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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

## August GA Quiz 11

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

1. World Biofuel Day was celebrated on which date?

- A. August 9                      B. August 10                      C. August 11  
D. August 8                      E. None of these

2. World Lion Day was observed on which date?

- A. August 9                      B. August 8                      C. August 10  
D. August 11                      E. None of these

3. Who among the following has recently authored a book title "How the Earth Got Its Beauty"?

- A. Sudha Murty                      B. R.H. Kulkarni                      C. Rishi Sunak  
D. N.R. Narayana                      E. None of these

4. Who among the following has recently authored a book title "The Earthspinner"?

- A. Anamika Saha                      B. Anuradha Roy                      C. Arundhati Roy  
D. Anuradha Ray                      E. None of these

5. Which date is going to be named as "Javelin Throw Day" to honour Neeraj Chopra?

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

6. Which of the following countries is going to launch advanced geo imaging satellite "Gisat-1"?

- A. China                      B. Sri Lanka                      C. Bangladesh  
D. India                      E. None of these



**7. Indian Army contingent is going to participate in International Army Games 2021. Games are going to be held in which country?**

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

**8. Saranya Sasi passed away recently. She was a \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**9. Which state has won the AI Gamechanger Award for crowd monitoring solution?**

- A. Telangana                  B. Uttarakhand                  C. Manipur  
D. Tamil Nadu                E. None of these

**10. Which company and UNICEF India have recently launched a one-year joint initiative to end violence against children with a special focus on online safety?**

- A. Amazon                      B. Google                      C. Facebook  
D. Twitter                      E. None of these

**11. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as “Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama”?**

- A. Manan Bhatt                B. Rakesh Raina                C. Manikant Mishra  
D. Niketan Raj                E. None of these

**12. Who among the following has been roped in by the Reserve Bank of India for Cyber Frauds Awareness Campaign?**

- A. Mairaj Ahmad Khan      B. Neeraj Chopra              C. Sandeep Kumar  
D. Ravi Kumar Dahiya      E. None of these



**13. Which person has assumed the charge of Chairman and Managing Director of THDC India Limited?**

- A. R K Vishnoi                      B. R K Rajoriya                      C. R K Mishra  
D. R K Agarwal                      E. None of these

**14. Which state has won 7 National Awards under “Van Dhan Yojana Scheme”?**

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

**15. Which company has become the fourth largest IT Company by Market-Cap in India?**

- A. HCL                                  B. Wipro                                  C. Infosys  
D. Tech Mahindra                      E. None of these

**16. Which bank has selected Amazon Web Services (AWS), the Cloud Computing arm of Amazon as its Preferred Cloud Provider to strengthen its Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Banking Solutions and bring digital transformation at the bank?**

- A. IndusInd Bank                      B. Federal Bank                      C. RBL Bank  
D. HDFC Bank                              E. None of these

**17. Which bank has recently signed an agreement with Indian Navy to offer Honour FIRST banking solutions?**

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

**18. Which bank has joined hands with price housing financier IIFL Home Finance Ltd, subsidiary of IIFL home finance to reduce carbon emissions and preserve water and vitality in India?**

- A. New Development Bank  
B. World Bank  
C. Asian Development Bank  
D. International Monetary Fund  
E. None of these



**19. Which small finance bank has launched fintech accelerator programme called 'Equitech'?**

- A. ESAF Small Finance Bank
- B. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- C. Jana Small Finance Bank
- D. City Union Small Finance Bank
- E. None of these

**20. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the enhancement of collateral free loans to Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM from Rs10 lakh to what amount?**

- A. Rs 25 Lakh
- B. Rs 20 Lakh
- C. Rs 15 Lakh
- D. Rs 30 Lakh
- 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	B	B	D	B	D	A	C	A	B	A	E	A	C	D	C	E	B

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** World Biofuel Day

**What:** was celebrated on 10th August

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

August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day in honour of Sir Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine. It was just one day before, on August 9 in 1893 that Sir Diesel, first successfully operated the mechanical engine with peanut oil. With this, he was able to predict the possibility of vegetable oil replacing fossil fuels as a feasible source of energy in the next century. To commemorate this achievement, the date was chosen to observe World Biofuel Day.

Biofuels are renewable and biodegradable sources of energy. By virtue of these qualities, they are more sustainable than their traditional counterparts. "Biofuel" is an umbrella term for any type of fuel that can be generated from biological material such as agricultural wastes, or vegetation including trees and crops. grass. The principle of biofuel is that it must be produced from a carbon source that can be replenished within a short interval of time. Additionally, biofuels have a lesser carbon footprint when compared to non-renewable fossil fuels.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** World Lion Day 2021

**What:** was observed on 10<sup>th</sup> August

World Lion Day is celebrated on August 10 of every year to raise awareness about lions and to mobilise support for their protection and conservation. According to the World Wide Fund for animals (WWF), even though a lion is often referred to as the "king of the jungle," it actually only lives in grasslands and plains.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

**3. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Sudha Murty

**What:** has authored a book title "How the Earth Got Its Beauty"



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

Popular children's author Sudha Murty has come out with a beginners guide on the extraordinary stories about earth. "How the Earth Got Its Beauty", published by Penguin Random House imprint Puffin, has illustrations by Priyanka Pachpande.

"During my travels, I often see different landscapes - snow-clad mountains, meadows of flowers, singing rivers, animals of various shapes and sizes and the colourful life inside waterbodies. I became curious about the artist who has made this delightful chaos. Who is the magical painter who has created this incredible Earth," she says.

"I wondered and wondered and, to my astonishment, this story came to me in a beautiful flash and I wanted to share it with my young readers," she says about her new book.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

#### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Anuradha Roy

**What:** has authored a book title "The Earthspinner"

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Award-winning novelist Anuradha Roy's next book, a story about the changed ways of loving and living in the modern world, will release on September 3, publishing house Hachette India announced today.

In the book, titled "The Earthspinner", Roy delves into the "life and mind of Elango the potter, who must navigate complicated and impossible love, the dedication of a beloved pet, his own passion for creativity and a world turned upside down by the petty violence that characterises the present day".

"This novel is about themes close to my heart: creativity, the freedom to live and love -- which in our country are constrained by community, religion, state harassment.

"This novel is about two people struggling to free themselves of such shackles to create a happier world," said Roy, whose last book "All the Lives We Never Lived" had won the Tata Literature Live! Book of the Year Award 2018.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

#### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 7th August

**What:** to be named "Javelin Throw Day" to honour Neeraj Chopra

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



The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) decided to name August 7 as 'Javelin Throw Day' in India to honour Neeraj Chopra's first historic Olympic gold. The javelin thrower bagged the gold medal in men's javelin throw at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics on August 7.

AFI's bid to name August 7 as Javelin Throw Day is an attempt to attract more youth towards the sport. Chairman of AFI Planning Committee Lalit Bhanot said in a bid to promote sport, competitions will be conducted every year throughout India on that day.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** set to launch advanced geo-imaging satellite Gisat-1 on August 12

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Three days prior to the 75th Independence Day celebrations, India will launch its most advanced geo-imaging satellite - Gisat-1. This satellite will allow the government to better monitor the country's borders, especially with Pakistan and China, through imaging the sub-continent 3-4 times daily.

The COVID-19 pandemic had delayed the launch of Gisat-1 multiple times this year, but the satellite will finally begin its ascent from Sriharikota spaceport on August 12 at 5:43 am, IANS reported. ISRO's GSLV-F10 rocket will carry the 2,268-kg Gisat-1 into Earth's geo-orbit. The code name of Gisat-1 is EOS-3.

Once Gisat-1 is placed 36,000 km above the surface of the earth in the geostationary orbit, the satellite will be able to constantly monitor areas that are of interest such the country's borders. EO-3 will provide real-time information about a large area, unlike other sensing satellites which are placed in lower orbits and can only cover areas at regular intervals. Gisat-1 will help in the quick monitoring of natural disasters, episodic and short-term events.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indian Army contingent

**What:** to participate in International Army Games – 2021 in Russia

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

A 101-member contingent of the Indian Army will proceed to Russia to participate in International Army Games - 2021 from August 22 to September 4.

"The contingent will participate in Army Scout Masters Competition (ASMC), Elbrus Ring, Polar Star, Sniper Frontier and Safe Route games showcasing various drills in High Altitude Area terrain,





operations in snow, sniper actions, combat engineering skills in obstacle ridden terrain in the various competitions.

The contingent will also contribute two observers (one each) for the Open Water and Falcon Hunting games in which Pontoon Bridge laying and UAV crew skills will be showcased by the participating teams," PIB release stated on Monday.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Malayalam Actress Saranya Sasi

**What:** Dies At 35

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

Malayalam actress Saranya Sasi, who worked predominantly in television shows, died at the age of 35 in a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on Monday, reports news agency PTI. The actress was undergoing treatment for a brain tumour when she contracted COVID-19 in May this year. She had recovered from the coronavirus but her health condition worsened again due to COVID-related complications, reports PTI. According to several other reports, Saranya Sasi was taken to the hospital again recently after she was diagnosed with pneumonia and she died on Monday. As per PTI, Saranya Sasi was diagnosed with a brain tumour several years ago and she had undergone surgical procedure several times as part of the treatment.

During her treatment, Saranya Sasi faced a financial crisis and that's when she sought the help of her friends. Her co-stars, friends and well-wishers had raised funds for her surgeries and treatment back then, reports PTI.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Telangana

**What:** wins AI Gamechanger award for crowd monitoring solution

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Telangana government's Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (ITE&C) department has won the AI Gamechanger Award at the Xperience-AI Summit organised by NASSCOM.

The extensive AI research works and projects adopted by the state government helped it to win the award.

For a thorough view of the landscape, entries across enterprises, startups, government bodies, academic institutes and NGOs were invited for the award.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Unicef India, Facebook

**What:** Launch Initiative To Create Safe Online Environment For Children

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

UNICEF India and Facebook on Monday launched a one-year joint initiative to end violence against children with a special focus on online safety. In a statement, UNICEF said the partnership seeks to create a safe environment for children online and offline. It aims to improve children's resilience and capacity to access the digital world safely, increase awareness on violence against children and its impact on children, families and communities, as well as enhance skills of communities and frontline workers to better prevent and respond to violence.

The partnership will include a nationwide social media campaign and capacity building for 1,00,000 schoolchildren on online safety, digital literacy and psychosocial support, it said. The virtual launch of the initiative was attended by Joint Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development Aastha Saxena Khatwani, Facebook Head of Programs and Outreach Madhu Sirohi and UNICEF India Deputy Representative Programmes Yasumasa Kimura.

Khatwani said, "In the last year and a half, the internet has enabled children to continue with their education, removing the barriers of time and geography. As we encourage children to explore the great knowledge resource available online, we should be cognisant of the threats that come along with the all-pervasive nature of these online mediums." Kimura said, "The COVID-19 pandemic has increased chances for children to face violence whether online or offline. Acknowledging the significant efforts being made to end violence against children, it's important that different stakeholders come together, to increase awareness, change behaviours and perceptions around how, when and where violence against children occurs. "This is critical to promote better understanding the violence and most effective ways to ensure child safety both online and offline," he said.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Manan Bhatt

**What:** is the author of the book titled as "Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama"

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

A new book revisits the chain of real-life events surrounding February 2019 Pulwama suicide bombing attack, and India's strong hit-back in the form of Balakot airstrikes twelve days later. "Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama", published by Garuda Prakashan, is written by Navy veteran Manan Bhatt.



The book, in its detailed account of the "two epochal events", claims to capture everything "from moments before the ill-fated CRPF bus was hit, to the cockpits from where precision bombs were triggered and what transpired in those 12 momentous, expectation-filled days".

On February 26, 2019, Indian Air Force fighter jets crossed the Line of Control and destroyed terror launch pads in Balakot in Pakistan.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** RBI

**What:** roped in Neeraj Chopra for awareness campaign against cyber frauds

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

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has roped in star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra for its awareness campaign against growing cyber frauds. The campaign sees Chopra urging users to not divulge details like OTP, CVV number and ATM PIN in front of anyone. He further adds that users should keep changing their online banking passwords and PIN numbers frequently and immediately block ATM card, credit card, debit card and/or prepaid card if one loses it.

The central bank shared the athlete's video on its official handle and tweeted, "RBI Kehta Hai... Along with Neeraj Chopra. A little caution takes care of a lot of trouble. Never respond to requests to share PIN, OTP or bank account details. Block your card if stolen, lost or compromised."

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** RK Vishnoi

**What:** Assumed Charge as CMD of THDCIL

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

State-owned THDCIL on Friday said R K Vishnoi has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director with immediate effect. THDC India Limited (THDCIL) is a joint venture between NTPC and Uttar Pradesh government.

"R K Vishnoi assumed the charge of Chairman and Managing Director of THDC India Limited on Friday. Prior to this, Sh. Vishnoi was discharging the responsibilities of Director (Technical) with effect from (w.e.f) 01.09.2019 in THDCIL," the company said in a statement.

After taking charge, Vishnoi held a meeting with Key Management Personnel (KMP) and heads of the projects/departments wherein he said the company's focus will be on boosting in-house innovative interventions in operational as well as under-construction projects.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Nagaland

**What:** Wins 7 National Awards Under “Van Dhan Yojana Scheme”

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

Recently, Nagaland has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during the celebration of 34th foundation day of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).

The awards were presented by Union tribal minister, Arjun Munda through a Zoom webinar.

Meanwhile, the state has received seven national awards, such, with 1st positions in – ‘Best Survey State’, ‘Best Training’, and ‘Most number of VDVKC’s established’.

Hence, the correct answer is option E. ([Read more](#))

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** HCL

**What:** rises as the fourth-largest IT company by market cap

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021

HCL Technologies became the fourth largest IT company, surpassing Cognizant Technologies Solutions Corp. The tech giant has become the leading India-centric information technology (IT) services company with a market capitalisation of \$39 billion whereas Cognizant has \$38.84 billion of capitalisation.

Noida-based HCL Technologies has increased its revenue for the last fiscal year by 2.4% and was able to increase the operating margin to 21.4% from 19.6% by 180 basis points.

The company has managed to thrive with a stable leadership team, strong performance, and an acquisition-led strategy. The company’s share has doubled in the last thirty months.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

#### 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** RBL Bank

**What:** selects AWS as preferred cloud provider

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



RBL Bank has chosen Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company, as its preferred cloud provider to strengthen its AI-powered banking solutions and drive digital transformation at the Bank, adding significant value to the Bank's innovative offerings, saving costs, and tightening risk controls.

The Bank is building on its analytics practice and investing in AI capabilities to implement various use cases across multiple segments, including Risk, Customer Service, Human Resources, and Operations. The Bank's AI Center of Excellence worked with AWS to create a templated framework to roll out use cases using Amazon SageMaker to quickly and easily build, train, and deploy machine learning (ML) models as part of the Bank's larger AI roadmap.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** IDFC FIRST Bank

**What:** signs up with Indian Navy to offer Honour FIRST banking solutions

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

IDFC FIRST Bank announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy to offer Honour FIRST, a premium banking solution, to serving personnel and veterans of the Indian Navy.

The Honour FIRST Defence Account is specially designed keeping in mind the needs of the Armed Forces and its veterans. Account holders of Honour FIRST are supported by a dedicated team of defence veterans.

The MoU for Honour FIRST was signed at the Naval Headquarters in New Delhi between Commodore Neeraj Malhotra, Commodore - Pay and Allowances, Indian Navy and senior officials of IDFC FIRST Bank.

Commodore Neeraj Malhotra, Commodore-Pay and Allowances of Indian Navy, said, "I welcome the initiative of IDFC FIRST Bank to offer customized banking solutions to suit the needs of the Indian Navy and its personnel."

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ADB

**What:** ties up with IIFL Home Finance to promote green housing in India

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

Asian Development Bank has launched into a inexperienced housing initiative in India aiming to scale back carbon emissions and preserve water and vitality.



The multilateral improvement physique has tied up with low price housing financier IIFL Home Finance in direction of this finish. ADB can also be planning to interact different institutional stakeholders together with the Indian authorities, which has initiated an enormous drive in direction of housing for all.

“IIFL is our partner for the technical assistance program. The program has a broad scope and reaches other key actors in the green affordable housing ecosystem in India to build capacity across a range of developers, other housing finance companies, and local /state/national government stakeholders,” Susan Olsen, ADB’s senior funding specialist for South Asia informed ET.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Equitas Small Finance Bank

**What:** launches 'Equitech' to boost fintech start-ups

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

Equitas Small Finance Bank is set to launch 'Equitech' - a Fintech Accelerator aimed at the start-up ecosystem. It is a unique program designed to scale -up and help Fintechs curate their products and define a go-to-market strategy. This will help the Fintechs to reach the next level and take its product to the market in a more targeted manner. The program has been launched on 07 August and the application process for the enrolment has commenced.

The program aims to augment the fintech ideas into outcome-driven partnerships with key focus on product and customer acquisition.

Hence, the correct answer is option E. ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** RBI

**What:** announces enhancement of collateral free loans to Self Help Groups under DAY-NRLM from Rs10-20 lakh

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

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the enhancement of collateral free loans to Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM from Rs10 lakh to Rs20 Lakh.

As per RBI, for loans to SHGs up to Rs10.00 lakh, no collateral and no margin will be charged. No lien should be marked against savings bank account of SHGs and no deposits should be insisted upon while sanctioning loans.



Further, for loans to SHGs above Rs10 lakh and up to Rs20 lakh, no collateral should be charged and no lien should be marked against the savings bank account of SHGs. However, the entire loan (irrespective of the loan outstanding, even if it subsequently goes below Rs10 lakh) would be eligible for coverage under Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU).

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))





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