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April GA Quiz 9

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

1. Which of the following companies has launched Cryptocurrency Checkout Service in United States?

- A. Airtel Pay B. PayPal C. Google Pay
D. Bharat Pe E. None of these

2. The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) have approved loan for USD 300 million canal-based drinking water projects in which state?

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

3. Which entity has announced an investment of Rs 2,100 crore in Manipal Hospitals?

- A. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
B. LIC Housing Finance
C. Securities and Exchange Board of India
D. Jana Small Finance Bank
E. None of these

4. The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 32 million project to improve management capacity and quality of health services in _____ .

- A. Manipur B. Sikkim C. Assam
D. Mizoram E. None of these

5. Geneva-based World Trade Organization has revised upwards the growth forecast of global merchandise trade in 2021 to what percent after recording a fall of 5.3 per cent last year, amid COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. 8 percent B. 7 percent C. 9 percent
D. 6 percent E. None of these



6. Who among the following has inaugurated an event to create awareness about a scheme aimed at transforming an individual innovator into a successful technopreneur?

- A. Prakash Javadekar B. Narendra Modi C. Ramesh Pokhriyal
D. Harsh Vardhan E. None of these

7. Which country has contributed USD 300,000 to UN Women, the United Nations agency for gender equality and women empowerment?

- A. Oman B. Yemen C. Sri Lanka
D. India E. None of these

8. Which state has become 1st State to commission Farm Based Solar Power Project under PM-KUSUM Scheme?

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

9. The 2021 International Day of Conscience was observed on which date?

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

10. International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action 2021 was observed on which date?

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

11. Which date was observed as National Maritime Day 2021?

- A. April 2 B. April 3 C. April 4
D. April 5 E. None of these

12. Venkaiah Naidu has released the book 'Neelimarani – My Mother, My Hero'. Who among the following is the author of the book?

- A. Subroto Bagchi B. Achyuta Samanta C. Ashok Soota
D. Krishnakumar Natarajan E. None of these



13. Digvijaysinh Zala passed away at the age of 88, was a/an _____ .

- A. Politician B. Actor C. Writer
D. Economist E. None of these

14. Nobel Laureate Isamu Akasaki passed away at 92, was from which country?

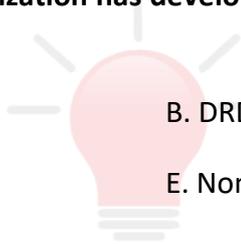
- A. China B. Malaysia C. Japan
D. Thailand E. None of these

15. Which country has registered world's first Covid-19 vaccine for animals?

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

16. Which organization has developed Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard Naval Ships from Missile Attack?

- A. BHEL B. DRDO C. Bharat Electronics
D. BEML Limited E. None of these



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17. Which company has acquired the remaining 25 per cent stake in Krishnapatnam Port Ltd from Vishwasamudra Holdings, making the port a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company?

- A. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited
B. Hindalco Industries
C. Container Corporation of India
D. Jindal Steel and Power Limited
E. None of these

18. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission?

- A. Manoj Jindal B. Chintan Vaishnav C. Vipin Mandav
D. Aniket Sharma E. None of these



19. Who among the following has sworn in as the President of Vietnam?

- A. Nguyen Phu Trong B. Nguyen Xuan Phuc C. Nguyễn Tấn Dũng
D. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan E. None of these

20. Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu has become the 7th President of which country?

- A. Kosovo B. Albania C. Yugoslavia
D. Serbia 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
B	C	A	D	A	D	D	B	C	A	D	B	A	C	D	B	A	B	B	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: PayPal

What: Launches Cryptocurrency Checkout Service in United States

When: published on 31st March 2021

PayPal will announce later on Tuesday that it has started allowing US consumers to use their cryptocurrency holdings to pay at millions of its online merchants globally, a move that could significantly boost use of digital assets in everyday commerce.

Customers who hold Bitcoin, Ether, Bitcoin cash, and Litecoin in PayPal digital wallets will now be able to convert their holdings into fiat currencies at checkouts to make purchases, the company said.

The service, which PayPal revealed it was working on late last year, will be available at all of its 29 million merchants in the coming months, the company said. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: World Bank, AIIB

What: approve loan for USD 300 million canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab

When: published on 3rd April 2021

The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) have approved loan for USD 300 million (about Rs 2,190 crore) canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab.

The project is aimed at ensuring quality drinking water and minimise water losses for Amritsar and Ludhiana, according to a Punjab government statement.

The entire project will be co-financed by IBRD (World Bank) - USD 105 million, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank - USD 105 million and the Punjab government - USD 90 million, according to an official spokesperson. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: NIIFL

What: To Make First Investment In Indian Healthcare Sector, To Invest Rs 2,100 Crore In Manipal Hospitals

When: published on 2nd April 2021

In its first investment in the Indian healthcare sector, the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd (NIIFL) on Thursday (1 April) announced an investment of Rs 2,100 crore in Manipal Hospitals.

In a joint statement, NIIFL and Manipal Hospitals said that this will support Manipal Hospitals' journey of growth to become one of India's largest hospital chains.

NIIFL, through its direct private equity fund and Strategic Opportunities Fund, will get a minority stake in Manipal Hospitals as Chairman of Manipal Education and Medical Group Ranjan Pai is selling a small percentage of his stake in the company, reports LiveMint.[\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: World Bank

What: approves USD 32 million project to improve health services in Mizoram

When: published on 1st April 2021

The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 32 million project to improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram, a world bank statement said on Thursday.

The project titled "Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project" will strengthen the governance and the management structure of the Mizoram Health department and its subsidiaries, the statement said.

It will improve the quality and coverage of services delivered by the state government health systems, and invest

in a comprehensive quality assurance programme which would enable quality certification of health facilities, it said.[\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to remember

Who: WTO

What: Revises Upwards Trade Growth Forecast For 2021 To 8 %

When: published on 1st April 2021



Geneva-based World Trade Organization on Wednesday revised upwards the growth forecast of global merchandise trade in 2021 to 8 per cent after recording a fall of 5.3 per cent last year, amid COVID-19 pandemic.

It said that prospects for a quick recovery in world trade have improved as merchandise trade expanded more rapidly than expected in the second half of last year.

'According to new estimates from the WTO, the volume of world merchandise trade is expected to increase by 8 per cent in 2021 after having fallen 5.3 per cent in 2020, continuing its rebound from the pandemic-induced collapse that bottomed out in the second quarter of last year,' it said in a statement.

It added that trade growth should then slow to 4 per cent in 2022, and the effects of the pandemic will continue to be felt as this pace of expansion would still leave trade below its pre-pandemic trend.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Vardhan

What: inaugurates awareness event on scheme aimed at promoting innovations

When: published on 30th March 2021

Union Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan on Tuesday inaugurated an event to create awareness about a scheme aimed at transforming an individual innovator into a successful technopreneur.

Under the Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Start-ups and MSMEs (PRISM) Scheme of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), an innovator -- student, professional and common citizen -- is provided technical, strategic and financial assistance for idea development, prototype development and pilot scaling, and patenting.

The scheme is being implemented across various sectors -- from energy to healthcare to waste management and others.

The grant is given in two phases catering to both the initial innovation stage and the advanced enterprise setup phase through DSIR outreach-cum-cluster innovation centres available throughout the country.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: contributes USD 300,000 to UN Women

When: published on 6th April 2021



India has contributed USD 300,000 (INR 2.2 crore) to UN Women—the United Nations agency for gender equality and women empowerment, reported PTI.

T S Tirumurti, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, tweeted on April 2nd saying that the move reaffirms the country's support for gender equality and women empowerment. He also went on to describe UN Women as a "valued partner in our progress from women's development to #women-led development." ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajasthan

What: becomes 1st State to commission Farm Based Solar Power Project under PM-KUSUM Scheme

When: published on 1st April 2021

Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd on Thursday commissioned farm-based solar power project under the PM-KUSUM scheme.

The project, established on 3.5 acres of farmland at Bhaloji village, Kotputli, in Jaipur, is the first of 623 farm-based solar projects selected by RRECL for generating 722 megawatt (MW) capacity in the state under the first phase of the PM-KUSUM scheme, according to an official.

Energy Minister B D Kalla said Rajasthan has become the first state to commission the project which will help the farmers earn additional income through their unused land.

He added that the state government had decided to develop the 2,600 megawatt (MW) capacity under this scheme. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Conscience

What: was observed on April 5

International Day of Conscience is celebrated all around the world on April 5th. The United Nations is conscious of the need for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being and peaceful and friendly relations throughout the world. The UN General Assembly declared April 5 as the International Day of Conscience.

A global campaign was launched by the Federation of World Peace and Love to declare the International Day of Conscience at the United Nations on February 5, 2019. Then, the UN General Assembly adopted the draft resolution set forth by the Kingdom of Bahrain called 'Promoting the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience' on July 25, 2019. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action 2021

What: was observed on April 4

UN Secretary-General António Guterres gave a message on behalf of the organisation, “Today, on the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, we reflect on how far we have come in raising awareness of the dangers posed by landmines and recommit to our target of a mine-free world.”

This year, the United Nations has pledged to highlight how “Perseverance, Partnership, and Progress” have carried the mine sector through the challenging year which saw the beginning of the pandemic. The UN will advance its efforts to mitigate the menaces of improvised explosive instruments. Landmines and explosive weapons will be cleared, exit schemes and capacity growth of national partners will persist. The mine action community will persevere to adapt and ensure to progress towards a society free from the threat of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

UN officials and other leaders will observe the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action on April 4, 2021 through ceremonies and speeches.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: National Maritime Day 2021

What: was observed on April 5

National Maritime Day is an annual celebration on April 5th. This year, India will mark its 58th edition of National Maritime Day. The first celebration took place in 1964 to spread awareness about intercontinental commerce and the economy.

The day is celebrated every year to support the global economy, the most well-organized, safe and sound environmentally responsive way of transporting goods from one corner to another corner in this world.

The legacy of Indian shipping first started on April 5th, 1919, when the first ship The SS Loyalty manufactured by The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. sailed from Mumbai to the United Kingdom.

India also became a member of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in 1959. IMO is responsible for maritime protection and preventing pollution from ships.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: VP

What: releases the book titled – ‘Neelimarani – My Mother, My Hero’



When: published on 2nd April 2021

The Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu on Friday emphasised the need to remember one's roots and always be respectful towards one's mother, mother tongue, motherland and native place.

Addressing the gathering at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar after releasing the book titled – 'Neelimarani – My Mother, My Hero', Naidu called for extensive use of mother tongue in education, judiciary and administration. In the true spirit of 'share & care', he appealed to the successful men & women to help and support the people in their native villages. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Ex-Union Minister Digvijaysinh Zala

What: passes away at 88 after brief illness

When: published on 4th April 2021

Former Union Environment Minister and MLA from Gujarat's Wankaner Digvijaysinh Zala passed away at the age of 88.

The head of the erstwhile princely state of Wankaner in Saurashtra expired following a brief period of illness.

Zala was an MLA from Wankaner for the years 1962-67 as an independent candidate and as a member of the Swatantra Party from 1967-71.

He, then, joined the Congress and became a Member of Parliament from Surendranagar for two terms from 1979 to 1989. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Nobel Laureate Isamu Akasaki

What: Passed Away At 92

When: published on 2nd April 2021

Japanese physicist Isamu Akasaki, a co-winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in physics for inventing the world's first efficient blue light-emitting diodes, has died, Meijo University said Friday. He was 92.

Akasaki, a professor at the university, had been recognized for the invention which has contributed to bright and energy-saving white light sources, widely known as LED lamps.

He died of a pneumonia Thursday morning at a hospital in the central Japan city of Nagoya, the university said.



Akasaki, born in Kagoshima Prefecture in Japan's southwest, graduated from Kyoto University in 1952 before working at Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., now Panasonic Corp. He started working at Nagoya University as a professor in 1981 and was later given an honorary title.[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia

What: registers world's first Covid-19 vaccine for animals: Carnivac-Cov

When: published on 5th April 2021

In a first, Russia has registered the world's first coronavirus vaccine for animals, its agricultural regulator said last week. The announcement was made after tests showed that Carnivac-Cov generated antibodies against the virus in dogs, cats, foxes, and mink. The regulator, Rosselkhoznadzor said that the mass production of the vaccine for animals is likely to begin in April.

While the World Health Organisation has expressed concerns over the transmission of Covid-19 between humans and animals, the Russian regulator stressed that "the vaccine would be able to protect vulnerable species and thwart viral mutations [sic]," according to agencies. Russia till now has recorded only two cases of Covid-19 in animals, and both in cats.[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: DRDO

What: develops new advance technology to safeguard naval ships from missile attack

When: published on 5th April 2021

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard the naval ships against enemy missile attack, the Defence Ministry said in a statement today.

"Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ), a DRDO laboratory, has indigenously developed three variants of this critical technology namely Short Range Chaff Rocket (SRCR), Medium Range Chaff Rocket (MRCR) and Long Range Chaff Rocket (LRCR) meeting Indian Navy's qualitative requirements. The successful development of Advanced Chaff Technology by DLJ is another step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat," it further added.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Adani Ports

What: acquires remaining 25% stake in Krishnapatnam Port for Rs 2,800 crore



When: published on 5th April 2021

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) on Monday said it has acquired the remaining 25 per cent stake in Krishnapatnam Port Ltd from Vishwasamudra Holdings, making the port a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

Post acquisition of the 25 per cent stake for a cash consideration of Rs 2,800 crore, APSEZ's stake in the port will increase to 100 per cent from 75 per cent, the Adani Group company said in a release.

The acquisition is subject to approvals under applicable laws, including approval of the Competition Commission of India, and the transaction is expected to be completed within 3 months.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Chintan Vaishnav

What: appointed as AIM mission director

When: published on 6th April 2021

Renowned socio technologist Dr. Chintan Vaishnav has been named Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog's flagship government initiative.

Vaishnav will replace Ramanathan Ramanan later this month. Ramanan is AIM's first mission director since June 2017. Vaishnav currently works at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States. He has a Ph.D. in technology, management, and politics from MIT.

Vaishnav is an engineer trained to understand and build large systems, both human and technological.

As a teacher, innovator and entrepreneur, he has first-hand experience of the innovation ecosystem in India and the United States. Over the past decade, he has divided his time between teaching and researching at MIT and living and working with rural communities in India, developing solutions capable of overcoming fundamental limitations to improve human conditions.[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Nguyen Xuan Phuc

What: sworn in as Vietnam's president

When: published on 5th April 2021

Nguyen Xuan Phuc, the man behind Vietnam's successful handling of the coronavirus pandemic, has been formally sworn in as president in the Vietnamese capital, Hanoi.

Phuc, 66, was Vietnam's prime minister for the last five years, a period in which the economy boomed and his government's COVID-19 response won plaudits at home and abroad.



Following secret voting on Monday, Phuc scored the maximum votes among the almost 500-member rubber-stamp national assembly.

Vietnam is run by the Communist Party and officially led by the party general secretary, president, and prime minister, with key decisions made by the 18-member politburo. The country is currently in the midst of its twice-a-decade leadership transition, with 76-year-old Nguyen Phu Trong re-elected in January as party general secretary, the most important of the three roles.[\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Kosovo's 38-year-old president

What: takes office

When: published on 6th April 2021

Kosovo's new president took office on Tuesday, becoming the country's youngest head of state and one of the youngest in the world.

Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu, 38, was elected to a five-year term on Sunday by Kosovo's Assembly, or Parliament, making her the Balkan nation's second female leader in the post-war period.

Osmani-Sadriu took office Tuesday in a ceremony with a guard of honour.

Acting President Glauk Konjufca handed over the country's constitution, avoiding a more formal ceremony due to the pandemic.

Osmani-Sadriu was formerly acting president from November until late March.[\(Read more\)](#)





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