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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 3

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

**1.** Which of the following states has recently signed an MoU with Invest India of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to boost trade and industries in the state?

- A. Manipur B. Assam C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these

## 2. Which space agency has launched 'Eutelsat Quantum', World's 1st Commercial Re-Programmable Satellite into Space?

- A. UK Space Agency B. European Space Agency C. Italian Space Agency
- D. German Space Agency E. None of these

# 3. Ordnance factory in which state has launched high-tech carbine 'TriCa'? A. Kerala B. Jammu and Kashmir C. West Bengal D. Tamil Nadu E. None of these

## 4. OMERS Infrastructure has recently acquired a 19.4% stake in which company for \$219 million from International Finance Corporation (IFC) and IFC GIF Investment Company?

- A. Azure Power B. ReNew Power C. Tata Power Solar
- D. Ascent Solar E. None of these

## 5. Which agency has signed a Record of Discussions with the Indian government to further strengthen its a technical cooperation project with Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad?

- A. Japan International Cooperation Agency
- B. Japan External Trade Organization
- C. Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- D. Japan Foundation Limited
- E. None of these



6. Who among the followi Innovation through Data Exc		e Biotech-PRIDE (Promotion of Research and
A. Manoj Sinha	B. Devendra Singh Rana	C. Jitendra Singh
D. Ravinder Raina	E. None of these	
7. World Breastfeeding Wee	k 2021 is being observed fror	n
A. August 2 to August 8	B. August 1 to August 7	C. August 3 to August 9
D. July 31 to August 6	E. None of these	
	g has inaugurated Whole Gen oratory on occasion of 112th	ome Sequencing National Reference Laboratory Annual Day of NCDC?
A. Mansukh Mandaviya	B. Dharmendra Pradhan	C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
D. Anurag Thakur	E. None of these	
9. Which country has comm	emorated 200th anniversary	of its independence on July 28?
A. Bolivia	B. Mexico	C. Chile
D. Peru	E. None of these The Q	
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D. Yahya Sinwar	E. None of these	
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D. Min Aung Hlaing	E. None of these	
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A. Russia	B. Canada	C. United Kingdom
D. USA	E. None of these	

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#### 13. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched which digital payment platform?

- A. e-RUPI B. e-PESA C. e-RUPIYA
- D. e-MONEY E. None of these

## 14. Who among the following took charge as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) under the Department of Expenditure?

- A. Rohit Das Mishra B. Mukesh Chandra C. Deepak Das
- D. Neelesh Bhagel E. None of these

#### 15. Who among the following has taken charge as the new Vice Chief of the Navy?

- A. Karambir Singh B. R. B. Pandit C. Satish Namdeo Ghormade
- D. G. Ashok Kumar E. None of these

16. Who among the following has been honoured with the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021?

- A. Gautam Adani B. Dilip Shanghvi C. Cyrus S. Poonawalla
- D. Radhakishan Damani E. None of these De Ouestion Bank

#### 17. Who among the following has won the Will Eisner Comic Industry Award?

- A. Radhakishan Damani B. Anand Radhakrishnan C. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- D. Gopikishan Shivkishan E. None of these

18. Joint mission of ISRO-NASA "NISAR Satellite" is going to be launched in \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 2024 B. 2023 C. 2025
- D. 2026 E. None of these

#### 19. Clarisse Agbégnénou won second Olympic gold in Women's Judo, is from which country?

- A. Germany B. France C. Canada
- D. Russia E. None of these

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#### 20. Who among the following led Indian delegation at G20 Culture Ministers' Meeting?

C. Annpurna Devi

A. Anupriya Patel

D. Mahua Moitra

E. None of these

B. Meenakshi Lekhi





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#### Correct answer:

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#### **Explanation:**

#### 1. Hints to Remember

Who: Meghalaya

What: signs MoU with Invest India to boost trade

When: published on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Meghalaya State Investment Promotion Society (MSIP) on Friday signed an MoU with Invest India of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to boost trade and industries in the state.

The objective of the MoU is to leverage investment opportunities in key development sectors to boost trade and industries in the state, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said after the agreement was inked in New Delhi.

"The targets will be focussed on both short term and long term plans. This will enhance the entrepreneurial system in the state while also focussing on promoting one product-one district programme," the chief minister said.

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

#### 2. Hints to Remember

Who: World's first commercial re-programmable satellite

What: blasts into space

When: published on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The European Space Agency on July 30 launched the world's first commercial fully re-programmable satellite. Named Eutelsat Quantum, the world's first commercial fully re-programmable satellite lifted off from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.

In an official press release, the space agency wrote, "Eutelsat Quantum, developed under an ESA partnership project with satellite operator Eutelsat and prime manufacturer Airbus, is the first commercial fully flexible software-defined satellite in the world".

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

Who: Ordnance factory in Tamil Nadu

What: launches high-tech carbine 'TriCa'

When: published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

A high-tech, low sound carbine named 'TriCa' with a range more effective than a typical sub-machine gun and small enough to be packed in the jacket of security personnel was unveiled at the Ordnance Factory in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, on Thursday.

The lighter and compact weapon, the 7.62X39 mm carbine TriCa is designed for the infantry combat vehicle, helicopter crew and security personnel for operations that call for a compact and relatively powerful individual automatic weapon.

The weapon is also for paratroopers, police and security personnel guarding highly secure facilities such as airports, and for use by the Special Operation Forces, a defence press release here said.

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

#### 4. Hints to Remember

Who: OMERS Infrastructure

What: to Acquire 19.4% Stake in Azure Power for \$219 Million

When: published on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

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OMERS Infrastructure announced that it has signed a stock purchase agreement to acquire a 19.4% stake in Indian independent power (solar) producer Azure Power Global for \$219 million from International Finance Corporation (IFC) and IFC GIF Investment Company.

Azure Power, an India-based renewable energy company, has a 2 GW of operational renewable capacity, and 5 GW of renewable capacity is in the pipeline or awarded, the company said in a press statement.

The transaction is expected to be completed by August 2021. Ambit Private Limited acted as a financial advisor of OMERS Infrastructure.

According to OMERS Infrastructure, the company has over 2 GW of operational renewable energy capacity across the globe, including Leeward Renewable Energy, a renewable energy company that owns and operates 22 renewable energy facilities across nine states in the United States.

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

Who: JICA

What: to strengthen its tech cooperation with IITH, to set up Japan desk

When: published on 29th July 2021

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a Record of Discussions with the Indian government to further strengthen its a technical cooperation project with Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH).

The cooperation is for "the Project for Future Researchers at IITH to Enhance Network Development with Scholarship of Japan (FRIENDSHIP) Phase 2."

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

#### 6. Hints to Remember

#### Who: Govt

What: releases guidelines to provide framework for sharing of biological data

When: published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh on Friday released a set of guidelines to provide a well-defined framework and guiding principle to facilitate sharing of biological information and data generated by research groups in the country.

"The Biotech-PRIDE (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange) Guidelines will facilitate this and enable exchange of information to promote research and innovation in different research groups across the country, a statement said.

Singh also launched the website of the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC).

The guidelines are aimed at providing a well-defined framework and guiding principle to facilitate and enable sharing and exchange of biological knowledge, information and data and is specifically applicable to high-throughput, high-volume data generated by research groups across the country, the statement said.

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

#### 7. Hints to Remember

Who: World Breastfeeding Week 2021

What: is being observed from August 1 to August 7



World Breastfeeding Week is an annual celebration held every year from August 1 to 7 in over 120 countries. World Health Organisation states breastfeeding as one of the most effective ways to ensure child health and survival. This year, the theme for breastfeeding week is 'Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility.'

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world. The history of this week-long commemoration dates back to the 1990s when the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) created the Innocenti Declaration to promote and support breastfeeding. Later in 1991, to execute UNICEF and WHO's goals, an association was formed called the World Association of Breastfeeding Action. In 1992, a whole week was dedicated to promote this campaign.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

#### 8. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Health Minister

**What:** digitally inaugurates Whole Genome Sequencing National Reference Laboratory for AMR and New BSL 3 Laboratory on occasion of 112th Annual Day of NCDC

#### When: published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the 112th Annual Day celebrations of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) along with Dr. Bharati Pawar, MoS (HFW), here today. At the event, the Union Health Minister virtually inaugurated the Whole Genome Sequencing National Reference Laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and BSL 3 Laboratory along with a PG hostel and Guest House. The L3 laboratory complex has five floors and houses 22 Biosafety level (BSL) II laboratories.

Congratulating NCDC for its contributions, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said that India has performed better than many other countries in fighting the COVID pandemic. He said that new dimensions have been added today in the legacy of 112 years of achievements of NCDC. He encouraged NCDC to strive for further innovations so that not only India but the whole world can benefit from its work. The Union Health Minister also underlined that scientists, doctors, officers and staff of NCDC should collectively chart out goals they want to achieve in the coming years.

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

#### 9. Hints to Remember

Who: Peru

What: to commemorate 200th anniversary of its independence

When: published on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021



On July 28, Peru will commemorate 200 years of independence from erstwhile Spanish Empire. This is a momentous occasion in the country's history and Carlos Rafael Polo, Ambassador of Peru to India takes this opportunity to extend his heartfelt and warm greetings to the Government, and the people of this cosmopolitan city of Mumbai; as well as to his fellow Peruvians living in this beautiful city.

Peru and India are two nations with a glorious past, and a forward-looking future, which continue to share cordial and ever-closer ties with each other. The two countries enjoy excellent people-to-people relations, trade ties that have soared in the past decade, and an active diplomatic connection, both bilaterally and multilaterally.

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

#### 10. Hints to Remember

Who: Ismail Haniyeh

What: re-elected as leader of Palestinian Islamist group Hamas which rules the Gaza Strip

When: published on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Ismail Haniyeh has been re-elected as leader of the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, officials said on Sunday, cementing his control of the organization which rules the Gaza Strip and has fought multiple violent conflicts with Israel.

Haniyeh, Hamas chief since 2017, has controlled the group's political activities in Gaza, the Israelioccupied West Bank and the diaspora largely from outside Gaza, splitting his time between Turkey and Qatar for the past two years.

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

#### 11. Hints to Remember

Who: Min Aung Hlaing

What: is the Prime Minister of Myanmar

When: published on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Myanmar's military ruler has promised multi-party elections and the lifting of the state of emergency by August 2023, extending an initial timeline given when he deposed civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government earlier this year.

The general's announcement in a televised address on Sunday, six months after the February 1 coup, would place Myanmar under military control for nearly two and a half years – instead of the initial one-year timeline the army announced days after its power grab.

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



Who: U.S. administration

What: imposes sanctions on Cuba's police force, two of its leaders

When: published on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

US administration has imposed sanctions on Cuba's police force and two of its leaders following recent protests on the island against the communist government. US President Joe Biden said at a meeting on Friday with Cuban American leaders that more sanctions would be coming unless there is some drastic change in Cuba.

Earlier Friday, the Treasury Department announced the latest sanctions on Cuba, saying they were a reaction to actions to suppress peaceful, pro-democratic protests in Cuba that began on July 11.

Thousands of Cubans took to the streets in the largest demonstrations against the Cuban government in decades. The demonstrators were protesting shortages of basic goods, power outages, restrictions on civil liberties and the government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

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

#### 13. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: launches e-RUPI digital payment platform

When: published on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched e-RUPI, an electronic voucher-based digital payment system. e-RUPI is a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment. It gets delivered to the mobile phones of beneficiaries through a QR code or SMS string.

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The users of this new one-time payment mechanism will be able to redeem the voucher without a card, digital payments app or internet banking access, at the service provider.

The platform has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on its unified payments interface (UPI) platform, in collaboration with the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the National Health Authority.

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

#### 14. Hints to Remember

Who: Deepak Das

What: takes charge as Controller General of Accounts



When: published on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Civil Accounts Service officer Deepak Das on Sunday took charge as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) under the Department of Expenditure, the Finance Ministry said.

A 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer, Das has held important positions at different levels in ministries such as science & technology, environment and forest, and Departments for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

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

#### 15. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice Admiral SN Ghormade

What: Takes Charge As New Vice Chief Of Navy

When: published on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, a navigation and direction specialist, on Saturday assumed charge as the new Vice Chief of the Navy.

Admiral Ghormade has had extensive operational tenures onboard frontline warships of the Navy that included commanding guided missile frigate INS Brahmaputra, submarine rescue vessel INS Nireekshak and minesweeper INS Alleppey.

He succeeded Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar who retired after 39 years of service.

The Flag Officer was holding the tri-service appointment of deputy chief (operations and training) at the headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff prior to taking over as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.

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

#### 16. Hints to Remember

Who: SII chairman Cyrus Poonawalla

What: named recipient of Lokmanya Tilak National Award

When: published on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman of the city-based vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII), will be honoured with the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021.

Deepak Tilak, president of the Lokmanya Tilak Trust, has made the announcement.

"Poonawalla will be felicitated for his work during the COVID-19 pandemic, wherein he helped in saving many lives by manufacturing Covishield vaccine. Under his leadership, crores of doses of



Covishield vaccine were made available to the world in record time. Poonawalla has been at the forefront of making different vaccines at affordable prices," Tilak said on Friday.

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

#### 17. Hints to Remember

Who: Mumbai-based Illustrator Anand Radhakrishnan

What: Wins Prestigious Eisner Award

When: published on 29th July 2021

Mumbai-based visual artist and illustrator Anand Radhakrishnan won the Will Eisner Comic Industry Award last week. The Indian artist won the Best Painter/Multimedia Artist (interior art) award for his work in UK-based author Ram V's graphic novel Blue In Green. Radhakrishnan shared the award with another UK-based colourist John Pearson.

Speaking to the Indian Express, Radhakrishnan said that receiving the award feels "really nice." Talking about his work, the 32-year-old artist said that he got done with the book around this time last year and he tends to disengage from his projects as soon as they are done. The only time Radhakrishnan revisits them is a few years later to self-critique. But the artist said that it feels nice to be validated by such a big organisation.

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

#### 18. Hints to Remember

Who: Joint mission of ISRO-NASA "NISAR Satellite"

What: to be launched in 2023

When: published on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

The ISRO-NASA joint mission NISER (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite, aimed at making global measurement of land surface changes using advanced radar imaging, is proposed to be launched in early 2023, Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh said on Friday.

In a written response to a question in the Lok Sabha, he said NISAR is a joint Earth-Observation mission between ISRO and US space agency NASA for global observations over all land masses including the Polar cryosphere and the Indian Ocean region.

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

Who: Clarisse Agbégnénou

What: wins second Olympic gold in Women's Judo

When: published on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

French judoka Clarisse Agbégnénou won the gold medal in the women's -63 kg category on Tuesday, beating Slovenian Tina Trstenjak in the final.

Italian Maria Centracchio and Canadian Catherine Beauchemin-Pinard received bronze medals.

Romain Cannone won France's first gold at the Games on July 25, beating Hungary's Gergely Siklosi 15-10 in the men's épée final.

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

#### 20. Hints to Remember

Who: MoS for Culture Meenakashi Lekhi

What: leads Indian delegation at G20 Culture Ministers' Meeting

When: published on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Meenakashi Lekhi, the Minister of State for Culture of India participated in the G20 Culture Ministers' Meeting on 30 July, 2021 on behalf of the Government of India.

The two-day meeting was hosted by Italy on July 29 and 30 July 2021, during their ongoing Presidency of G20 in 2021.

The main topic of discussion were: Protection of Cultural Heritage; Addressing the Climate Crisis through Culture; Building Capacity through Training and Education; Digital Transition and New Technologies for Culture; and Culture and Creative Sectors as drivers for growth.

At the end of the discussions, the G20 Ministers of Culture adopted the G20 Culture Working Group Terms of Reference.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.





