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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 29

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

1. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as 'An Invitation to Die: A Colonel Acharya Mystery'?

- A. Tanushree Podder                      B. Deepa Sannidhi                      C. Parno Mitra  
D. Payel Sarkar                              E. None of these

2. The book titled as 'Battlefield' is authored by Vishram Bedekar. This book is translated by which person?

- A. Shanta Gokhale                      B. Jerry Pinto                              C. Naresh Fernandes  
D. Rachel Dwyer                              E. None of these

3. Who among the following has won the 26th Ciutat de Barcelona Chess Open, 2021?

- A. S P Sethuraman                      B. Adhiban Baskaran                      C. Surya Shekhar Ganguly  
D. Krishnan Sasikiran                      E. None of these

4. Who among the following has recently launched e-Shram Portal for Registration of Unorganised Workers in India?

- A. Mansukh L. Mandaviya                      B. Ashwini Vaishnaw                      C. Parshottam Rupala  
D. Bhupender Yadav                              E. None of these

5. Who among the following took charge as the chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board?

- A. Mansukh L. Mandaviya                      B. Ashwini Vaishnaw                      C. Parshottam Rupala  
D. Rameswar Teli                                      E. None of these

6. Which of the following small finance banks has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with HCBL Co-operative Bank and Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank under the bank sponsorship programme of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. AU Small Finance Bank  
B. Jana Small Finance Bank

- C. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- D. Equitas Small Finance Bank
- E. None of these

**7. Which company has bagged a \$530-million contract for the Male to Thilafushi link project, popularly known as the Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP)?**

- A. Shapoorji Pallonji Group
- B. Hindustan Construction Company
- C. Larsen & Toubro
- D. Afcons Infrastructure
- E. None of these

**8. Who among the following has addressed the first ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment?**

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Parakala Vangmayi
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Mamata Banerjee
- E. None of these

**9. As per the report of WEF-Kearney, India has the potential to contribute \$500 billion in annual economic impact to the global economy by which year?**

- A. 2028
- B. 2024
- C. 2032
- D. 2030
- E. None of these

**10. Which country has been elected to Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council at 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan?**

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

**11. India has signed an agreement with which country to send visiting professors in the field of social sciences at the New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD)?**

- A. Oman
- B. USA
- C. UAE
- D. United Kingdom
- E. None of these

**12. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recently organized SVEEP Consultation Workshop. What does "SVEEP" stand for?**

- A. Supervision Voters' Education and Electoral Participation
- B. Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation
- C. Signatory Voters' Education and Electoral Participation
- D. Self Voters' Education and Electoral Participation
- E. None of these

**13. Which government agency in collaboration with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched a unique national Hackathon named 'MANTHAN 2021'?**

- A. Bureau of Police Research and Development
- B. National Crime Records Bureau
- C. Central Reserve Police Force
- D. Central Bureau of Investigation
- E. None of these

**14. Which four country are going to hold military exercise "Shared Destiny-2021"?**

- A. China, Pakistan, Thailand, Mongolia
- B. China, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam
- C. Bhutan, Pakistan, Thailand, Mongolia
- D. China, Pakistan, Malaysia, Mongolia
- E. None of these

**15. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has recently chaired which edition of Meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Agriculture Ministers?**

- A. 12<sup>th</sup>
- B. 13<sup>th</sup>
- C. 11<sup>th</sup>
- D. 14<sup>th</sup>
- E. None of these

**16. Which states has announced a welfare package of Rs 317 crore, which includes rebuilding houses, for Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in the state?**

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

**17. Which state government has moved to the Supreme Court seeking to restrain Karnataka from proceeding with any activity regarding the proposed construction of a reservoir at Mekedatu across the Inter-State Cauvery River?**

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

**18. Which company has bagged Indian Navy's contract worth Rs 1,349.95 crore for manufacturing of Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS) for warships?**

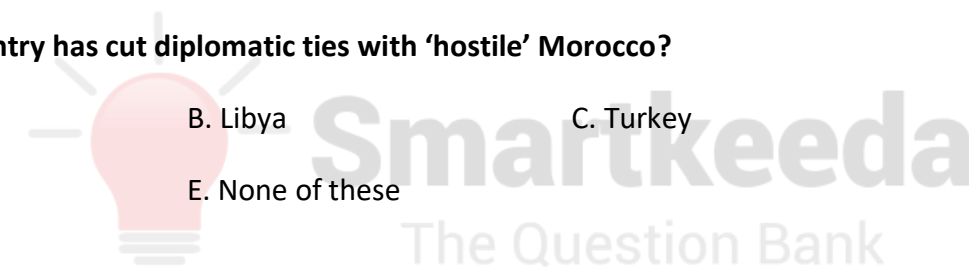
- A. Mahindra Defence Systems Limited  
B. Lockheed Martin India Private Limited  
C. Tata Advanced Systems Limited  
D. BrahMos Aerospace Limited  
E. None of these

**19. Which country has cut diplomatic ties with 'hostile' Morocco?**

- A. Tunisia                                      B. Libya                                      C. Turkey  
D. Algeria                                      E. None of these

**20. 'Mission Vatsalya' was recently launched for women who lost their husbands due to COVID-19 in which state?**

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



**Correct answer:**

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

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** HarperCollins

**What:** presents 'An Invitation to Die: A Colonel Acharya Mystery' by Tanushree Podder

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

HarperCollins is proud to announce the publication of Tanushree Podder's upcoming book 'An Invitation to Die: A Colonel Acharya Mystery', releasing on 25th August 2021.

It begins with a simple mystery - elderly widow Violet William's van goes missing after her granddaughter Pia forgets to lock the door when using it to cater for a wedding reception. But this is Ramsar, and soon, a simple case turns sinister when ASP Timothy Thapa finally finds the missing van, and promptly discovers a dead body inside it. Enter Colonel Acharya, Ramsar's resident amateur sleuth, with his merry band of bridge-playing Watsons. As the detective begins his investigation, he finds that things are not what they seem, and with few clues, several suspects, and no leads to go on, Colonel Acharya might be facing his most challenging case yet.

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

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Book Titled 'Battlefield'

**What:** Authored by Vishram Bedekar, Translated by Jerry Pinto

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021

A ship leaves Genoa harbour. Suave men woo women over drinks and cigarettes at the bar, others play bridge, and there is entertainment interspersed with sightseeing at ports along the way. This could be a scene from a Hollywood classic or even a luxury cruise liner. Except, it is the beginning of the thought-provoking journey that is Vishram Bedekar's novel, Battlefield, translated from the Marathi original Ranaangan by Jerry Pinto.

A love story set against the backdrop of the Nazis' rise to power and impending war, Battlefield has the romance of Casablanca and, in parts, the flavour of Austrian writer Thomas Bernhard's novels, but what strikes one the most is its contemporaneity. Published in 1939, the novel is startlingly progressive for its time and prophetic about the concerns it raises — which were as relevant then as they are now.

When Mumbai resident Chakradhar Widhwans meets Herta, a German Jew, aboard the ship that will take him home after a long stay in England, he is still hurting from a failed relationship. Like the other Jews aboard, Herta and her mother are seeking asylum in an alien country. The couple's lives intersect briefly amid the good life on the ship — a “floating capsule of time and space” — that offers them temporary respite in a bubble away from the world of colonialism and anti-Semitism.

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

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India's GM Sethuraman

**What:** wins 26th Ciutat de Barcelona Chess Open, 2021

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Indian Grandmaster SP Sethuraman won the Barcelona Open chess tournament title while compatriot Karthikeyan Murali finished third.

Sethuraman (Elo 2644) collected 7.5 points from nine rounds to emerge winner on the basis of a better tie-break score after Daniil Yuffa of Russia also finished level with the Indian player.

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

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bhupender Yadav

**What:** launches e-Shram Portal for Registration of Unorganised Workers in India

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Thursday launched e-Shram portal – National Database on Unorganized Workers in New Delhi. The portal will maintain a database of workers in the country's unorganised sector and facilitate better implementation of various Social Security Schemes for their welfare.

In his address, Mr Yadav said, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the portal will ensure overall welfare of unorganised workers in the country. He said, it was also demanded in the Parliament. The Minister said, Government will have an aadhaar-based database of the unorganized workers across various sectors in the country. He said, this is a beginning towards achieving the goal of last-mile delivery. Mr Yadav said, the registration process has been kept simple.

Minister of State for Labour and Employment Rameswar Teli said, Labour Ministry has approved a budget of approximately 404 crore rupees for the registration of the Unorganised Workers on the E-Shram portal. He said, None of the Unorganized Workers will have to spend any money for the registration on the portal. Mr Teli said, after registering on the e-SHRAM portal, unorganized workers will need not to register separately for Govt's Social Security Schemes. He said, e-SHRAM card containing a 12-digit UAN will be valid throughout the country.

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

## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Mandaviya

**What:** assumes charge as chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya took charge as the chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board on Thursday.

The minister will hold the responsibility until 2024, according to a Health Ministry statement.

He will lead the efforts of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, partners and the TB community at large towards reaching the UN TB targets by 2022, a milestone moment in the effort to end TB by 2030, the statement said.

"I am honoured to take the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Board and thus secure continuation of the commitment to global efforts to end this devastating disease worldwide by 2030. I look forward to working with the Stop TB Partnership Board and Secretariat in leading the efforts to end TB," the statement quoted Mandaviya as having said.

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

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Jana Small Finance Bank

**What:** becomes a banker to Co-operative banks

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Partners with HCBL Co-operative Bank and Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank to offer digital infrastructure and payment services

Bangalore, 26 August, 2021 – Jana Small Finance Bank, a Bengaluru-based small finance bank, signed an MOU with HCBL Co-operative Bank, Lucknow and Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank, Mysore to provide digital infrastructure and payments services to the respective banks under the bank sponsorship programme of RBI. This alliance will help customers of the co-operative banks enjoy digital transactions powered by Jana SFB.

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

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Afcons

**What:** bags \$530-mn Greater Male Connectivity Project in Maldives

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021



Afcons Infrastructure Ltd., a Shapoorji Pallonji Group firm, said it had bagged a \$530-million contract for the Male to Thilafushi link project, popularly known as the Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP). This will be the largest-ever infrastructure project in the Republic of Maldives and would be funded by the Exim Bank of India under the Indian grant and Line of Credit (LoC) scheme.

The project, which includes a 6.7-km-long bridge and causeway network connecting Male, Villingili, Gulhifalhu and Thilafushi Islands, would be completed in 32 months. The bridge would connect the islands of Hulhumale, Hulhule and Male with the proposed Gulhifalhu Port and the Thilafushi Industrial Zone.

The new bridge includes three navigation bridges of 140 metres across very deep channels between the four islands, 1.41 km of marine viaduct in deep water, 2.32-km marine viaduct in shallow water and land, and 2.96 km of at-grade roads.

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

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Union WCD Minister Smt. Smriti Irani

**What:** Addresses The First Ever G20 Ministerial Conference On Women's Empowerment

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Union Minister of Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Irani addressed the First ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment which was held at Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy in a hybrid format yesterday. The Union Minister reaffirmed India's commitment towards addressing gender and women centric issues through mutual cooperation. The Minister highlighted the various initiatives undertaken in India by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led government towards fostering gender equality, ensuring better healthcare and strengthening women's safety & security.

Smt. Smriti Irani during her address also conveyed India's solidarity with the G20 for promoting gender equality and women's empowerment amongst partner countries and joined the Gender Equality Ministers of the G20 in committing to promote gender equality and empowerment of women through cooperation and coordination at all relevant fora.

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

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India could

**What:** contribute \$500 bn to global economy by 2030: WEF-Kearney

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

India has the potential to contribute \$500 billion in annual economic impact to the global economy by 2030. A white paper titled 'Shifting Global Value Chains: The India Opportunity' by Kearney published

in partnership with the World Economic Forum said that there has been a colossal shift within the manufacturing and supply chain across sectors paving the way for India to become a potential manufacturing hub.

“India has three key assets to capitalise on this unique opportunity: the significant domestic demand potential, the Indian Government’s drive to encourage manufacturing, and a distinct demographic edge with a large working age population,” stated the report. These will position India for a larger role in the global value chains.

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

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** elected to Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council at 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

India has been elected to the Council of Administration(CA) at 27th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in Abidjan. India with 134 votes got highest votes in CA elections from South Asia and Oceania region. India was also elected with 106 votes out of 156 countries to the Postal Operations Council (POC) at the 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has said India’s election to the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council of Universal Postal Union yesterday is noteworthy. In a tweet, the Minister congratulated External Affairs Ministry team and said they will work with all to strengthen cooperation in the Universal Postal Union.

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

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India, UAE

**What:** Signs Agreement to Send Visiting Professors at NYUAD

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Aiming at deepening the academic and cultural ties between India and the UAE, an agreement was signed under which faculty members from Indian universities will spend six to 10 months every year for undertaking research and teaching social sciences in Abu Dhabi. The agreement between Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and New York University Abu Dhabi to establish a Visiting Professorship in Social Science at NYUAD was signed here on Thursday.

While ICCR is a state-run institution to foster cultural relations and strengthen mutual understanding between India and other countries, NYUAD is a portal campus of New York University serving as a

private liberal arts college in Abu Dhabi. Through the partnership, NYUAD and ICCR will collaboratively appoint faculty members from Indian universities to the ICCR Visiting Professorship. The visiting faculty member will spend between six to 10 months undertaking research and teaching in the Division of Social Sciences at NYUAD, according to a joint press release issued by the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the NYUAD.

“The agreement aims to promote broader engagement with India, a country that is strategically significant to the UAE. Indians represent the largest expatriate population in the UAE and India is one of the UAE’s largest trade partners,” it said. India’s Ambassador to the UAE, Pavan Kapoor, who signed the agreement on behalf of the ICCR, said it is the first such one signed between the ICCR and a Foreign University in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

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

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Election Commission

**What:** organizes SVEEP Consultation Workshop

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Election Commission’s two-day Systematic Voters’ Education and Electoral Participation SVEEP Consultation Workshop ended today. The agenda of the workshop was to review State SVEEP Plans and conduct extensive deliberations on the smart aspects of SVEEP for a comprehensive strategy for the forthcoming elections.

Addressing the participants, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra observed that each voter interacts with the election machinery at two critical stages namely during enrollment and poll day and the two experiences must be very pleasant ones. He stressed that the field teams should ensure that the enrolment process is seamless and polling experience remains hassle-free for the voters. He added that it is imperative that we evaluate our strategy and current interventions at regular intervals, identify critical gaps and address the challenges to devise deliverable action points. He emphasised that implementation of the strategy at the ground level is important. Mr Chandra stressed on the need for a 360-degree SVEEP – Communication Strategy to ensure that voters have access to all election-related information and our SVEEP strategy must be voter-centric and booth centric.

Shri Sushil Chandra along with Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar unveiled a new initiative to reach out to new voters through a personalized letter from the Commission when sending out their Voter ID Cards. The package would include a Voter Guide for new voters along with a congratulatory letter and a pledge for ethical voting.

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

### 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** MoE's Innovation Cell, AICTE and BPR&D

**What:** launched MANTHAN- 2021 hackathon

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Shri Neeraj Sinha, Additional Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) jointly launched MANTHAN-2021 here today. Manthan- 2021 is organized by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in coordination with the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education and AICTE.

During the launch program Sh. Neeraj Sinha said that for MANTHAN 2021, BPR&D has released 20 challenge statements which offer unique opportunity to all our youngsters to think out-of-the-box and develop innovative concepts for solving some of the daunting problems faced by our security agencies. If we like some ideas, then we will work very closely with those teams and support their implementation, he added.

Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe said that from last 5 years, we have organised many national and international Hackathons by collaborating with different agencies as we are keen on offering real life challenges or problems for students to work. We want them to solve problems which are critical for our country and from that perspective we believe that this MANTHAN Hackathon is very crucial as it has direct application in strengthening our national security, he added. He hoped that a large number of youngsters will participate in this initiative and will help BPR&D to identify best of the minds and ideas from our country.'

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

### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** China, Pakistan, Thailand, Mongolia

**What:** to hold military exercise "Shared Destiny-2021"

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The militaries of China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand will take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise to be organised by the People's Liberation Army in the country's central Henan province next month, a senior official said here on Thursday.

The four countries will take part in the first multinational peacekeeping live exercise "Shared Destiny-2021" at the combined-arms tactical training base of the PLA in Henan's Queshan county from September 6 to 15, spokesperson for China's Ministry of National Defence Senior Colonel Tan Kefei told an online media briefing.

All the four countries will dispatch more than 1,000 troops to participate in the drills, involving units of infantry, fast response, security, helicopter, engineering, transportation and medical services, Tan said.

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

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

**What:** chairs 11th meeting of Agriculture Ministers of BRICS countries

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar today chaired the 11th Meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Agriculture Ministers. The Ministers of Agriculture from Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa deliberated virtually on the theme "BRICS Partnership for Strengthening Agro Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition Security". BRICS brings together the major emerging economies of the world, hosting 41% of the world population, contributing 24% of the world GDP and over 16% share in world trade.

In his opening remarks, Shri Tomar said that the BRICS countries are well-positioned to take a leading role in helping to achieve the objectives of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals to eradicate hunger and poverty. By increasing agricultural production and increasing the income of farmers, the problem of income inequality and food price volatility can be overcome.

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

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CM Stalin

**What:** announces Rs 317 crore package for Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in TN

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Friday, August 27, announced a welfare package of Rs 317 crore, which includes rebuilding houses, for Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in the state. A committee would be set up soon for their welfare, which shall, among other things, work towards long term solutions on matters like citizenship and making arrangements for those returning to Sri Lanka, he said.

Making a statement in the Assembly, the Chief Minister said Rs 261.54 crore would be allocated for improving infrastructure including reconstruction of houses for those living in camps, Rs 12.25 crore towards ensuring education and job opportunities and Rs 43.61 crore for raising their living standards. Till date, 3,04,269 Lankan Tamils have arrived in Tamil Nadu since 1983. Of them, 58,822 people belonging to 18,944 families are housed in 108 camps spread across 29 districts and 34,087 people are living elsewhere after due registration, he said.

Assuring a dignified living for Tamil refugees, Stalin said 7,469 dilapidated tenements in camps would be rebuilt at a cost of Rs 231.54 crore and Rs 108.81 crore would be earmarked in the current fiscal year for construction of 3,510 new houses in the first phase. For improving basic amenities like drinking water, Rs 30 crore will be allotted and every year Rs 5 crore shall be set apart for developing such facilities. On the education front, CM Stalin said the government would bear the tuition and

hostel fees of 55 students, who are children of refugees. Fifty students in engineering and five others in agriculture and agriculture-engineering streams would get the assistance based on marks secured.

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

### 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Tamil Nadu

**What:** moves SC to restrain Karnataka from proceeding with Mekedatu reservoir

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Tamil Nadu government has moved the Supreme Court seeking to restrain Karnataka from proceeding with any activity regarding the proposed construction of a reservoir at Mekedatu across the Inter-State Cauvery river.

The Tamil Nadu government in its plea stated that the planning of the Mekedatu project by Karnataka with a capacity of 67.16 TMC ft. and generation of 400 MW power at a cost of about Rs. 9000 crores is in gross violation of the decision of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.

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

### 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Mahindra Defence Systems

**What:** bags ₹1,349.95 cr contract to manufacture integrated anti-submarine warfare defence suite

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd on Friday said its group firm, Mahindra Defence Systems Limited (MDS) had bagged a contract worth ₹1,349.95 crore for manufacturing of Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS) for modern warships of Indian Navy.

MDS won the bid which was through an open tender put out by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) with the systems fielded put through exhaustive and detailed trials at sea to prove their capability, Mahindra and Mahindra said in a statement.

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

### 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Algeria

**What:** cuts diplomatic ties with Morocco over 'hostile actions'

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021



Algeria is cutting diplomatic relations with Morocco, Foreign Minister Ramdane Lamamra said, accusing its neighbour of “hostile actions”.

Morocco and Algeria have had strained relations for decades, mainly over the issue of Western Sahara.

“Algeria has decided to cut diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Morocco from today,” Lamamra said at a news conference on Tuesday.

“The Moroccan kingdom has never stopped its hostile actions against Algeria,” he said.

The cutting of diplomatic relations is effective from Tuesday but consulates in each country will remain open, Lamamra said.

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

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Maharashtra

**What:** launched ‘Mission Vatsalya’ for women who lost their husbands due to COVID-19

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Maharashtra government on Wednesday launched a special mission for women from poor families who have lost their husbands to Covid-19 infection. The special mission aims to provide a bunch of services under one roof. “The new programme- ‘Mission Vatsalya’- has been designed for widows, especially from rural areas who come from poor backgrounds and deprived sections. Due to the death of the sole breadwinner in their families, their hardship is increased. Considering these all aspects, a bunch of 18 benefits, schemes, and services will be provided to these widows under one roof,” Women and Child Development (WCD) Minister Yashomati Thakur said on Wednesday.

The minister said that in the last 18 months, 15,095 women lost their husbands due to a coronavirus infection. “Of them, the number of women who have been listed by the District Task Force is 14,661. Efforts are being made by the WCD Department to provide 18 different services to help such women including making various certificates available. This includes several schemes like the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, Gharkul Yojana for these women,” Thakur said.

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



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