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October GA Quiz 18

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

1. Which bank has partnered with Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Limited under the bank sponsorship programme? (With this, the bank has become the first SFB to go live under the sponsorship programme.)

- A. Jana Small Finance Bank
- B. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- C. Equitas Small Finance Bank
- D. Fincare Small Finance Bank
- E. None of these

2. Which of the following bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) for payment of subsidy and cash incentives to street vendors under PM SVANidhi scheme?

- A. Syndicate Bank
- B. Indian Bank
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. State Bank of India
- E. None of these

3. State of Climate Services Report 2020 was released by _____ .

- A. WHO
- B. WMO
- C. IMF
- D. IMD
- E. None of these

4. Which country has been designated the 'Vice-Chair' of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Working Group of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)?

- A. Maldives
- B. Malaysia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. India
- E. None of these

5. Which country is to get 1st Submarine "INS Sindhuvir"?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bhutan
- C. Myanmar
- D. Bangladesh
- E. None of these

6. Who among the following has launched 'KAPILA' Kalam Program for IP Literacy and Awareness Education campaign which will bring awareness towards patenting of inventions?

- A. Ramesh Pokhriyal
- B. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- C. Subramanian Swamy
- D. Prakash Javadekar
- E. None of these

7. Recently, the first blasting for construction-related work at the 14.15 km long Zojila tunnel was launched by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. The tunnel is located in which of the following states/UTs?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Ladakh
- E. None of these



8. Who among the following has authored the book titled “Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon”?

- A. Pradeep Goorha B. Subramanian Swamy C. Uday Samant
D. Vineet Joshi E. None of these

9. Kapil Deo Kamat died due to COVID-19. He was Panchayati Raj Minister of the following states?

- A. Jharkhand B. Bihar C. West Bengal
D. Chhattisgarh E. None of these

10. Legendary singer Kaumudi Munshi passed away due to COVID-19. She was known as the Nightingale of _____ .

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

11. Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri passed away at 94. He was a _____ poet.

- A. Marathi B. Telgu C. Malayalam
D. Tamil E. None of these

12. As per the announcement made by Finance Ministry, the central government will borrow _____ under the special window to meet the shortfall of Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation.

- A. Rs 1.4 lakh crore B. Rs 1.3 lakh crore C. Rs 1.6 lakh crore
D. Rs 1.1 lakh crore E. None of these

13. The Supreme Court has recently appointed who among the following to monitor steps taken to prevent stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh amid rising levels of pollution in the national capital and adjoining regions?

- A. Madan B Lokur B. Ranjan Gogoi C. Jagdish Singh Khehar
D. Kurian Joseph E. None of these

14. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has recently released commemorative coins of _____ denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO through video conferencing.

- A. Rs 25 B. Rs 50 C. Rs 75
D. Rs 100 E. None of these

15. Election Commission of India has appointed which person as Special Police Observer for the upcoming Bye-Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Mrinal Kanti Das B. Dipak Misra C. Jasti Chelameswar
D. Arjan Kumar Sikri E. None of these

16. Leather Sector Skill Council launches SCALE India Android App for Enhanced Quality Assurance under which mission?

- A. INSPIRE Programme B. National Urban Livelihood Mission
C. Skill India Mission D. Standup India Mission E. None of these



17. The 2020 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. October 16 B. October 17 C. October 18
D. October 15 E. None of these

18. Who among the following has presented the Raksha Mantri Trophy for the Best and Second Best Command Hospitals of the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the year 2019?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman B. Ravi Shankar Prasad C. Amit Shah
D. Narendra Modi E. None of these

19. Israel's parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of formally ratifying the country's historic agreement normalising diplomatic relations with which country?

- A. Syria B. UAE C. Oman
D. Yemen E. None of these

20. Who among the following has inaugurated the Food and Agri Week 2020?

- A. Ravi Shankar Prasad B. Nirmala Sitharaman C. Narendra Singh Tomar
D. Rajnath Singh 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	B	D	C	A	C	A	B	C	C	D	A	C	A	C	B	E	B	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

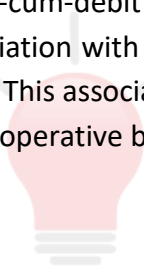
Who: Jana Bank

What: to be sponsor bank for Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank

When: published on 16th October 2020

Jana Small Finance Bank, a Bengaluru-based small finance bank (SFB), has partnered with Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Limited under the bank sponsorship programme. With this, Jana Bank has become the first SFB to go live under the sponsorship programme.

Recently, the RBI permitted co-operative banks that are Core Banking Solution (CBS)-enabled, to issue ATM cards/ATM-cum-debit cards in a tie-up with a sponsor bank. Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Limited, in association with Jana Small Finance Bank, can extend ATM, POS and e-commerce services to its customers. This association marks the fulfilment of Jana Bank's endeavour to promote a full suite of services to co-operative banks. [\(Read more\)](#)



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Bank

What: signs MoU with MoHUA, Sidbi for payment of subsidy to street vendors

When: published on 17th October 2020

Chennai-based public sector lender Indian Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) for payment of subsidy and cash incentives to street vendors under PM SVANidhi scheme.

Padmaja Chunduru, MD CEO, Indian Bank, said street vendors represent a very important constituent in the urban economy and they offer varied services to the general public. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: State of Climate Services Report 2020

What: was released by WMO



When: published on 12th October 2020

Over the past 50 years, more than 11,000 disasters have been attributed to weather, climate and water-related hazards, involving 2 million deaths and US\$ 3.6 trillion in economic losses. While the average number of deaths recorded for each disaster has fallen by a third during this period, the number of recorded disasters has increased five times and the economic losses have increased by a factor of seven, according to a new multi-agency report.

Extreme weather and climate events have increased in frequency, intensity and severity as result of climate change and hit vulnerable communities disproportionately hard. Yet one in three people are still not adequately covered by early warning systems, according to the 2020 State of Climate Services report released on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on 13 October.

In 2018, globally, around 108 million people required help from the international humanitarian system as a result of storms, floods, droughts and wildfires. By 2030, it is estimated that this number could increase by almost 50% at a cost of around US\$ 20 billion a year, it says. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: designated Vice-Chair of OECD Working Group on GLP

When: published on 15th October 2020

India has been designated the 'Vice-Chair' of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Working Group of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), recognising the contribution of the Indian GLP programme.

Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) is a quality system, which has been evolved by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to ensure that safety data generated on various chemicals like industrial chemicals, pharmaceuticals (Human and Veterinary), agrochemicals, cosmetic products, food/ feed additives, and medical devices, etc., can be relied upon by regulatory authorities.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, established the National GLP Compliance Monitoring Authority (NGCMA) with the approval of the Union Cabinet on April 24, 2002. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Myanmar

What: to get 1st Submarine "INS Sindhuvir"; To Be Handed Over by India under SAGAR

When: published on 17th October 2020



Myanmar is all set to acquire its first diesel-electric submarine, with the Indian Navy handing over its retrofitted INS Sindhuvir to the country for training and operations. In what is being perceived as a major boost to regional military cooperation, New Delhi and Naypyidaw are also working on the supply of Indian field guns (105 mm artillery guns), ammunition, night vision devices and other military hardware.

Chief of the Army Staff Gen MM Naravane and Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla travelled to Myanmar on October 4-5 to discuss enhanced cooperation. The two held extensive discussions with state counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing, commander-in-chief of Myanmar's Defence Services.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Education Minister

What: virtually launches 'KAPILA' Kalam Program for IP Literacy and Awareness Education campaign will bring awareness towards patenting of inventions

When: published on 15th October 2020

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually launched the 'KAPILA' Kalam Program for Intellectual Property Literacy and Awareness campaign on the 89th birth anniversary of former President and Scientist Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre also graced the occasion. Secretary, Higher Education, Shri Amit Khare; Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education, Professor Anil Sahasrabudhe, Vice-Chairman Dr. M.P. Poonia, and Member Secretary, Dr. Rajive Kumar were also present at the event.

Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that it is necessary not only to invent for the self-sufficiency of the country, but also to patent the inventions. Patent of inventions will lead India towards Self-Reliance, he said. India has a proud history of Nalanda and Takshila Universities so we already had the intellectual property inherited within our culture. India has to again lead the world as Vishwaguru in the field of patents, he added. On 'National Innovation Day', this important initiative has been taken towards making India self-reliant, he said. Under this campaign, students pursuing education in higher educational institutions will get information about the correct system of application process for patenting their invention and they will be aware of their rights. He further said that we need to take a giant leap in the field of patents.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Nitin Gadkari

What: Launched Blasting Process for one of the Asia's Longest bi-directional Road Tunnel "Zojila Tunnel" in J&K

When: published on 16th October 2020



Recently, the first blasting for construction-related work at the 14.15 km long Zojila tunnel was launched by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari! The ambitious Zojila tunnel project, the longest bi-directional tunnel in Asia, will offer all-year connectivity between the valley of Srinagar and Leh. Besides, it is also expected to bring about an all-round economic as well as socio-cultural integration of Jammu and Kashmir. As Zojila Pass is located at 11,578 feet of altitude on the Srinagar-Kargil-Leh NH and remains closed during winters because of heavy snowfall, the project is said to be of strategic significance. Currently, it is one of the world's most dangerous stretches to drive a vehicle and also, this project is geo-strategically sensitive, according to a PTI report.

According to Gadkari, without any compromise on safety, security and quality, the project's re-modelling will result in savings to the tune of Rs 4,000 crore to the public exchequer. Blasting refers to breaking apart or blowing up something solid with explosives. The tunnel is expected to be of great importance to India's Defence, keeping in view the massive military activities that are taking place along the borders in Ladakh, Gilgit and Baltistan regions. The Zojila tunnel will make the travel free from avalanches on Srinagar-Kargil-Leh section of NH-1. Also, it would enhance safety as well as reduce the travel time from over 3 hours to 15 minutes.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Book "Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon" by author Pradeep Goorha

What: is all set to launch

When: published on 15th October 2020

Pradeep Goorha, is all set for the release of his second book "Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon".

The book, though fiction is inspired by reality revolving around the currently developing story on India's northern borders along with the perennially neglected Pakistan's illegal occupation of PoK, Gilgit-Baltistan, and how these could be solved at this opportune time. Goorha has attempted at providing that solution. Befriending Iran at an altogether different level is central to the approach.

"Powerful semantics and widely dispersed optics evoke a sense of suspicion in me. Folks, it isn't because of current COVID-19 gloom and doom. It probably is my going through the School of Hard Knocks after I finished all schooling that stopped at handing me degrees and things. As a consequence, with me, alarm bells ring when somebody's hype after numerous other hypes keeps hitting me with sickening regularity. India's neighbours have been flexing their muscles for some time now," said Pradeep Goorha, talking about the book.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Bihar Minister Kapil Deo Kamat

What: dies due to COVID-19



When: published on 16th October 2020

Senior Janata Dal (United) leader and Bihar Panchayati Raj Minister Kapil Deo Kamat succumbed to coronavirus infection on Friday. He was 69.

The Minister was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Patna, and was undergoing treatment for the past few days.

Responding to his demise, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar conveyed his condolences and said that Kamat was a "very grounded leader". [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: 'Nightingale of Gujarat' Kaumudi Munshi

What: passes away

When: published on 14th October 2020

Legendary singer Kaumudi Munshi, known as the 'Nightingale of Gujarat', breathed her last on Tuesday. She was 91. Rich tributes were paid to her from various parts of the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi while paying tribute to Munshi said her contribution to make 'Sugam Sangeet' popular to the masses will be remembered by generations of music lovers.

She tested positive for Covid-19 and was hospitalized in Mumbai recently, according to her son, Uday Mazumdar, also a classical singer. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri

What: passes away at 94

When: published on 15th October 2020

Noted Malayalam poet and Jnanpith laureate Akkitham passed away at a private hospital in Kerala on Thursday. He was 94. Akkitham, who was admitted to hospital due to age related ailments, died at 8.10 am, hospital sources told news agency PTI.

Born in 1926 in Kerala's Palakkad district, Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri, popularly known as Akkitham, penned his first poem when he was eight. He went on to become one of the most respected names in Malayalam poetry, winning several literary accolades, including the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1973. A Padma Shri awardee, Akkitham is also known for his critical essays, short stories and other literary works, which were translated into multiple languages. [\(Read more\)](#)



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: To Borrow Rs 1.1 lakh crore To Meet Shortfall Of GST Compensation

When: published on 16th October 2020

The central government will borrow ₹1.1 lakh crore under the special window to meet the shortfall of Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation, the finance ministry informed on Thursday. Under the Special Window, the estimated shortfall of ₹1.1 lakh cr (assuming all States join) will be borrowed by Government of India in appropriate tranches. The amount so borrowed will be passed on to the States as a back-to-back loan in lieu of GST Compensation Cess releases, the finance ministry stated.

This will not have any impact on the fiscal deficit of the Government of India. The amounts will be reflected as the capital receipts of the State Governments and as part of financing of its respective fiscal deficits. This will avoid differential rates of interest that individual States may be charged for their respective SDLs and will be an administratively easier arrangement. The govt also clarified that the General Government (States+Centre) borrowings will not increase by this step. The States that get the benefit from the Special Window are likely to borrow a considerably lesser amount from the additional borrowing facility of 2% of GSDP (from 3% to 5%) under the Aatma Nirbhar Package, the ministry stated.

13. Hints to Remember

Who: SC

What: appoints ex-judge to monitor stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana, UP

When: published on 17th October 2020

The Supreme Court on Friday appointed a one-man monitoring committee headed by former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan B Lokur to address the issue of air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR), giving him wide powers to direct states of Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh to take additional measures to control stubble burning, a significant contributor to the capital's bad air.

It also put him in charge of other bodies and agencies trying to do this — such as the statutory authority assisting the Court, the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority or EPCA.

Lokur, who has heard several cases on the capital's bad air during his tenure in the apex court has also been given powers to inspect farmland where incidence of stubble burning is likely to take place. He is expected to file a report on October 26, when the matter will be heard next. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: PM



What: releases commemorative coin of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO

When: published on 16th October 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released commemorative coins of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO today through video conferencing. He dedicated to the nation, 17 recently developed biofortified varieties of crops.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister greeted the people across the world who are constantly working to remove malnutrition. He said, our Kisan Saathi - our Annadata, our Agricultural Scientist, our Anganwadi ASHA workers, are the basis of the movement against malnutrition. While they have filled the granary of India with their hard work, they are also helping the government in reaching the poorest of the poor. He added, due to all these efforts, India is fighting a strong fight against malnutrition even in this crisis of Corona.

The Prime Minister said over the years, FAO helped to increase agricultural production and eradicate hunger all over the world, including India and has played a huge role in increasing nutrition and its service is respected by more than 130 crore Indians. He said this year's Nobel Peace Prize to the World Food Program is also a major achievement for the FAO. He remarked that India is happy with the partnership and engagement which has been historic. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: ECI

What: appoints Shri M K Das as Special Police Observer for Bye-Elections to Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh

When: published on 16th October 2020

Election Commission of India has appointed Sh. Mrinal Kanti Das (IPS 1977 Retd.) as Special Police Observer for the upcoming Bye-Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh.

As Special Police Observer, Sh. M K Das is assigned to observe the conduct of bye-elections and poll preparedness, especially with regard to security related issues. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Leather Sector Skill Council

What: launches SCALE India Android App for Enhanced Quality Assurance under Skill India Mission

When: published on 15th October 2020

In an endeavour to provide a single platform to integrate quality assurance across all its services, the Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC) today announced the launch of Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) India android app. Operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill



Development and Entrepreneurship(MSDE), LSSC is committed to strengthen its digital capabilities on quality assurance across training delivery, monitoring, assessments, verification and linkages to ASEEM portal. Synonymous with assessments, the cornerstone of quality assurance and the one of the main functions of LSSC, this unique initiative aims to provide a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment and employment needs of the leather and leather products industry.

The android app was launched by Dr. MahendraNathPandey, Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at a virtual event that witnessed participation of Mr. P R Aqeel Ahmed, Chairman, LSSC and Mr. Rajesh Rathnam, CEO, LSSC. The platform caters to the need of all the stakeholders of the skilling and employment ecosystem namely – candidate/trainee, employer, employee, assessor and trainer - all at one place. The services are accessible through the web and android application that virtually works on any smart handheld device, desktop/laptop, smartphones, tablets or phablets. Apart from providing end to end quality assurance across training, assessment, and certification services, the app will also help employers engage with other stakeholders seamlessly and provide a marketplace for human capital for the leather industry.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

What: is observed on October 17

When: published on 17th October 2020

Every year, October 17 is observed as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. On this day people across the world spread the message of peace and love. Poverty has been one of the greatest challenges of modern world. A research done by The World Bank has revealed that, as of 2020 around 1.89 billion people or nearly 36% of the world's population, is living in extreme poverty. In addition to this, nearly half of the population in developing countries have been living on less than \$1.25 a day.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajnath Singh

What: presents Raksha Mantri Trophy for Command Hospitals of Armed Forces Medical Services

When: published on 16th October 2020

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday presented the Raksha Mantri Trophy for the Best and Second Best Command Hospitals of the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the year 2019.

Command Hospital (Air Force) Bengaluru and Command Hospital (Eastern Command) Kolkata were judged as the Best and Second Best Command Hospital for the year 2019 respectively.



The award ceremony was attended by the Defence Secretary besides senior service and civilian dignitaries.

Defence Minister, while complementing the two hospitals on their outstanding performance, acknowledged the commendable services being rendered by the AFMS, ranging from combat medical support to troops deployed in operational roles to the state of the art healthcare services at mid-zonal, zonal, and tertiary care hospitals of the AFMS.[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Israeli parliament formally

What: approves UAE normalisation deal

When: published on 16th October 2020

Israel's parliament on Thursday voted overwhelmingly in favor of formally ratifying the country's historic agreement normalising diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates.

Israel and the UAE announced the U.S.-brokered agreement in August, and signed a deal in a White House ceremony last month.

Thursday's approval by the 120-seat Knesset, or parliament, which passed in a 80-13 vote, was largely a formality.

The UAE has become just the third Arab country to establish official ties with Israel, after Egypt and Jordan, and the first to do so in a quarter century.[\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar

What: inaugurates Food and Agri Week 2020

When: published on 16th October 2020

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Food Processing Industries, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Narendra Singh Tomar today virtually inaugurated the India - International Food & Agri Week being organised from 16th to 22nd October 2020.

Addressing the inaugural session, Tomar said that Indian food processing sector is 32% of India's food market. He said that the focus of this agro and food tech is the use of technology in the field of food and agriculture sector to increase the income of farmers.

He said that this is in line with the goal set by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to double the income of farmers by 2022. Speaking on the potential of food and agriculture sector, Tomar added that India's agriculture and rural economy is very robust. He said that proper marketing and latest technology can



lead to greater development of the agriculture sector and significant steps have been taken in this direction under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. [\(Read more\)](#)





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