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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

## December GA Quiz 9

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

## 1. Who among the following was crowned the 2020 Male World Athletes of the Year?

- A. Renaud Lavillenie B. Armand Duplantis C. Sam Kendricks
- D. Sergey Bubka E. None of these

## 2. Who among the following was crowned the 2020 Female World Athletes of the Year?

- A. Yulimar Rojas B. Caterine Ibargüen C. Deyna Castellanos
- D. Ana Peleteiro E. None of these

## 3. Which of the following banks has recently launched "iMobile Pay" App?

- A. HDFC BankB. Yes BankC. IDFC BankD. ICICI BankE. None of these
- 4. Which company has launched International REIT Fund of Funds, India's first diversified REIT Mutual Fund?

A. SBI Mutual Fund	B. Kotak Mutual Fund	C. ICICI Mutual Fund
D. DSP Mutual Fund	E. None of these	

5. In a decision that could influence the global use of medicinal marijuana, which organizations has voted to remove cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, decades after they were first placed on the list?

- A. United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- B. United Nations Security Council
- C. United Nations Trusteeship Council
- D. United Nations Development Programme
- E. None of these

6. India's iconic Western Ghats, inscribed by UNESCO in 2012 as a natural world heritage site, is threatened by population pressure, urbanisation and climate change. The report was released by which organization?

- A. International Union for Conservation of Nature
- B. World Wide Fund for Nature
- C. United Nations Environment Programme
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- E. None of these

7. The government has ma	de it mandatory to mention	8-digit HSN or tariff code for how many chemical
based products while issuin	g Goods and Services Tax (G	ST) invoice?
A. 50	B. 43	C. 49
D. 51	E. None of these	
8. Dandupur railway station located in which state?	on is going to be renamed a	s Maa Barahi Devi Dham. The railway station is
A. Madhya Pradesh	B. Kerala	C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Jharkhand	E. None of these	
9. Who among the followir Summit on the inaugural da		e World's largest virtual Summit- IIT-2020 Global
A. Narendra Modi	B. Amit Shah	C. Yogi Adityanath
D. Ram Nath Kovind	E. None of these	
10. The Govt of India ha	as recently launched QRMF	scheme for GST Payers with Turnover upto
• A. Rs 4 cr	B. Rs 5 cr	C. Rs 6 cr
D. Rs 7 cr	E. None of these	
11. Passage Exercise (PASSI	EX) between India and which	country was held recently?
A. USA	B. China	C. Japan
D. Russia	E. None of these	rtkeeda
12. Which organization has	recently decided to commis	sion 2, 000 MW Hydropower project on Subansiri
River by March 2022?		
A. NTPC Limited	B. NHPC Limited	C. Power Grid Corporation of India
D. NLC India Limited	E. None of these	
13. Ubs Principal Capital As	ia Ltd has recently sold more	than 20 lakh shares of which bank worth Rs 184
crore via open market trans	saction?	
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D. HDFC Bank	E. None of these	
14. Justice G. R. Udhwani o	f which high court died of CO	VID-19 at a private hospital?
A. Gujarat High Court	B. Kolkata High Court	C. MP High Court
D. Jharkhand High Court	E. None of these	
15. Which state governme	nt has recently signed a Me	morandum of Understanding (MoU) with Inland
Waterways Authority of Inc	dia (IWAI) to promote water	tourism in the state?
A. Jharkhand	B. Madhya Pradesh	C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Karnataka	E. None of these	



A. Bihar	B. West Bengal	C. Jharkhand
D. Chhattisgarh	E. None of these	
17. 36th SAARC Charte	r Day was observed on which	of the following dates?
A. December 9	B. December 7	C. December 8
D. December 6	E. None of these	
18. Name tennis playe	r who was the five-time Grand	d Slam doubles champion, passed away.
A. Dennis Ralston	B. Chuck McKinley	C. Rafael Osuna
D. Clark Graebner	E. None of these	
19. Who among the f	ollowing has become Roman	ia's interim prime minister after the resignation o
•	•	regults at the weekend's parliamentary elections?

Ludovic Orban over his National Liberal Party's poor results at the weekend's parliamentary elections?A. Nicolae CiucaB. Klaus IohannisC. Marcel Ciolacu

D. Victor Ponta E. None of these

20. Who among the following has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer of the newly launched The WHO Foundation, which works alongside the World Health Organization to address most pressing health challenges across the world?

A. Anil Soni D. Ravi Chhabra B. Gini Sharma E. None of these C. Sukhen Dashore E. None of these The Question Bank



#### **Correct answer:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
В	А	D	В	А	А	С	С	А	В	D	В	С	Α	С	В	D	А	А	А

#### **Explanation:**

#### 1. Hints to Remember

Who: Mondo Duplantis and Yulimar Rojas

What: Named '2020 World Athletes of the Year' at World Athletics Awards 2020

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis and Venezuelan triple jumper Yulimar Rojas are the 2020 Male and Female World Athletes of the Year.

They are their countries' first recipients of the prestigious athletics award announced during the virtual World Athletics Awards on Saturday (5 December).

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## 3. Hints to Remember



Who: ICICI Bank

What: Launched "iMobile Pay" App

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

ICICI Bank, on December 7, launched 'iMobile Pay' - a mobile banking app that provides payments and banking services to customers of any bank. 'iMobile Pay' app offers a unique combination of facilities of a payment app - such as enabling customers to pay to any UPI (Unified Payments Interface) ID or merchants, pay bills and do online recharges among others - with instant banking services namely savings account, investments, loans, credit cards, gift cards, travel cards and much more.

'iMobile Pay' users can also transfer money to any bank account, payment app and digital wallet.

Another prominent feature of 'iMobile Pay' is 'pay to contacts' which enables users to automatically see the UPI IDs of their phone book contacts, registered on the ICICI Bank UPI ID network, of any payment app and digital wallet. This unique functionality provides users a significant convenience of interoperability, as they no longer have to remember the UPI IDs and can easily transfer money across payment apps and digital wallets. (Read more)

## 4. Hints to Remember

Who: Kotak Mutual Fund

What: launches India's first international REIT fund of funds

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Kotak Mahindra AMC (Kotak Mutual Fund) launched Kotak International REIT Fund of Funds, India's first diversified REIT Mutual Fund. Kotak International REIT Fund of Funds is an open-ended mutual fund scheme that will invest in units of SMAM Asia REIT Sub Trust Fund. This mutual fund scheme will have a diversified investment portfolio comprising of listed REITs which will invest in real estate projects like residential, office, data centres, warehousing, retail and hospitality.

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The New Fund Offer (NFO) is open and will close on 21st December. Kotak International REIT Fund of Funds offers an opportunity for domestic investors to invest and benefit from growth in real estate market without actually owning the entire asset. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) own, operate, or finance income-generating real estate. (Read more)

## 5. Hints to Remember

Who: The implications as UN

What: removes cannabis from 'most dangerous drug' category

When: published on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020



In a decision that could influence the global use of medicinal marijuana, the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) on Wednesday voted to remove cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, decades after they were first placed on the list.

At its ongoing 63rd session, the 53-member CND has chosen to affirm a World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendation from 2019 to remove cannabis from its 'most dangerous' category, with 27 Member States voting in favour, 25 against, and one abstention.

India was part of the voting majority, along with the US and most European nations. China, Pakistan and Russia were among those who voted against, and Ukraine abstained. (Read more)

## 6. Hints to Remember

Who: Conservation outlook of Western Ghats grim

What: says IUCN report

When: published on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

India's iconic Western Ghats, inscribed by UNESCO in 2012 as a natural world heritage site, is threatened by population pressure, urbanisation and climate change, according to a new report by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The IUCN World Heritage Outlook 3, published last week, builds on previous reports from 2014 and 2017 to track whether the conservation of the worlds 252 natural world heritage sites is sufficient to protect them in the long term.

According to the 2020 report, the conservation outlook of the mountain chain of the Western Ghats, one of the worlds eight hottest hot spots of biological diversity, is of significant concern. (Read more)

## 7. Hints to Remember

## Who: Govt

What: makes it compulsory to mention 8-digit HSN Code in GST tax invoice for 49 chemical-based products

## When: published on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

The government has made it mandatory to mention 8-digit HSN or tariff code for 49 chemical based products while issuing Goods and Services Tax (GST) invoice, a move experts feel is aimed at curbing tax evasion. While notifying the HSN Code for these products, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said, "A registered person shall mention eight number of digits of HSN Codes in a tax invoice issued by him."

Currently, businesses mention up to 4-digit tariff code while issuing invoices.



In trade parlance, every product is categorised under an HSN (Harmonised System of Nomenclature) Code. It helps in systematic classification of goods across the globe. (Read more)

## 8. Hints to Remember

Who: UP's Dandupur railway station

What: to be renamed as Maa Barahi Devi Dham

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The Dandupur railway station situated between Pratapgarh and Badshahpur on Lucknow-Varanasi rail section will now be named Maa Barahi Devi Dham.

The Union government has given its consent after which Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath gave his nod to the renaming of the railway station.

Giving this information on Twitter, the Chief Minister's Office posted that a notification would be issued in this regard after getting approval from the chief minister.

There has been a long-standing demand to change the name of Dandupur railway station in Raniganj tehsil of Pratapgarh.

Yogi Adityanath has initiated the process to give recognition to local religious and spiritual sites while respecting public aspirations. (Read more)

## 9. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Narendra Modi

What: to address IIT 2020 Global Summit at 9. 30 pm

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

IIT 2020 Global Summit: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be delivering a keynote address at the IIT-2020 Global Summit at 9. 30 pm today, said Prime Minister's office (PMO). The summit is being organised by PanIIT USA. The theme of this year's IIT 2020 Global Summit is 'The Future is Now'.

The focus of the Summit is on issues like the global economy, technology, innovation, health, habitat conservation and universal education, according to an official release. PanIIT USA is an organization that is more than 20 years old. Since 2003 PanIIT USA has organised this conference and invited speakers from different sectors including industry, academia, and government. PanIIT USA is run by an all-volunteer team of IIT alumni. (Read more)



#### 10. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: Launched QRMP scheme for GST Payers with Turnover upto Rs 5 cr

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The government has launched the Quarterly Return filing & Monthly Payment of Taxes (QRMP) scheme for small taxpayers under the GST system.

Taxpayers who have aggregate annual turnover of up to Rs 5 crore in the preceding financial year and have filed their October GSTR-3B (sales) return by November 30, 2020 are eligible for this scheme.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, in its meeting held on October 5, had said that registered person having aggregate turnover up to Rs 5 crore may be allowed to furnish return on quarterly basis along with monthly payment of tax, with effect from January 1, 2021. (Read more)

## 11. Hints to Remember

Who: Passage Exercise (PASSEX) between Russian Federation Navy and Indian Navy

What: in Eastern Indian Ocean Region

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The Indian Navy (IN) is undertaking a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Russian Federation Navy (RuFN) in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region (IOR) from 4 to 5 December 2020. The exercise involves participation of RuFN guided missile cruiser Varyag, large anti-submarine ship Admiral Panteleyev and medium ocean tanker Pechenga. IN is being represented by indigenously constructed guided missile frigate Shivalik and anti-submarine corvette Kadmatt alongwith integral helicopters.

The exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, improving understanding and imbibing best practices between both the friendly navies, and would involve advanced surface and anti-submarine warfare exercises, weapon firings, seamanship exercises and helicopter operations.

PASSEXs are conducted regularly by IN with units of friendly foreign navies, whilst visiting each other's ports or during a rendezvous at sea. This exercise, being conducted in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region, reflects the strong long-term strategic relationship between the two countries and particularly, defence cooperation in the maritime domain. (Read more)

## 12. Hints to remember

Who: NHPC

What: to commission 2,000 MW hydropower project on Subansiri by March 2022

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020



PSU major NHPC Ltd on Saturday said the 2,000 MW Subansiri hydropower project, which was stalled for nearly eight years due to intense protests by many groups in Assam, will be commissioned by March 2022.

Union power ministry's secretary Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Arunachal Pradesh chief secretary Naresh Kumar and the company's chairman and managing director A K Singh visited the Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric project sites on Friday and inaugurated the restart of the power-house works, NHPC said in a statement.

"Later in the day, the power secretary held a review meeting wherein NHPC chief briefed about the various construction activities and downstream river protection works undertaken by the company. It was assured that the project shall be commissioned by March 2022," it added. (Read more)

## 13. Hints to Remember

#### Who: UBS

What: sells 20 lakh IndusInd Bank shares worth Rs 184 crore

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Ubs Principal Capital Asia Ltd on Friday sold more than 20 lakh shares of IndusInd Bank Ltd worth Rs 184 crore via open market transaction.

As per the data available on BSE Block deal, Ubs Principal Capital Asia offloaded 20,70,000 shares of the bank at an average price of Rs 891. 4 apiece, valuing the transaction at Rs 184. 51 crore.

The shares of IndusInd Bank were purchased by BofA Securities Europe SA at the same price, the data showed.

According to the shareholding data of IndusInd Bank for September quarter 2020, Ubs Principal Capital Asia held 3. 22 per cent stake in the bank as a public shareholder. (Read more)

## 14. Hints to Remember

Who: Justice Udhwani of Gujarat High Court

What: passes away

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Justice G. R. Udhwani of Gujarat High Court died of COVID-19 at a private hospital in Ahmedabad on Saturday. He was 59.

He contracted the disease after Diwali and was admitted to the hospital following symptoms. During treatment, his condition worsened as infection spread in his lungs.

Justice Udhwani was elevated as High Court judge in 2012. (Read more)



#### 15. Hints to Remember

Who: UP govt

What: sign MoU with IWAI to promote water tourism

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Inland Waterways Authority (IWAI), Government of India, to promote and encourage tourism industry by developing river tourism in the state.

The MoU was signed in presence of state Chief Secretary Rajendra Kumar Tiwari regarding the operation of PAX Vessel in Varanasi.

In his address, the Chief Secretary said that there is immense potential for tourism development in the state.

There are many places of religious, cultural, historical and wildlife etc, that is why this state is famous as an important tourist center in the country and abroad due to the complete variety of tourist attractions, he said.

The 2 Ro Pax Vessel in Varanasi will be operated by the Tourism Department. In this regard, the Chief Secretary gave directions to prepare an action plan to identify the immense possibilities of river tourism in the state and to increase the night stay of domestic and foreign tourists. A presentation was also made to promote river tourism on the Saryu river in Ayodhya and instructions were given to the tourism department to make a package tour on Ayodhya. (Read more)

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## 16. Hints to Remember

Who: West Bengal

What: cabinet approves construction of 'state's first deep sea port in Tajpur'

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Paschim Medinipur (West Bengal), December 7 (ANI): West Bengal Chief Miniter Mamata Banerjee on Monday announced that the state cabinet has approved the construction of a deep sea port in Tajpur.

"Tajpur Deep Sea Port will be built at a cost of Rs 15,000 crore and will generate employment for 25,000 people. It will be the state's first deep seaport," said Mamata Banerjee at a rally in Paschim Medinipur.

Trinamool Congress (TMC) in a press statement said that the port will stimulate businesses in both East and West Medinipur.

"The concentration of iron and steel industries around Kharagpur will get a boost by having a port at their doorstep for exports," the TMC said in the statement.



"By this port iron and steel exports from Purulia, Burdwan and Bankura will get a boost. (Bengal accounts for 13 per cent of India's iron-steel exports). Seafood exports from Medinipur will get a boost, to export to south-east Asia and Japan, benefitting lakh of fisherman and creating new jobs and new infrastructure for seafood processing," the statement read. (Read more)

## 17. Hints to Remember

Who: SEC

What: commemorates 36th Charter Day of SAARC

When: published on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

On the occasion of the 36th Charter Day of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the SAARC Energy Centre (SEC) observed the commemoration by taking extra precautionary measures against Covid-19 on Tuesday, (December 8,2020).

The Charter establishing the Association was signed on December 8, 1985 by the SAARC Heads of States/Governments during first Summit meeting in Dhaka. The objective of the SAARC is to promote the welfare of the people of the region and improve their quality of life through economic and social development. In its over three and a half decades of existence, SAARC has made steady progress towards attainting these objectives.

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#### 18. Hints to Remember

Who: Dennis Ralston, Hall of Fame tennis player

What: dies at 78

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dennis Ralston, a five-time Grand Slam doubles champion who was one of the initial players signed to the professional World Championship Tennis tour in the 1960s and a member of the sport's Hall of Fame has passed away. He was 78.

He died of cancer in Austin, Texas, according to Darin Pleasant, director of tennis at Grey Rock Tennis Club, who spoke to Ralston's wife, Linda.

As a singles player, Ralston lost to Spain's Manuel Santana in three sets in the 1966 Wimbledon final. He reached the semifinals at the 1960 U. S. national championships and the 1970 Australian Open.

He was considered the highest-ranked American player for three years in the 1960s, long before the sport's computerized rankings system began. (Read more)

#### 19. Hints to Remember

Who: Romanian Defence Minister

What: Named Interim Premier after PM Resigns

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Romania's Defence Minister Nicolae Ciuca was named interim prime minister on Monday evening after Ludovic Orban resigned over his ruling centre-right National Liberal Party, PNL's poor showing in Sunday's parliamentary election.

The PNL was widely considered the front-runner at the polls, but was defeated by the opposition Social Democratic Party, PSD.

The PSD won 30 per cent of the votes, five per cent ahead of the PNL, in a poll with a historic low turnout in which less than a third of the electorate cast their ballots amid the coronavirus pandemic. (Read more)

## 20. Hints to Remember

Who: WHO Foundation

What: appoints Indian-origin health expert Anil Soni as 1st CEO

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Indian-origin global health expert Anil Soni has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer of the newly launched The WHO Foundation, which works alongside the World Health Organization to address most pressing health challenges across the world.

Soni will assume his role as The WHO Foundation's inaugural Chief Executive Officer on January 1 next year. In his new role, Soni will accelerate the Foundation's "work to invest in innovative, evidence-based initiatives that support WHO in delivering on its mission to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all," the Foundation said in a press statement on Monday.

The WHO Foundation, an independent grant-making agency headquartered in Geneva, was launched in May 2020 to work alongside the World Health Organization (WHO) and the global health community to address the world's most pressing global health challenges. (Read more)





