The Government of India has extended validity of ECLGS till _____ .

- A. April 2021 B. May 2021 C. June 2021
D. July 2021 E. None of these

14. Which of the following has become the first state in the country to provide health insurance for all its residents?

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

15. Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled as 'Suparipalana'. Who among the following is the author of the book?

- A. Shailendra Kumar Joshi B. Mahendra Kumar Sharma C. Jogindar Kumar Tyagi
D. Munendra Kumar Verma E. None of these

16. Which of the following countries is to host AIBA's 2023 Men's Boxing World Championship?

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

17. A new species of flowering plants belonging to the genus 'Argyreia', recently discovered in south Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, has been named after which person?

- A. Uddhav Thackeray B. Sharad Pawar C. Anil Deshmukh
D. Devendra Fadnavis E. None of these

18. Which entity has started the delivery of the 'Akash Missile' (surface-to-air Missile System) to the Indian Army?

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



19. Which bank has bought Rlnfra's Reliance Centre at Santacruz for Rs.1200 crore?

A. ICICI Bank

B. Axis Bank

C. YES Bank

D. HDFC Bank

E. None of these

20. Who among the following has received the Kalinga Ratna Samman for 2021?

A. Anusuiya Uikey

B. Ganeshi Lal

C. B. D. Mishra

D. Biswabhusan Harichandan 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: Mallika Srinivasan 1st pvt sector specialist

What: to be appointed as chief of PESB

When: published on 2nd April 2021

Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Limited has been appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), an order issued by the personnel ministry on Thursday said.

This is for the first time that a private sector specialist has been appointed as the head of the PESB, responsible for appointment of top management posts in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), officials said. [\(Read more\)](#)



2. Hints to Remember

Who: Virat Kohli

What: joins hands with Digit Insurance to spread awareness about insurance

When: published on 1st April 2021

Indian Cricket Team Captain Virat Kohli has chosen to become the face of Digit Insurance, a general insurance company that became the first unicorn of 2021 with a valuation of \$1.9B.

Joining Digit Insurance, Kohli said, "Insurance is important to protect one's family, savings, and future. And given my life-stage, I understand its need more than ever. But insurance is so complicated, and people procrastinate buying it. Therefore, Digit Insurance's mission of 'making insurance simple' caught my attention and I am happy to join their journey to spread awareness about insurance."

Kamesh Goyal, Chairman, Digit Insurance, said, "At Digit, our mission is to make insurance simple, and our endeavour is to spread the message of the importance of insurance across India. And who better than Virat Kohli, who is the most dependable, hard-working, and focused youth icon we have today, to represent us. We are happy to have him on board." [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajinikanth

What: to be honoured with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award

When: published on 1st April 2021

The 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Awards honoured legendary actor Rajinikanth with India's highest film honour - for his stupendous contribution to Indian cinema, it was announced on Thursday. The news was confirmed by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar.

"Happy to announce Dadasaheb Phalke award for 2019 to one of the greatest actors in history of Indian cinema Rajnikant ji. His contribution as actor, producer, and screenwriter has been iconic," Javadekar tweeted. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: CDC Group

What: partners with Northern Arc Capital for first pooled bond issuance

When: published on 31st March 2021

The CDC Group, a development finance institution (DFI) and an impact investor in the UK, has partnered with Northern Arc Capital for its first-ever pooled bond issuance (PBI) transaction in India. The PBI worth Rs 320 crore will support six leading Indian microfinance institutions.

CDC's investment in the transaction is supported by a partial guarantee provided by Northern Arc. It is a milestone for CDC as it is the first transaction structured by CDC under a PBI structure, according to a release.

CDC's Rs 320 crore investment in a pool of senior secured NCDs will provide systemic liquidity to the six leading Indian microfinance institutions including Annapurna Finance, Arohan Financial Services, ASA International, Asirvad Microfinance Limited, Chaitanya India and Fusion Microfinance. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: NPCI

What: sets up a new subsidiary firm NPCI Bharat BillPay

When: published on 5th April 2021

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) recently announced the formation of its wholly-owned subsidiary firm – NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL). The newly set up entity came into effect from April 1, 2021.



The brand under the new entity will be known as Bharat BillPay. It has on offer various recurring payment services to customers, including bill payments for electricity, telecom, DTH, Gas, Education fees, water and municipal taxes, NETC FASTag recharge, Loan repayments, Insurance, Cable, Housing Society, Subscription Fees, Hospital, Credit card, Clubs and association, etc.

Bharat BillPay is constantly working towards upgrading payment infrastructure for recurring payments across the country in order to provide safe and convenient experience to customers, thereby eliminating the need of going around to multiple biller touch points.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: directs RBI to retain inflation target of 4% till March 2026

When: published on 1st April 2021

The Centre has directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to retain the inflation target of 4% with a tolerance of 2% on either side for another five-year period ending March 2026.

Earlier in 2016, the government had allowed RBI to keep the consumer price index (CPI) inflation target at 4% with upper and lower tolerance of 2% for a five-year period ending March 31, 2021.

As per a PTI report, the Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj on Wednesday said, the inflation target for the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2026, under the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934 has been kept at the same level as was for previous 5 years.

Between October 2016-March 2020, the central bank has managed to hold the consumer price index at an average of 3.9%.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: Topped in Digital Payments with 25.5 Billion Real-Time Transactions in 2020: ACI Report 2021

When: published on 5th April 2021

According to a report, next few years are going to see rapid increase in digital payments. Also it is going to account for a 71.7 percent share of all the payments in India by 2025.

According to the report by ACI Worldwide, only 28.3 percent share will be occupied by cash and cheques, the other payment alternatives.

According to the report, in the year 2020 India with 25.5 billion real-time payments transactions was ahead of China 15.7 billion real-time payments transactions.[\(Read more\)](#)



8. Hints to Remember

Who: 6-Digit HSN code

What: mandatory in Invoices for Businesses with over INR 5 Crore Turnover: Finance Ministry

When: published on 31st March 2021

Businesses with turnover of more than Rs 5 crore will have to furnish six-digit HSN or tariff code on the invoices issued for supplies of taxable goods and services from April 1, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.

Those with turnover of up to Rs 5 crore in the preceding financial year would be required to mandatorily furnish four-digit HSN code on B2B invoices.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: to Launch Unique ID Number for All Plots of Land by 2022: Report

When: published on 29th March 2021

The Central government has plans to introduce 14-digit identification number for every plot of land in the country within a year, according to a report in The Hindu. The land records database will then reportedly be integrated with revenue court records and bank records, as well as Aadhaar numbers on a voluntary basis, the newspaper says.

This plan has been laid out in a parliamentary standing committee report submitted to the Lok Sabha last week, as part of the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) which began in 2008 and has been expanded several times.

The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) scheme, as it is being called, has already been rolled out in 10 states, the report quotes the Department of Land Resources, and will be extended across the country by March 2022. A department official told The Hindu that the ULPIN would be the “the Aadhaar for land” and be used to prevent land fraud.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Jaishankar

What: highlights on Transport Connectivity in 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meet Chaired by Sri Lanka

When: published on 2nd April 2021

A ministerial meeting of the BIMSTEC endorsed a master plan for regional connectivity even as India said it was high time for the grouping to make a “paradigm-shift” in raising the level of cooperation and regional integration.



Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar, participated in the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on April 1, 2021. The meeting, chaired by Sri Lanka, was held in virtual mode with the participation of all BIMSTEC Member States.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Cabinet

What: approves PLI scheme for food processing industry

When: published on 1st April 2021

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the production linked incentives (PLI) scheme for food processing industry. Union Minister Piyush Goyal said that the PLI scheme for food processing will have an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore. The amount was approved earlier last year.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the scheme which will help create 2.5 lakh jobs by 2026-27, boost exports and facilitate the expansion of food processing capacity to generate processed food output worth Rs 33,494 crore.

The incentive under the scheme would be paid for six years ending 2026-27.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: India, US

What: agree to revise India-US Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP)

When: published on 30th March 2021

India and the United States have agreed to revamp their strategic energy partnership to focus on greater collaboration in cleaner energy sectors such as biofuels, and hydrogen production, an Indian government said in a statement on Monday.

The statement was issued after a virtual meeting of Indian oil minister Dharmendra Pradhan and U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm. The two countries will intensify efforts to take advantage of advanced U.S. technologies and India's rapidly growing energy market, it said.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: Extends Validity of ECLGS till June, 2021; ECLGS 3.0 Introduced to cover more Sectors

When: published on 31st March 2021



The government on Wednesday extended the Rs 3-lakh-crore emergency credit line guarantee scheme by another three months till June 30 and also widened its scope to new sectors, including hospitality, travel and tourism. ECLGS 3.0 would involve extending credit of up to 40 per cent of total credit outstanding across all lending institutions as on February 29, 2020, the finance ministry said in a statement.

The tenor of loans granted under ECLGS 3.0 would be 6 years ,including a moratorium period of 2 years.

"In recognition of the continuing adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic on certain service sectors, the government has now extended the scope of ECLGS through introduction of ECLGS 3.0 to cover business enterprises in Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, Leisure & Sporting sectors which had, as on February 29, 2020, total credit outstanding not exceeding Rs 500 crore and overdues, if any, were for 60 days or less, on that date," it said.[\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajasthan

What: becomes first state to provide health insurance for all its residents

When: published on 1st April 2021

Rajasthan on Thursday became the first state in the country to provide health insurance for all its residents.

The state began registration for Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana under which each family in the state can claim up to Rs five lakh a year for medical expenses.

Announcing about the launch of the scheme, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot tweeted, "Registrations for Rajasthan Govt's cashless treatment for all - Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana have begun in the state from today. It is one of our biggest health care schemes aimed at providing medical relief to all residents of #Rajasthan."[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Venkaiah Naidu

What: Released Book 'Suparipalana' by Dr Shailendra Kumar Joshi

When: published on 3rd April 2021

Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled 'Suparipalana', written by retired civil servant Dr Shailendra Kumar Joshi.

Suparipalana is the Telugu translation of "Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance", written by former Telangana Chief Secretary, Shri S K Joshi.



The book has been translated into Telugu by Shri Annavarapu Brahmaiah and published by Shri Maruthi.

The book is all about administration, public policy, and Governance in India and covers a wide array of topics ranging from “laughter is the best medicine” to “the relevance of swadeshi in the modern perspective”.

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Tashkent

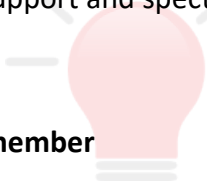
What: to host 2023 men’s boxing world championships

When: published 2nd April 2021

The 2023 men’s boxing World Championships will be held in Uzbekistan capital Tashkent, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced on Friday.

AIBA President Umar Kremlev confirmed Tashkent as the host city during a visit to Uzbekistan.

“I am happy to announce Uzbekistan, the country which has strong boxers and a champion’s character, to be the host of the 2023 Championships. I am confident in the high-level organisation, the huge fan’s support and spectacular fights,” said Kremlev in a statement.[\(Read more\)](#)



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17. Hints to Remember

Who: New Plant Species

What: Discovered In Maharashtra Named After Sharad Pawar

When: published on 1st April 2021

A new species of flowering plants belonging to the genus 'Argyreia', recently discovered in south Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, has been named after National Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar.

The species has been named 'Argyreia sharadchandrajii' in recognition of Mr Pawar's contribution as Union agriculture minister, said researchers Dr Pramod R Lawand and Dr Vinod B Shimpale.

Kolhapur district falls in the famous Western Ghats ecological zone, known for its rich biodiversity.

The new species was found in the Alamprabhu Dev-raai (sacred grove), said Mr Lawand and Mr Shimpale, who teach botany at a college in Kolhapur.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Bharat Dynamics



What: flags off Akash Missiles for delivery to Indian Army

When: published on 1st April 2021

Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) manufactured Akash Missiles were flagged off today by Lt Gen A P Singh, AVSM, Director General and Senior Colonel Commandant, Army Air Defence for delivery to the Indian Army.

BDL manufactures Akash Missiles both for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force. The Akash Weapon System, designed and developed by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) with 96% indigenous content, is being manufactured by BDL at its Hyderabad Unit with a large number of supply chain partners which include DPSUs, MSMEs and private industry. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Reliance Infra

What: sells Santacruz HQ to Yes Bank to settle debt

When: published on 1st April 2021

Reliance Infrastructure has said that it has sold Reliance Centre – the premises housing the group’s headquarters – to Yes Bank for Rs 1,200 crore.

“Entire proceeds from the sale of Reliance Centre, Santacruz, is utilized only to repay the debt of Yes Bank’, the company said in a statement to the exchange.

In July, the private lender had taken symbolic possession of the sprawling complex situated off the Western Express Highway and overlooking the Mumbai airport. The action was taken under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act to recover dues of Rs 2,892 crore from Anil Ambani's Reliance Infrastructure. In terms of the act, the bank has to give a two-month notice before taking possession, which the bank had done in May. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan

What: Receives Kalinga Ratna Samman

When: published on 5th April 2021

Odisha-born Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan received the Kalinga Ratna Samman for 2021. Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu conferred Biswabhusan with the prestigious award in Cuttack on the occasion of the 40th annual day of the Sarala Sahitya Sansad at the Sarala Bhawan. The Kalinga Ratna Samman carries a silver idol of Goddess Saraswati, a copper plaque and a shawl.





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