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October GA Quiz 3

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

1. Chief Minister of which state along with Union ministers launched the door delivery of fertilizers to farmers, PoS version, and SMS gateway from Rythu Bharosa Kendras?

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

2. What is the name of the programme which was launched by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot to promote innovation and entrepreneurship amongst SC students in higher education campuses?

- A. ASMAAN B. ASIIM C. AIIM
D. ANEK E. None of these

3. Which agency and SEWA Bharat to support women entrepreneurs with award from the W-GDP Initiative?

- A. UNICEF B. USAID C. World Bank
D. Peace Corps E. None of these

4. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to extend the interim relaxation in WMA (Ways and Means Advances) limits and OD (overdraft) regulations for States/ Union Territories (UTs) till which date?

- A. May 31, 2021 B. June 31, 2021 C. July 31, 2021
D. March 31, 2021 E. None of these

5. Who among the following has launched the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) new logo at Delhi's Major Dhyan Chand Stadium?

- A. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore B. Rajnath Singh
C. Kiren Rijiju D. Pema Khandu E. None of these

6. Which of the following banks has entered into a partnership with FMCG major Hindustan Unilever to offer corporate solutions to its trade partners?

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

7. Which company has appointed Rinki Sethi as new information security head?

- A. Facebook B. LinkedIn C. Twitter
D. Whatsapp E. None of these

8. Which of the following states has recently banned sale of loose cigarettes, beedis?



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

9. Which of the following banks has become the first lender to enable document embedding feature on a structured financial messaging system managed by Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services, according to a release?

- A. HDFC Bank
D. IDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
E. None of these
- C. IDBI Bank

10. Who among the following has received SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by UNDP?

- A. Sonu Sood
D. Vivaan Shah
- B. Sonu Nigam
E. None of these
- C. Prabhu Deva

11. Which of the following states has launched 'Pathashree Abhijan' scheme for Road Repair?

- A. Jharkhand
D. Tamil Nadu
- B. Madhya Pradesh
E. None of these
- C. West Bengal

12. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated how many Roads and Bridges projects in Kathua, Doda, Udhampur and Reasi Districts?

- A. 24
D. 26
- B. 23
E. None of these
- C. 25

13. The International Day of Non-Violence 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. October 1
D. October 4
- B. October 2
E. None of these
- C. October 3

14. DRDO successfully tested fire laser-guided anti-tank guided missile. What is the strike range of the missile?

- A. 7 km
D. 8 km
- B. 6 km
E. None of these
- C. 5 km

15. ISRO is set to launch its first Venus orbiter Shukrayaan-1 in which year?

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

16. Which company is going to buy a 1.4 per cent stake in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) for Rs 6,247.5 crore?

- A. Mubadala Investment Company
C. Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
E. None of these
- B. International Petroleum Investment Company
D. Dolphin Energy

17. Who among the following has been chosen for the 'Gandhi Award' instituted by the Mahatma Gandhi National Foundation?

- A. Raghav Chadha
D. Sanjay Singh
- B. Sanjaya Sinh
E. None of these
- C. Manish Sisodia



18. Which company and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) have signed a first-of-its-kind Memorandum of Understanding to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed Hyperloop corridor from BLR Airport?

- A. Virgin Hyperloop One B. The Boring Company C. SpaceX
D. Tesla, Inc. E. None of these

19. Who among the following has participated in 25th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women virtually?

- A. Smriti Irani B. Nirmala Sitharaman C. Bansuri Swaraj
D. Priyanka Gandhi E. None of these

20. The US has committed USD 1.9 million to which country to support vulnerable populations like informal sector workers whose livelihoods have been disrupted due to COVID-19?

- A. Pakistan B. Bangladesh C. Vietnam
D. India 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: Andhra CM Jagan Mohan Reddy along with Union ministers

What: launch door delivery of fertilizers to farmers

When: published on 1st October 2020

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy along with Union ministers launched the door delivery of fertilizers to farmers, PoS version, and SMS gateway from Rythu Bharosa Kendras.

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers DV Sadananda Gowda and Minister for State Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya joined the Chief Minister through video conference from Delhi to launch the facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said that the state government introduced Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs) to assist farmers in every step from the purchase of seed to sale of their produce, which acts as a one-stop destination to address all the needs of farmers across the state. "We have set up about 10,641 RBKs near the Village and ward secretariats and appointed BSC Agriculture graduates as agriculture and horticulture assistants to address the farmers' issues. All the RBKs are equipped with required infrastructure, where farmers can book the seeds and farm needs through digital kiosks and the material will be delivered to them within 48 hours," he said. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: Launches Initiative To Promote Innovation And Entrepreneurship Amongst SC Students

When: published on 30th September 2020

An initiative was launched on Wednesday by the government to promote innovation and entrepreneurship amongst SC students in higher education campuses. The programme named Ambedkar Social Innovation Incubation Mission (ASIIM) was launched by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot at an event here.

The ASIIM aims to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among SC students in the higher education campuses, the ministry said in a statement. "There is a need to identify innovative ideas and provide focussed support to young entrepreneurs who are engaged in working on innovative and



technology-oriented business ideas either in educational campuses or Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) to help them set up successful commercial enterprises," it said. In accordance with that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said it has decided to launch (ASIIM) through the Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes(VCFSC). Apart from promoting innovation and entrepreneurship amongst SC students, the ministry said the main objectives of ASIIM also include promoting entrepreneurship among the SC Youth with special preference to Divyangs, supporting (1,000) innovative ideas till 2024 through a synergetic work with the Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) set up by Department of Science and Technology among others.[\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: USAID and SEWA Bharat

What: to support women entrepreneurs with award from the W-GDP Initiative

When: published on 30th September 2020

The United States Agency for International Development in India has been selected for funding from the White House-led Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative and it will collaborate with SEWA Bharat to support women entrepreneurs using the funding amount, according to a statement.

The W-GDP initiative is the United States government's first whole-of-government effort to advance women's economic empowerment globally.

"Through the W-GDP Fund, USAID will be partnering with the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Bharat, a national federation of women-led institutions providing economic and social support to women workers in the informal economy," according to a statement by the US embassy.[\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: extends WMA limit relaxations for six months

When: published on 3rd October 2020

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday extended the relaxation in Ways & Means Advances (WMA) limits of states for another six months to enable them to plan their market borrowings to meet revenue mismatches. Earlier in April, the central bank had hiked the borrowing limit of all states and union territories under the WMA facilities by 60 per cent to help them undertake COVID-19 containment and mitigation measures. WMAs are temporary liquidity support provided by the central bank to the government to meet short-term expenditure needs.



"With a view to provide greater comfort to state governments in undertaking COVID-19 containment and mitigation measures, and to enable them to plan their market borrowings, RBI had announced an increase in WMA limit of the States/UTs by 60 per cent over and above the level as on March 31, 2020," the RBI said in a press release.[\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju

What: launches Sports Authority of India's new logo

When: published on 30th September 2020

The Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday (September 30, 2020) launched the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) new logo at Delhi's Major Dhyan Chand Stadium.

Speaking about the significance of the new SAI logo, Rijiju said that SAI has been the leader in the sports ecosystem and the primary agent of promoting sporting excellence.

"It has given athletes necessary support so that they have their sporting careers can take-off smoothly and they can fly towards a life of achievements and sporting glory - that is what the flying figure indicates - the freedom an athlete gets to leapfrog his/her career in SAI," expressed Rijiju.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI

What: signs MoU with HUL for an end to end digital solutions for ecosystem

When: published on 1st October 2020

India's largest lender State Bank of India has entered into a partnership with FMCG major Hindustan Unilever to offer corporate solutions to its trade partners. These digitized solutions have been created to cater to the distribution and retail ecosystem of HUL. The partnership also aims to make availing of credit easy for channel partners, provides UPI based payment solutions and PoS terminals to retailers & distributors

The objective of the partnership is to augment the width of credit and will be beginning a pilot in Mumbai and Bengaluru.

"Our relationship with corporates was more around giving credit earlier. This new-age relationship caters to providing solutions to HUL's supply chain. Availing credit has always been a painful process. This process will be made simple by the integration of SBI's Yono platform and HUL's Shikhar app," said Rajnish Kumar, Chairman, State Bank of India.[\(Read more\)](#)



7. Hints to Remember

Who: Twitter

What: appoints Rinki Sethi as new information security head

When: published on 29th September 2020

Twitter Inc appointed Rinki Sethi, a former information security executive at IBM, as its chief information security officer, the social media company said on Monday.

Sethi had previously worked as the vice president of information security at cyber-security firm Palo Alto Networks Inc, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Reuters reported in July that Twitter, which had been without a security chief since December, stepped up its search in the weeks before the breach of high-profile accounts on its platform.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Maharashtra

What: bans sale of loose cigarettes, beedis

When: published on 27th September 2020

According to a report by ANI, a complete ban on the sale of loose cigarettes and beedis has been imposed by the Maharashtra Public Health department owing to the lack of health warnings on individual items outside the box.

"The ban has been imposed after we received several requests from around the state," a senior official from the Health Department said on Monday. "The government of Maharashtra hereby imposes a complete ban on the sale of single stick loose cigarettes and beedis, being sold without packet as they do not have specific health warning on it in public interest with immediate effect on the State of Maharashtra," an order said on September 24.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: IDBI Bank

What: becomes first bank to enable document embedding feature on SFMS

When: published on 30th September 2020

IDBI Bank has become the first lender to enable document embedding feature on a structured financial messaging system managed by Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services, according to a release.



Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India. "IDBI Bank Limited becomes the first bank to have implemented the new feature of document embedding facility with Letter of Credit/Bank Guarantee messages over SFMS platform of IFTAS through its middleware application i@Connect-SFMS developed by IDBI Intech Limited," the bank has said in the release.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Sonu Sood

What: receives SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by UNDP

When: published on 30th September 2020

Sonu Sood's humanitarian works for migrant workers and poor people across the country has been creating a lot of buzz on social media. It is understandable if someone wants to award him for his excellent work. The same happened yesterday when several news portals covered claimed that he has been awarded the SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: West Bengal

What: Launches Pathashree Abhijan Scheme To Repair 7,000 Roads In State

When: published on 1st October 2020

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday launched the Pathashree Abhijan, a road repair scheme, where more than 7,000 stretches of roads comprising 12,000 kilometers across the state will be repaired.

Informing about the same, the Chief Minister said that under the scheme the roads will be repaired in a mission mode and in a time-bound manner.

"I am pleased to announce the launch of Pathashree Abhijan, an unprecedented road repair scheme, wherein more than 7,000 stretches of roads comprising 12,000 kilometers across the state will be repaired in a mission mode in a time-bound manner," she tweeted.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

What: inaugurates 23 Roads and Bridges projects in Kathua, Doda, Udhampur and Reasi Districts

When: published on 30th September 2020



The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today unveiled 23 roads and bridges projects in Kathua, Doda, Udhampur and Reasi districts in the Jammu region. He said, the projects costing about Rs 73 Crore and having length of 111 kilometers will benefit more than 35,000 people in the region. 23 Projects included 15 roads built under PMGSY for all weather connectivity and 8 bridges for better connectivity to the people.

While e-inaugurating these projects, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that despite serious challenges posed by the Covid19 pandemic in the last few months, barring few all the projects were completed within stipulated timeframe. He emphasised that despite challenges posed by pandemic, the country had not compromised with the pace of development and particularly the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. He was informed that 1150 kilometres of roads built in this fiscal till date in comparison to 800 kilometres last year. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Non-Violence 2020

What: was observed on October 2

October 2 is marked as the International Day of Non-Violence every year by the United Nations. Mahatma Gandhi gave the world the philosophy of non-violence or Ahimsa. It was Mahatma Gandhi's firm belief that only a non-violent movement can achieve the highest objective of freedom. "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man," Mahatma Gandhi had said.

The UN General Assembly in a resolution on 15 June 2007, commemorated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as the International Day of Non-violence. The UN said, the objective of the day is to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: DRDO successfully

What: test fires laser-guided anti-tank guided missile

When: published on 1st October 2020

An indigenously developed laser-guided anti-tank guided missile was successfully test fired on Thursday in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar, officials said.

It was the second such successful test firing of the missile, having a range of upto 5 km, in the last 10 days, they said.



The weapon was test fired from an MBT Arjun Tank at KK Ranges in Armoured Corps Centre and School (ACC&S) in Ahmednagar on Tuesday, the officials said.

"The ATGM employs a tandem heat warhead to defeat explosive reactive armour (ERA) protected armoured vehicles in ranges from 1.5 to 5 km," the Defence Ministry said in a statement. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: to launch its first Venus orbiter Shukrayaan-1 in 2025

When: published on 2nd October 2020

ISRO is set to launch its first Venus orbiter Shukrayaan-1 in 2025 and France will take part in it, French space agency CNES stated on September 30.

The VIRAL (Venus Infrared Atmospheric Gases Linker) instrument co-developed with the Russian government space agency Roscosmos and the LATMOS atmospheres, environments and space observations lab connected to CNRS has been chosen by the ISRO after a request for proposal, it said in an announcement.

ISRO chief K Sivan and CNES president Jean-Yves Le Gall held talks and audited the regions driving participation among France and India in space. "In the domain of space exploration, France will be taking part in ISRO's mission to Venus, scheduled to launch in 2025. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Abu Dhabi's Mubadala

What: to invest Rs 6,247.5 crore in Reliance Industries' retail arm for 1.4% stake

When: published on 2nd October 2020

Abu Dhabi-based sovereign wealth fund Mubadala Investment Co will buy a 1.4 per cent stake in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) for Rs 6,247.5 crore into, the Indian conglomerate announced on Thursday.

Mubadala will be the fourth investor in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries.

"Mubadala Investment Company (Mubadala), the Abu Dhabi-based sovereign investor, will invest Rs 6,247.5 crore (AED 3.1 billion) into Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), a subsidiary of India's Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance Industries). The investment values Reliance Retail at a pre-money equity value Rs 4.285 lakh crore. Mubadala's investment will translate into a 1.40 per cent equity stake in RRVL on a fully diluted basis," Reliance Industries said in a regulatory filing. [\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh

What: chosen for 'Gandhi' Award

When: published on 2nd October 2020

Rajya Sabha MP and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh has been chosen for the 'Gandhi Award' instituted by the Mahatma Gandhi National Foundation, its Chairman Eby J Jose said on Friday.

He was instrumental in India's diplomatic intervention to remove Mahatma Gandhi's images on beer bottles of a private company in Israel, Mr Jose, who brought the matter into the public domain, told newsmen this morning.

'Mr Singh also raised the issue in Parliament. Subsequently, India intervened diplomatically to remove Gandhi's images on beer bottles. It was this move that earned the AAP MP the award,' he added.

The award will be presented to him by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu at a ceremony in New Delhi in January 2021.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Virgin Hyperloop and Bangalore International Airport Limited

What: Announce Ground-Breaking Partnership to Conduct Feasibility Study

When: published on 27th September 2020

Virgin Hyperloop, the category leader in hyperloop technology, and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), operator of the award-winning Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB/BLR Airport), signed a first-of-its-kind Memorandum of Understanding to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed Hyperloop corridor from BLR Airport.

The MoU was exchanged virtually between Sultan bin Sulayem, Chairman of Virgin Hyperloop and DP World, and Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and Chairman of the Board of Directors at BIAL in the presence of Mr. Kapil Mohan, IAS, Principal Secretary, Infrastructure Development Department, Government of Karnataka.

"We are honored to partner with Bangalore International Airport Limited to explore ways in which hyperloop can become a part of the solution to tackle congestion and support economic growth in Bengaluru," said Sultan bin Sulayem, Chairman of Virgin Hyperloop and Group Chairman and CEO of DP World. "Beyond just the transit of passengers, airports are crucial conduit for goods, especially time-sensitive deliveries. A hyperloop-connected airport would dramatically improve the delivery of cargo and create an ultra-efficient supply chain."[\(Read more\)](#)



19. Hints to Remember

Who: Smriti Irani

What: Participated in 25th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women Virtually

When: published on 2nd October 2020

India recognises the centrality of gender equality and women's empowerment in all aspects of our developmental agenda, Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani said at the United Nations.

Speaking on the 25th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, she said: "Women numerically constitute half of humanity but their influence transfuses all dimensions of society, polity, and economy. In India, we recognize the centrality of gender equality and women's empowerment in all aspects of our developmental journey."

The Union Minister said that India is now focused on inclusive growth and deep reforms that together are bringing about transformational changes. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: US

What: commits \$1.9 million to India to support informal sector workers, micro enterprises

When: published on 1st October 2020

The US has committed USD 1.9 million to support vulnerable populations like informal sector workers whose livelihoods have been disrupted due to COVID-19. The financial assistance from US Agency for International Development (USAID), extended generously by the American people to partners in India, will support efforts to rebuild local economies and improve the livelihoods of Indians who have been hit hardest by this pandemic, US Ambassador to India Kenneth I Juster said.

Highlighting the need to provide financial assistance to the people affected by the disruption caused by COVID-19, Juster said the global pandemic has severely affected those who are vulnerable and less fortunate, thereby increasing the economic challenges these groups face. USAID funds will support the Revive alliance, founded by the Samhita-Collective Good Foundation and co-funded by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, Omidyar Network India, and the Ford Foundation, to address challenges caused by unemployment and income gaps faced by workers in the informal economy, the US embassy said in a statement. [\(Read more\)](#)





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