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# Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS RRB, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, LIC Assistant, RBI Assistant, RBI Grade-B, SBI Clerk and SBI PO Exams

## April GA Quiz 15

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

1. INOXCVA has recently signed an MoU with which company to enhance small scale LNG applications development and provide impetus to gas based economy in the country?

- A. Mitsui                                      B. Sumitomo                                      C. Mitsubishi  
D. Porto Seguro                                      E. None of these

2. Global brokerage company Nomura has cut India's GDP forecast to \_\_\_\_\_ from 13.5 per cent forecast earlier as the country faces a consistent rise in coronavirus cases and higher inflation.

- A. 11.6 per cent                                      B. 10.6 per cent                                      C. 9.6 per cent  
D. 12.6 per cent                                      E. None of these

3. Which bank has launched a digital initiative “@Ease” under which every transaction undertaken by a bank branch will be initiated and authorised by customers themselves?

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

4. Capital markets watchdog SEBI has come out with fresh guidelines on reporting formats for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Investment                                      B. Stock exchange                                      C. Mutual funds  
D. Insurance                                      E. None of these

5. As per the recent reports, which bank accounts can be opened in Post Office?

- A. Salary account                                      B. Basic Savings account                                      C. Fixed deposit account  
D. Recurring deposit account                                      E. None of these

6. Which bank has implemented its first SOFR linked trade transaction?

- A. Bank of India                                      B. YES Bank                                      C. ICICI Bank  
D. Syndicate Bank                                      E. None of these



**7. Which country has introduced World's 1<sup>st</sup> Climate Change Law for Financial Sector?**

- A. Australia                      B. New Zealand                      C. Maldives  
D. Malaysia                      E. None of these

**8. India has participated in Multinational Military Exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena 2021'. The exercise held in which country?**

- A. Maldives                      B. Vietnam                      C. Bangladesh  
D. Sri Lanka                      E. None of these

**9. Bharti group-backed low earth orbit (LEO) satellite communications company OneWeb has partnered with the government of which country to accelerate connectivity in the country?**

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

**10. India has approved use of Sputnik V Covid-19 Vaccine. The vaccine is from which country?**

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

**11. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and Embassy of which country have signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among aspiring entrepreneurs in India?**

- A. Sweden                      B. Finland                      C. Greenland  
D. Denmark                      E. None of these

**12. Which of the following states has got India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit?**

- A. Tamil Nadu                      B. Goa                      C. Maharashtra  
D. Kerala                      E. None of these

**13. Who among the following has been appointed new NADA DG?**

- A. Siddharth Longjam                      B. Mandeep Singh Kataria                      C. Lakhan Ram Pal  
D. Vinod Kumar Rawat                      E. None of these



**14. Who among the following has inaugurated First bi-annual Indian Air Force, IAF Commanders' Conference 2021 at Air Headquarters Vayu Bhawan in New Delhi?**

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

**15. Who among the following has inaugurated 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of prestigious Raisina Dialogue?**

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

**16. Who among the following was awarded Sir Richard Hadlee medal?**

- A. Trent Boult                      B. Quinton de Kock                      C. Steve Smith  
D. Kane Williamson                      E. None of these

**17. Which of the following city is going to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Laureus World Sports Awards in a virtual ceremony owing to the raging COVID-19 pandemic?**

- A. Granada                      B. Porto                      C. Andalusia  
D. Seville                      E. None of these

**18. Who among the following has won the ICC Player of the Month award for superb show in India-England ODI and T20I series?**

- A. Rahul Chahar                      B. Suryakumar Yadav                      C. Bhuvneshwar Kumar  
D. Jasprit Bumrah                      E. None of these

**19. The 2021 World Chagas Disease Day was observed on which date?**

- A. April 12                      B. April 13                      C. April 14  
D. April 15                      E. None of these

**20. The 2021 International Turban Day was observed on which date?**

- A. April 12                      B. April 14                      C. April 13  
D. April 15                      E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	D	C	C	B	B	B	C	A	C	D	C	A	D	A	D	D	C	C	C

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** INOXCVA

**What:** signs MoU with Mitsui - Partnership will enhance small scale LNG applications development and provide impetus to gas based economy in the country

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Indian multinational and one of the world's leading Cryogenic Liquid Storage, Distribution and Re-Gas solutions provider, INOXCVA today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with leading Japanese conglomerate Mitsui & Co. (Asia Pacific) Pte. Ltd. (Mitsui) for partnering by sharing technical and commercial expertise for further establishing a virtual pipeline to service the growing demand of LNG in India. The MoU entails deployment of small scale LNG infrastructure including logistics and receiving facilities at customer end and will offer LNG access to the customers not connected to the pipelines. This will help in increasing the penetration and consumption of clean, reliable and cost-efficient LNG to various users in the automotive, mining, shipping & rail industry all over the country.

The collaboration with INOXCVA and Mitsui, a diverse conglomerate engaged in energy business globally with presence in energy value chain, including renewable and new energy, will look to capitalize the experience of both the organizations for investigating and establishing small scale energy businesses and projects in mutually agreed geographic locations, thereby making the cleaner fuel more accessible and economically viable. ([Read more](#))

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Nomura

**What:** cuts India's FY22 GDP growth estimate to 12.6% from 13.5% amid 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid wave

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Global brokerage company Nomura has cut India's GDP forecast to 12.6 per cent from 13.5 per cent forecast earlier as the country faces a consistent rise in coronavirus cases and higher inflation. Nomura has pegged the calendar year GDP growth at 11.5 per cent, a decline from 12.4 per cent estimated earlier.



In its latest report, 'India: Standing tall amid second wave', Nomura has said the revision in GDP forecast reflected the impact the Covid-19 wave could have on the economy. In its report released earlier this month, Nomura had said India's GDP growth could fall to 12.2 per cent if Covid-19 cases continue to rise.

"Daily new Covid cases under the second wave have now exceeded the first wave peak, and more states have joined the worst-affected state of Maharashtra in entering quasi lockdown," the report said. ([Read more](#))

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PNB

**What:** Launches Digital Initiative PNB@Ease

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Monday launched a digital initiative PNB@Ease under which every transaction undertaken by a bank branch will be initiated and authorised by customers themselves. The service can range from savings accounts opening to availing various loans and more, without visiting a branch or help from the bank employees, PNB said in a statement. Going forward, it said, the bank would roll out PNB@Ease across 165 identified locations across India.

'Today's launch demonstrates PNB's ability to adopt the latest technology to stay ahead of the curve. Instead of developing the technology in-house, banks can collaborate with fintech and startups for digital transformation while staying focused on its larger role of credit growth and financial inclusion for the country,' Financial Services Secretary Debasish Panda said.

Speaking on the occasion, Pankaj Jain, Additional Secretary - Department of Financial Services, stressed on the the need for continuous technological up-gradation and customer service to be undertaken by the bank. Sharing the details of the initiative, PNB Managing Director S S Mallikarjuna Rao said PNB @Ease outlets will be loaded with five Kiosks i.e. ATM, Bunch Note Acceptor, Account Opening Kiosk, Card Issuance Kiosk and internet-enabled Kiosk. This facility will enable the customers to avail all banking services under one roof, he said, adding, PNB@Ease outlets would boost the bank's distribution capability and lower the cost of customer acquisition. ([Read more](#))

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Sebi

**What:** comes out with new guidelines on reporting formats for mutual funds

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Capital markets watchdog Sebi on Monday came out with fresh guidelines on reporting formats for mutual funds.



The formats for the reports to be submitted by asset management companies (AMCs) to trustees, by AMCs to Sebi and by trustees to the regulator have been revised on the basis of consultation from the industry.

In a circular, Sebi said the compliance certificate to be submitted by an AMC to the trustees on a bi-monthly basis and half-yearly basis would be discontinued.

The contents of both these reports have been incorporated in the quarterly report by AMC to trustees, it added.

With regard to quarterly report on activities of mutual funds (MFs), Sebi said such report must contain details of number of live schemes as on last day of the quarter-end, schemes launched during the period including schemes which were launched but could not be constituted for any reason, details of existing schemes matured or wound up as well schemes merged during the quarter. ([Read more](#))

## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Basic Savings Account

**What:** can be opened in Post Office

**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Now, a beneficiary of the Government welfare scheme can open a basic savings bank account with a post office. The Finance Ministry has notified changes in Post Office Savings Account Scheme, 2019. The notification has also reduced the fee for not maintain the balance in a savings account

As of now, such accounts can be opened in a scheduled commercial bank or India Post Payment Bank.

According to the notification, the deposit required for opening of such an account will be NIL. There will be no requirement for maintaining minimum balance. The account can be opened by a registered adult member of any Government welfare scheme. The guardian of a minor, whose name has been registered for any Government benefit, can also open an account. The same set of people can operate the account. The notification also mentioned that any Basic Savings Accounts already opened under the Post Office Savings Account Rules, 1981 will not be covered under the new notification and will remain operational. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Yes Bank

**What:** executes its first trade borrowing transaction linked to SOFR

**When:** published on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

SOFR is an identified replacement for USD LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate), which is likely to be phased out at the end of 2021.





Private sector lender Yes Bank has executed its first Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) linked transaction.

SOFR is an identified replacement for USD LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate), which is likely to be phased out at the end of 2021.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** New Zealand

**What:** introduces World's 1<sup>st</sup> Climate Change Law for Financial Sector

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

New Zealand is to become the world's first country to bring in a law forcing its financial firms to report on the effects of climate change.

The country wants to be carbon neutral by 2050 and says the financial sector needs to play its part.

Banks, insurers and fund managers can do this by knowing the environmental effect of their investments, says its Climate Change Minister James Shaw.

Legislation is expected to receive its first reading this week.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** participates in Multinational Military Exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena 2021' held in Bangladesh

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Shantir Ogrosena, a 10-day multinational military exercise in which troops of four countries including India participated, culminated on Monday at Bangabandhu Senanibas (BBS), Bangladesh.

The armed forces of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka along with observers from the US, UK, Turkey and Saudi Arabia among others participated in the multilateral UN-mandated counterterrorism exercise.

The aim of the exercise was to strengthen defence ties and enhance interoperability amongst neighbourhood countries to ensure effective peacekeeping operations, the Indian Army said on Monday. The armies of all participating nations shared their wide experiences and enhanced their situational awareness through robust information exchange platforms.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bharti-backed OneWeb





**What:** inks MoU with Kazakhstan govt

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Bharti group-backed low earth orbit (LEO) satellite communications company OneWeb on Monday said it has partnered with the Kazakhstan government to accelerate connectivity in the country.

The company has signed an MoU with the Kazakhstan government and local partners. The MoU encompasses several areas of cooperation, including use of OneWeb's low latency, high throughput satellite connectivity platform to provide broadband to remote and hard-to-reach rural communities, building a ground station to provide connectivity to Central Asian countries and localisation of the supply chain for OneWeb's Low Earth Orbit satellites. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** approves Use of Russia's Sputnik V Covid-19 Vaccine

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved the restricted emergency use of the Sputnik V vaccine late on Monday night. With this, India now has three vaccines against COVID-19, including Covishield — the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India — and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin

According to a release issued by the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), India is the most populated country to register the Russian vaccine.

"Total population of 60 countries where Sputnik V is approved for use is 3 billion people or about 40% of the global population," it added. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India-Denmark

**What:** join hands through Atal Innovation Mission for global collaboration towards world class innovative solutions addressing water challenges & SDGs

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

As part of Indo-Danish bilateral Green strategic partnership, India is all set to take a giant leap towards building a world class innovation ecosystem as Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of India's premier policy think tank NITI Aayog and Embassy of Denmark to India today officially announced their collaboration.

Under this ambitious partnership, Innovation Center Denmark in India will collaborate with AIM to support various current and future initiatives of AIM, NITI Aayog and its beneficiaries in India as well as develop global innovation Green economy partnerships addressing SDG goals.



A Statement of Intent (Sol) was signed between AIM, NITI Aayog and Embassy of Denmark to India here at NITI Aayog premises. The purpose of Sol is to jointly work towards promoting innovation and entrepreneurship amongst the aspiring entrepreneurs. The partnership would be executed through Innovation Center Denmark (ICDK) under the aegis of Embassy of Denmark.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Maharashtra

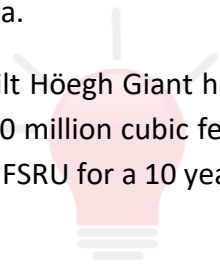
**What:** gets India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) has arrived at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra. A statement from H-Energy said the FSRU Höegh Giant, which sailed from Keppel Shipyard, Singapore, was berthed at Jaigarh terminal in Maharashtra on Monday.

This will also be the first year-round Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal in Maharashtra, the statement added. The LNG terminal is located at JSW Jaigarh Port in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra, on the west coast of India. The port is the first deep water, 24x7 operational private port in Maharashtra.

"The 2017-built Höegh Giant has storage capacity of 170,000 cubic metres and installed regasification capacity of 750 million cubic feet per day (equivalent to about six million tonnes a year). H-Energy has chartered the FSRU for a 10 year period," the statement said.[\(Read more\)](#)



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## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Siddharth Longjam

**What:** appointed new NADA DG

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

IAS officer Siddharth Singh Longjam will take over as the National Anti-Doping Agency's Director General, succeeding Navin Agarwal who listed the creation of Athletes Biological Passport (ABP) for around 60 elite Indian sportspersons as one of the highlights of his tenure. Longjam is currently serving as joint secretary in the sports ministry and is also the CEO of the currently suspended National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

Agarwal, an IPS officer who took charge of NADA in 2016, will be back in Jammu & Kashmir Police. Asked about his tenure in a role which isn't exactly conventional policing, Agarwal said ABP has been a significant step in curbing the menace of doping. The Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) helps monitor select biological variables over time that can reveal the effects of doping, rather than attempting to detect the doping substance or the method itself.



#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

**What:** inaugurates IAF Commanders' Conference 2021

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated First bi-annual Indian Air Force, IAF Commanders' Conference 2021 on Thursday at Air Headquarters Vayu Bhawan in New Delhi.

The conference of apex level leadership is aimed at addressing the issues of IAF's operational capabilities in the times to come. A series of discussions would be conducted over a period of three days to address strategies and policies related to capabilities that would give IAF a significant edge over its adversaries. Various welfare and Human Resource measures to improve HR and administrative efficiency will also be discussed.[\(Read more\)](#)

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Modi

**What:** inaugurates 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of prestigious Raisina Dialogue

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented an opportunity to reshape the world order and to reorient the thinking. He stressed on the need to create systems that address the problems of today and challenges of tomorrow.

Inaugurating the sixth edition of the Raisina Dialogue virtually, Mr Modi said, mankind will not defeat the pandemic unless everyone, everywhere, regardless of the colour of their passports, come out of it. He said, keeping this in mind, despite many constraints, India has supplied vaccines to over 80 countries. The Prime Minister said, during this pandemic, India have tried to walk the talk, tried to protect its 1.3 billion citizens and also support pandemic response efforts of others.

He also asked global leaders to have cooperation to address problems like hunger and poverty. Mr Modi also highlighted the importance to protect the planet earth saying while people may be used to having Plan A and Plan B, but there is no Planet B.[\(Read more\)](#)

#### 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Kane Williamson

**What:** awarded Sir Richard Hadlee medal for fourth time

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021



New Zealand captain Kane Williamson has been awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee medal for the fourth time in six years, while women's allrounder Amelia Kerr and rising star Devon Conway also claimed top honours at the New Zealand Cricket Awards for the 2020-21 season.

Williamson was given the award on the back of his impressive run in Tests during the summer, where he scored a career-best 251 against the West Indies in Hamilton, followed by a century on his home ground in Tauranga during the Boxing Day Test. He also made a double-century against Pakistan in Christchurch, which helped New Zealand book their place in the ICC World Test Championship final. Overall, New Zealand won 17 out of 20 matches they played during the summer, and claimed all seven series.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Seville

**What:** To Be Host City For 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The winners of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Laureus World Sports Awards, the most prestigious honours in sport, are to be announced in Seville on May 6.

Seville, the capital of Andalusia, captures the essence of Spanish culture, art and passion. Its striking beauty and fascinating history make it a unique city with three World Heritage Sites.

The Awards Show will be a 'virtual' ceremony, honouring the most memorable sporting performances of 2020 and recognising the wider impact on society made by athletes during the year.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar

**What:** wins ICC Player of the Month award for superb show in India-England ODI, T20I series

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Experienced India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar on Tuesday won the ICC Player of the Month award for his superlative show in the recent limited overs series against England in March.

The 31-year-old Indian took six wickets with an economy rate of 4.65 in the three ODIs, while capturing four wickets with a fantastic economy rate of 6.38 in the five T20Is to emerge as the standout bowler on either side in the white ball series.

"After what seemed like a really long and painful gap, I was delighted to be playing for India again. I used the time away to work on my fitness and skill and I am happy to be back taking wickets for my country," Bhuvneshwar said in an ICC release.[\(Read more\)](#)



## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 2021 World Chagas Disease Day

**What:** was observed on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Today on World Chagas Disease Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) has called for comprehensive and equitable access to health care and services to everyone affected by Chagas disease. An estimated 6 to 7 million people worldwide are infected by *Trypanosoma cruzi* - the parasite that causes the disease.

“It is sad to note that despite progress, millions of people still remain undiagnosed, with limited or no access to healthcare” said Dr Ren Minghui, Assistant Director-General, Division for Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases. “We need to improve detection and diagnosis rates which currently are at unacceptably low levels<sup>1</sup> and we need to provide equitable access to treatment and health services to everyone.” ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 2021 International Turban Day

**What:** was observed on 13<sup>th</sup> April

The International Turban Day is celebrated every year on April 13 since 2004 to bring awareness of the strict requirement on Sikhs to put the turban as a mandatory part of their religion.

The 2021 Turban Day marks the 552<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi.

The turban, also known as “dastar” or “pagri” or “pag” refer to the garment worn by both men and some women to cover their heads.





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