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# Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS PO Pre, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, RBI Assistant, SBI PO Pre and SBI Clerk Exams

## October GA Quiz 15

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

**1. Which of the following states has recently launched mobile water testing labs?**

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

**2. Who among the following has laid the foundation stone for Nechiphu tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh?**

- A. Amit Shah  
B. Narendra Modi  
C. Rajnath Singh  
D. Piyush Goyal  
E. None of these

**3. Which of the following states has launched 'Tech for Tribals' scheme?**

- A. Gujarat  
B. Chhattisgarh  
C. Jharkhand  
D. Kerala  
E. None of these

**4. In a bid to increase credit flow to small businesses, the RBI has raised banks' maximum aggregate retail exposure limit to entities with turnover up to Rs 50 crore to \_\_\_\_\_, up from Rs 5 crore.**

- A. Rs 5.5 crore  
B. Rs 6.5 crore  
C. Rs 8.5 crore  
D. Rs 7.5 crore  
E. None of these

**5. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved 300 million US dollar loan to finance water supply, sanitation infrastructure in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**6. ADB and India signed a \_\_\_\_\_ loan to develop water supply and integrated storm water and sewage management infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery in the state of Madhya Pradesh.**

- A. \$240 million  
B. \$260 million  
C. \$250 million  
D. \$270 million  
E. None of these

**7. Hughes Communications India has announced its selection by Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) and Telecommunications Consultants India (TCIL) to provide high-speed satellite connectivity to \_\_\_\_\_ remote gram panchayats.**

- A. 4,000  
B. 5,000  
C. 6,000  
D. 7,000  
E. None of these

**8. Which of the following football teams has won the 17th NBA Championship?**

- A. Los Angeles Lakers  
B. Los Angeles Clippers  
C. Los Angeles Dodgers  
D. Los Angeles Heat  
E. None of these



- 9. Merchant payment network BharatPe has announced the launch of its TV campaign starring 'Team BharatPe' with 11 cricketers. Who among the following directed the TVC Series?**
- A. Punit Malhotra                      B. Aditya Seal                      C. Karan Johar  
D. Manish Malhotra                      E. None of these
- 10. The 2020 World Standards Day was observed on which of the following dates?**
- A. 13 October                      B. 14 October                      C. 15 October  
D. 12 October                      E. None of these
- 11. Which state's CM has virtually launched the 'Sujal: Drink from Tap Mission', a first-of-its-kind initiative to supply quality drinking water right from the tap?**
- A. Odisha                      B. Andhra Pradesh                      C. Madhya Pradesh  
D. Chhattisgarh                      E. None of these
- 12. The 2020 International E-Waste Day was celebrated on which of the following dates?**
- A. 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020                      B. 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020                      C. 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
D. 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020                      E. None of these
- 13. Which of the following states is to sponsor the Indian national rugby team for the next three years?**
- A. Tamil Nadu                      B. Kerala                      C. Odisha  
D. Maharashtra                      E. None of these
- 14. Which space agency has chosen an indigenous experimental satellite developed by three students from Tamil Nadu for launch in suborbital space?**
- A. JAXA                      B. European Space Agency                      C. NASA  
D. SpaceX                      E. None of these
- 15. Who among the following has been named an ambassador for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020 on October 17?**
- A. Catherine Ndereba                      B. Constantina Diță                      C. Mizuki Noguchi  
D. Paula Radcliffe                      E. None of these
- 16. Central Government has formulated a panel of secretaries under which person to streamline the spectrum allocation process and examine the possibility of making the auction of spectrum an annual calendar event?**
- A. Pradeep Kumar Sinha                      B. Ajay Kumar Bhalla                      C. Rajiv Gauba  
D. Rajiv Mehrishi                      E. None of these
- 17. EarlySalary has launched "Salary Card" powered by \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the Rising Demand for Digital Credit.**
- A. Visa                      B. Mastercards                      C. RuPay  
D. Capital One                      E. None of these



**18. Where is the headquarters of Asian Development Bank?**

- A. Mandaluyong                      B. Makati                      C. Metro Manila  
D. Muntinlupa                      E. None of these

**19. Who among the following is the Chairman and MD of Bharat Broadband Network Limited?**

- A. Sarvesh Singh                      B. Raghav Lakhanpal                      C. Bharatendra Singh  
D. S T Hasan                      E. None of these

**20. National Payments Corporation of India is headquartered in which of the following cities?**

- A. Mumbai                      B. Chennai                      C. New Delhi  
D. Kolkata                      E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Haryana govt

**What:** launches mobile water testing labs

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The Haryana government has launched a mobile water testing laboratory van, fully equipped with a multi-parameter system containing analysers, sensor, probes and instruments meant for assessing water quality, the Jal Shakti Ministry said on Monday. Water quality in Haryana is mainly affected by constituents like total dissolved solids (TDS), fluoride, nitrate, iron and alkalinity.

The work under the Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims to provide tap water to rural households by 2024, is being done on a war footing and it gives a lot of emphasis on water quality surveillance and monitoring, the ministry said in a statement. [\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Rajnath Singh

**What:** lays foundation stone for Nechiphu tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Amid face-off between the Indian and Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday laid the foundation stone for the strategically important Nechiphu tunnel at West Siang district in Arunachal Pradesh via video conferencing.

The 450m-long tunnel, which will bypass the existing road, will be D-shaped and comprise two lanes of 3.5m width each. Another 1.8 km-long tunnel is also being constructed on the BCT road and both will reduce the distance to the area bordering China by 10km.

Speaking at the inauguration, Rajnath Singh said that the Nechiphu tunnel will be crucial not only for the armed forces but also for the local civilian population in places like Bhalukpong and Tawang. The all-weather tunnel will be 450 metres long and will reduce the travel time to Tawang, which lies 448 km northwest of state capital Itanagar and bordering China. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 3. Hints to Remember

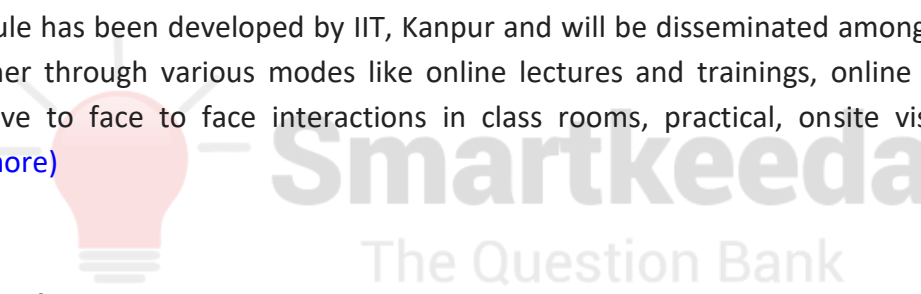
**Who:** Chhattisgarh government

**What:** launches 'Tech for Tribals' scheme

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

"Tech For Tribals" initiative was e-launched by TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in association with Chhattisgarh MFP Federation and IIT Kanpur today. TRIFED, in collaboration with Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) under the ESDP programme commenced the 'Tech for Tribals' programme that aims at the holistic development of tribals with a focus on entrepreneurship development, soft skills, IT, and business development through SHGs operating through Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs). The launch event, which was an online event, was attended by Shri Pravir Krishna, MD, TRIFED; Shri Sanjay Shukla, Managing Director, CGMFPEFED; Prof Amitabha Bandyopadhyay, Prof-In-Charge, Incubator @ IIT Kanpur; Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, the CEO, FIRST IIT Kanpur; officials from TRIFED, CGMFPEFED, and IIT Kanpur, besides the beneficiaries of the training programme.

During the 6 weeks training from 13th October to 7th November 2020, Van Dhan beneficiaries across all districts of Chhattisgarh State are being trained on various facets of micro-enterprise creation, management and functioning. This will be over a period of 30 days and will include 120 sessions. The training module has been developed by IIT, Kanpur and will be disseminated among beneficiaries in a phased manner through various modes like online lectures and trainings, online activities and will gradually move to face to face interactions in class rooms, practical, onsite visits and exposure visits. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** RBI

**What:** raises banks' aggregate exposure limit for small businesses to ₹7.5 crore

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

In a bid to increase credit flow to small businesses, the RBI on Monday raised banks' maximum aggregate retail exposure limit to entities with turnover up to ₹50 crore to ₹7.5 crore, up from ₹5 crore.

The risk weight of 75 per cent will apply to all fresh exposures and also to existing exposures where incremental exposure may be taken by the banks up to the revised limit of ₹7.5 crore, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a release.

"In order to reduce the cost of credit for this segment consisting of individuals and small businesses (i.e. with turnover of upto ₹50 crore), and also to harmonise with the Basel guidelines, it has been decided that the above threshold limit of ₹5 crore for aggregated retail exposure to a counterparty shall stand increased to ₹7.5 crore...", the Reserve Bank said. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ADB

**What:** approves 300 million US dollar loan to finance water supply, sanitation infrastructure in Rajasthan

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today signed a 300 million US dollar loan to finance inclusive and sustainable water supply and sanitation infrastructure and services in 14 secondary towns of the state of Rajasthan. The signatories to the Rajasthan Secondary Towns Development Sector Project were Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.

On this occasion, Mr Khare said, said the project aims at providing better quality and more sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) services in the project towns. He said, it will improve quality of life in these towns, including for the poor and vulnerable after signing the loan agreement. Mr Khare said, the investments in WSS with 10-year operation and maintenance contracts will ensure improved and sustainable service delivery in line with the State Government's urban sector development plan. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ADB, India

**What:** sign \$270 million loan to improve urban services in 64 Madhya Pradesh small cities

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India today signed a \$270 million loan to develop water supply and integrated storm water and sewage management infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

This is an additional financing to scale up the scope of the ongoing Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project, which was approved in 2017 with a \$275 million loan. It will expand the outcome of the current project by covering additional 64 small cities benefiting 185,000 households consisting of about 1.3 million people.

The signatories to the loan agreement were Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB), Department of Economic Affairs in India's Ministry of Finance, who signed on behalf of the Government of India, and Mr. Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission who signed for ADB. ([Read more](#))



## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BSNL and TCIL

**What:** selects Hughes India to link 5,000 Gram Panchayats to internet under BharatNet

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Hughes Communications India announced its selection by Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) and Telecommunications Consultants India (TCIL) to provide high-speed satellite connectivity to 5,000 remote gram panchayats. Hughes India will enable Internet service for each gram panchayat using capacity from ISRO's GSAT-19 and GSAT-11 satellites with the Hughes JUPITER System, the de facto standard for satellite broadband implementations, in use on more than 40 satellites worldwide. The awards are part of the government's flagship BharatNet Programme to provide broadband connectivity to all 250,000 gram panchayats throughout India.

Commenting on the development, Sarvesh Singh, CMD, BBNL, said, "BharatNet is the backbone of Digital India, being created to achieve the objectives of Hon' Prime Minister's Digital India Mission. The BharatNet network being created by BBNL, is to provide affordable high-speed broadband access to rural citizens and institutions of all the Gram Panchayats of the country We are very happy to be partnering with TCIL and Hughes to leverage satellite broadband to connect gram panchayats that are remote or located in difficult terrain."([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Los Angeles Lakers

**What:** wins 17th NBA Championship

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The Los Angeles Lakers are NBA champions, defeating the Miami Heat 106-93 in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night, winning the best-of-seven series four games to two.

It's the 17th title for the franchise, tying the Lakers with the Boston Celtics for the most all time in NBA history.

This was the Lakers' first NBA Finals appearance since 2010, when the late Kobe Bryant won his fifth and final NBA title. Bryant, along with his daughter Gianna and seven others, died in a helicopter crash January 26.([Read more](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BharatPe

**What:** launches new brand campaign with 11 cricketers as brand ambassadors

**When:** published on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020





Merchant payment network BharatPe announced the launch of its TV campaign starring 'Team BharatPe' with 11 cricketers. The TVC series communicates the message 'Hum Hai Team BharatPe – Jo Desh Ke Har Dukandaar Ke Saath Hai Khade', wherein the team includes Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul, Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja, Suresh Raina, Shreyas Iyer, Prithvi Shaw, Sanju Samson, Yuzvendra Chahal, and Shubhman Gill. The campaign has been conceptualised by Delhi-based creative and digital agency ArtE MediaTech.

With its four TV advertisements, the company is set to drive awareness around BharatPe's range of financial products for small shop owners across India. The new campaign will feature across channels – TV, print, radio, digital and will run throughout the cricket and festive season. ([Read more](#))

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** World Standards Day

**What:** was observed on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

World Standards Day 2020 is celebrated on 14 October every year across the world to pay tribute to the collaborative efforts of the thousands of experts across the world who develop the voluntary technical agreements that are published as International Standards.

There are some set of standards that have been established that companies, organizations, and industries have all agreed to hold up. With the help of mutual agreements, these standards have been established between these organizations as part of their participation in the ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation).

These standards help to derive the industrial revolution and nowadays it drives the advancement of all technologies from automotive to telecommunications. The day celebrates the work of these men and women and their contribution to work that makes to the world at large.

World Standards Day also celebrates the contributions of experts and scientists across the planet in developing voluntary standards within standards development organization including the International Organisation for Standards (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Odisha CM

**What:** launches scheme for drinking water direct from the tap

**When:** published on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday virtually launched the 'Sujal: Drink from Tap Mission', a first-of-its-kind initiative to supply quality drinking water right from the tap. The Drink from Tap Mission initiative would provide quality drinking water to more than 1.5 million people in urban areas.

The mission started from Bhubaneswar and Puri and it will be expanded across Odisha in phases, said the Chief Minister.

He expressed happiness that Bhubaneswar has become the first 10 lakh+ population city in India to ensure 100% piped water to every household.

He said that the 'Drink from Tap' facility will help in reducing plastic pollution in Puri, the World Heritage City. The Chief Minister said that household connection work has also been completed in Gopalpur, Digapahandi and Kashinagar.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** International E-Waste Day

**What:** is celebrated on 14th October 2020

October 14th is observed as International E-Waste Day since 2018. The day was developed by the WEEE Forum in order to raise the public profile of e-waste recycling and encourage consumers to recycle their e-waste with the resulting increase in e-waste recycling rates on the day itself and into the future.

According to a report by UN's Global E-waste Monitor 2020, A record 53.6 million metric tonnes (Mt) of electronic waste was generated worldwide in 2019. This is a 21 per cent increase as compared to the last five years. The new report has also predicted that global e-waste – discarded products with a battery or plug – will reach 74 Mt by 2030, almost a doubling of e-waste in just 16 years. This makes e-waste the world's fastest-growing domestic waste stream.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Odisha

**What:** is to sponsor the Indian national rugby team for the next three years

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Odisha Government on Tuesday announced that it would sponsor the Indian national rugby team for the next three years and facilitate high performance training and conditioning of the players.

An agreement with Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) was inked here at Kalinga Stadium. Sports Director R Vineel Krishna and president of IRFU Maneck Unwala signed the agreement in presence of Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera, Secretary Vishal Dev, CEO IRFU Naseer Hussain and former rugby player Rahul Bose.



The partnership is part of the State Government's mission to develop, promote and expand the sports ecosystem beyond hockey and football. The sponsorship will cover training, conditioning and incentivising the Indian national rugby teams (men and women) participating in international rugby events.[\(Read more\)](#)

#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Three Tamil Nadu students

**What:** made nano-satellite, to be launched by NASA

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has chosen an indigenous experimental satellite developed by three students from Tamil Nadu for launch in suborbital space.

The three students are mentored and guided by Chennai-based Space Kids India. They hail from pockets in Tamil Nadu - M Adnaan of Thanthonrimalai, M Kesavan of Nagampalli village near Malaikovilur and V Arun of Thennilai.

They gained this opportunity as they bagged the Cubes in Space competition, a global competitive programme for aspiring space scientists by Idoodledu Inc in association with NASA.[\(Read more\)](#)

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Dita

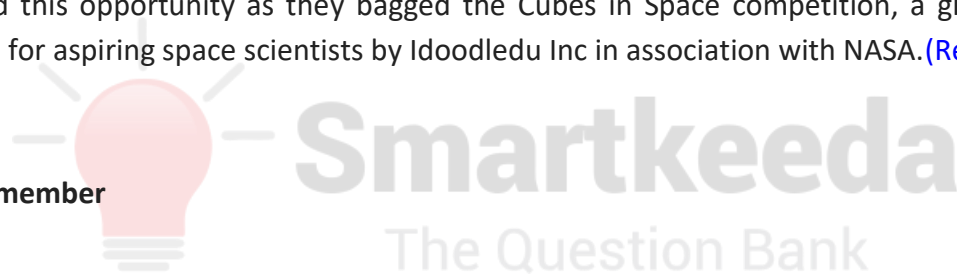
**What:** Named Ambassador For World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Romania's 2008 Olympic champion Constantina Dita has been named an ambassador for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020 on October 17.

Dita competed at eight editions of the World Half Marathon Championships and earned seven medals in the process, making her one of the most successful athletes in the history of the event. Her double victory in Edmonton in 2005, taking individual and team gold medals, remains one of the highlights of her career.

"I was surprised (to win by a significant margin)," she said on her 2005 triumph. "I was running a normal pace but maybe the opposition found it very cold. For me, it was good weather. I love to run in the rain."[\(Read more\)](#)



## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Government

**What:** sets up a panel of secretaries to streamline telecom spectrum allocation

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The government has constituted a panel of secretaries under cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba to streamline the spectrum allocation process and examine the possibility of drawing up an annual calendar for auction of airwaves that will give telcos a clear road map of the quantum as well as the frequency of spectrum on offer for commercial use.

"Beginning with sorting out various spectrum related issues between ministries, the committee will look at issues such as making the auction of spectrum an annual calendar event," a senior official told ET. "It will also look into the possibility of identifying spectrum which is likely to be released for commercial purposes in future and conveying that to the telcos which can then plan their strategies more efficiently." [\(Read more\)](#)

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** EarlySalary

**What:** Launches "Salary Card" Powered by RuPay to Meet the Rising Demand for Digital Credit

**When:** published on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The lending platform EarlySalary on Wednesday launched a 'Salary Card' in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to democratise the digital payments system.

The 'Salary Card' is a zero-touch digital card that will provide instant access for salaried professionals, enabling them to make instant purchases across thousands of merchants across India.

Powered by RuPay, the card comes with features that allow consumers the flexibility of setting up a dynamic credit limit to suit their shopping, medical, travel, entertainment, and other needs. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. The Asian Development Bank is a regional development bank established on 19 December 1966, which is headquartered in the Ortigas Center located in the city of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines. The company also maintains 31 field offices around the world to promote social and economic development in Asia.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.



- 19.** BharatNet, also known as Bharat Broadband Network Limited, is a telecom infrastructure provider, set up by the Government of India under the Department of Telecommunications for the establishment, management, and operation of the National Optical Fibre Network to provide a minimum of 100 Mbit/s broadband connectivity to all 250,000 gram panchayats in the country, covering nearly 625,000 villages, to improve telecommunications in India and reach the campaign goal of Digital India.

Founded: 25 February 2012

Headquarters: India

Key people: Sarvesh Singh (Chairman & MD)

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

- 20.** The National Payments Corporation of India is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.

Headquarters location: Mumbai

Founded: 2008

Hence, the correct answer is option A.





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