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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

#### February GA Quiz 12

Direction: Read the following questions carefully and choose the right answer.

1. Which of the following cities in India is the 5th most-congested city in the world, as per the TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021?

A. Chennai

B. Kolkata

C. New Delhi

D. Cuttack

E. None of these

2. Which edition of International Kolkata Book Fair is going to start from February 28?

A. 44th

B. 45th

C. 43<sup>rd</sup>

D. 42nd

E. None of these

3. Which of the following banks has recently partnered with Creditas Solutions to automate collections?

A. Federal Bank

B. RBL Bank

C Axis Bank

D. ICICI Bank

E. None of these

4. Which of the following companies has recently set up Gujarat's first wind-solar hybrid project at the Chlor-Alkali unit of Grasim Industries in Vilayat, Bharuch, in southern Gujarat?

A. Azure Power

B. Tata Power

C. ReNew Power

D. Hindustan Power E. None of these

5. Government of India has recently set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% by which year?

A. 2025

B. 2030

C. 2035

D. 2040

E. None of these



<b>6.</b>	The Jammu and Kashmir government has recently signed a pact with which country											
	for the transformation of	of the sheep farming sect	or in the Union territory?									
	A. Australia D. Thailand	B. Russia E. None of these	C. New Zealand									
7.	Which state government and the British Council have signed a three-y Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand higher education globally, enhancements, and share information and skills?											
	A. Gujarat D. Andhra Pradesh	B. Telangana E. None of these	C. Tamil Nadu									
8.	Who among the followi	ng has been appointed a	s Secretary in the Department of									
	Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance?											
A. Vinod Rawat D. Neelesh Pandit		B. Sanjay Malhotra E. None of these	C. Ankit Rajouri									
9.	India and	India and have recently signed an agreement to promo										
	has been severely hit by the coronavirus pandemic between two countries.											
	A. New Zealand D. USA	B. Canada E. None of these	C. Australia									
10.	The National Health Authority (NHA) under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) announced integration with, the hugely popular health app by Government of India.											
	A. Aarogya Setu App D. My Gov App	B. BHIM App E. None of these	C. Umang App									
11.	The Reserve Bank of Inc Financial Literacy Week		as this year's theme for									
	A. Families and New Techno B. We're part of the solution C. Go Digital, Go Secure D. Make Digital India First E. None of these	_										

12.	Name the person who has recently resigned as CEO of Ujjivan Financial Services.											
	A. Sanjeev Barnwal D. Rohit Sharma	B. Sanjay Bansal E. None of these	C. Rajeev Agrasen									
13.	Which bank has recently become the first private sector bank to offer its corporate salary account proposition to employees of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati?											
	A. HDFC Bank D. Kotak Mahindra Bank	B. ICICI Bank E. None of these	C. Yes Bank									
14.	The NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and have launched the Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF), which will provide the youth with an opportunity to establish their social enterprise focusing on sustainable development goals (SDG)-based solutions for solving community issues, according to an official statement.											
	A. UNEP India D. UNHCR India	B. UNESCO India E. None of these	c. UNDP India									
15.	Which of the following ministries is going to launch the scheme "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise"?											
	<ul> <li>A. Ministry of Minority Affairs</li> <li>B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</li> <li>C. Ministry of Women and Child Development</li> <li>D. Ministry of Labour and Employment</li> <li>E. None of these</li> </ul>											
16.	India has recently delivered medical supplies to which country after the Pacific island nation appealed for help to deal with the first outbreak of COVID-19?											
	A. Kiribati D. Palau	B. Tuvalu E. None of these	C. Nauru									



- **17.** A team of Scientists from which institute has recently identified the next-generation probiotic bacterium Lactobacillus Plantarum JBC5 from a dairy product that showed great promise in promoting healthy aging?
  - A. Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati
  - B. Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
  - C. Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati
  - D. School of Energy Science & Engineering, Guwahati
  - E. None of these
- 18. Dr E. Poonguzhali, a woman scientist at which of the following IITs has been granted a patent for developing a green methodology for producing a medicinally important compound called Benzo[b]thiophene?

C. IIT Madras A. IIT Kanpur B. IIT Ropar

D. IIT Guwahati E. None of these

19. Which government agency has been awarded the ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year 2020-21 in the public sector entities category?

A. Rail Vikas Nigam

B. RailTel Corporation C. Rail India Technical and Economic Service

D. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

E. None of these

C. Chennai

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20. The Ministry of Defence has signed up a design and development contract with NewSpace Research & Technologies to develop a High Altitude Pseudo-Satellite (HAPS). This company is based in which city?

A. Bangalore B. Mumbai D. Kolkata

E. None of these



#### **CORRECT ANSWER:**

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





#### **Explanations:**

#### 1. Hints to Remember

Who: Mumbai

What: is 5th most-congested city in the world in TomTom Traffic Index Ranking 2021

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Mumbai and Bengaluru have emerged as the 5th and 10th most congested cities in the world in 2021, despite pandemic-related restrictions keeping cars off the roads for the most part.

Delhi and Pune ranked 11th and 21st among 404 cities across 58 countries, according to TomTom Traffic Index's global top 25 list.

However, the congestion level in Delhi during 2021 was 14% less than 2019 while in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Pune, the level dropped by 18%, 32% and 29% respectively, according the report.

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

#### 2. Hints to Remember

Who: 45th International Kolkata Book Fair

What: is to start from February 28 with Bangladesh as focal theme

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The 45th International Kolkata Book Fair will start from February 28 and will go on till March 13. The focal theme country this year is Bangladesh.

Addressing the press conference, general secretary of Publishers and Booksellers Guild Tridib Chatterjee said that in order to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh Independence, the theme of Kolkata Book Fair is Bangladesh.

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

#### 3. Hints to Remember

Who: RBL Bank

What: partners with Creditas Solutions to automate collections

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

RBL Bank has partnered with Creditas Solutions for its 'Neo Collections' platform.

The private sector lender will utilise the SaaS-based platform to accelerate efficiency in collections across the loan cycle, said a statement.

"Powered by AI and ML technology, the platform is built to automate strategies for reaching out to customers individually in an empathetic manner and motivate them to repay loans," it further said.

Who: ReNew Power

What: commissions 17.6 MW wind-solar hybrid project in India

When: published on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

ReNew Power, a NASDAQ-listed Indian renewable energy developer, has revealed that it has set up the first wind-solar hybrid project in the Indian state of Gujarat at the Chlor-Alkali unit of Grasim Industries Limited. The first phase of the hybrid project, with 17.6 MW of commercial-scale wind-solar capacity, commenced operations last week. An additional 16.68 MW will be commissioned in the fiscal 2022-23 period as part of the second phase. The project is being developed by ReNew Green Solutions (RGS), the B2B arm of ReNew Power. Hence, the correct answer is option C. (Read more)

#### 5. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% by 2030

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Rameswar Teli in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today informed that the Government has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% by 2030. At present, share of natural gas in primary energy mix has increased from 6.3% to 6.7% from 2020 to 2021.

Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) grants authorization to the entities for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in Geographical Areas (GAs) as per PNGRB Act, 2006 and Regulation framed there under. Establishment of CNG stations and providing PNG connections are part of development of CGD network and the same is done by the authorized CGD entities in their authorized GAs as per the Minimum Work Plan (MWP). PNGRB also authorizes entities for laying of pipeline infrastructure for development of CGD network.



**Who:** Jammu and Kashmir government

What: signs pact with New Zealand for transforming sheep farming sector

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Jammu and Kashmir government signed a pact with New Zealand for the transformation of the sheep farming sector in the Union territory, officials said. The agreement between the two sides was signed through the virtual mode in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Navin Choudhary, principal secretary of agriculture production and farmers welfare department animal.

According to the agreement, the overarching objective is to improve farmers' remuneration, transfer of technology in research and development as well as marketing and value addition of sheep products of Jammu and Kashmir.

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

#### 7. Hints to Remember

Who: Telengana state government

What: inks MoU with British Council

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Government of Telangana and the British Council have signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand higher education globally, enhance mobility, and share information and skills.

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The MoU has been agreed between the Research and Innovation Centre of Hyderabad (RICH) and the British Council, that will see both organisations work closely to engineer new partnerships between universities, research institutions and centres of excellence. It will also facilitate further research in the fields of aerospace, defence, life sciences and pharmaceuticals, food and agriculture, and sustainability.



#### **8. Who:** Sanjay Malhotra

What: becomes new DFS secretary in top level bureaucratic reshuffle

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Within days of giving Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Secretary Rajesh Verma additional charge of the Financial Services Secretary, the government on Tuesday appointed Chairman and Managing Director, REC Ltd. Sanjay Malhotra as a full-time secretary of the department with immediate effect in yet another bureaucratic reshuffle that saw many new faces in key secretarial positions in the government.

The position of the DFS secretary fell vacant just a day ahead of the presentation of the Union Budget when Debashish Panda failed to get an extension after completing his tenure. As a stop gap arrangement, the government then gave Rajesh Verma the additional charge of secretary DFS.

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

#### 9. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Australia

What: ink pact to promote tourism between two countries

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

India and Australia have signed an agreement to promote tourism that has been severely hit by the coronavirus pandemic between two countries.

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Australian Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment, Dan Tehan sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The latest MoU will translate into more Australians travelling to India, said Australian Trade Minister Dan Tehan. Indian and Australian negotiators are close to clinching a limited trade pact or so-called "early harvest agreement", Piyush Goyal said after talks with his Australian counterpart.



Who: NHA

What: announces integration of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission with Aarogya Setu

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The National Health Authority (NHA) under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) announced integration with Aarogya Setu, the hugely popular health app by Government of India. This integration takes the benefits of 14-digit unique ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) number to the Aarogya Setu user base and beyond.

Under the ABDM, a user can generate their unique ABHA number. They can use the ABHA number to link their existing and new medical records including doctor prescriptions, lab reports, hospital records etc. and also share these records with registered health professionals and health service providers and also access other digital health services whilst maintaining a common pool of medical history.

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

#### 11. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: selects Go Digital, Go Secure Theme for Financial Literacy Week

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has selected "Go Digital, Go Secure" as this year's theme for Financial Literacy Week.

This theme is one of the strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Education 2020-2025. RBI will focus on creating awareness about convenience of digital transactions, security of digital transactions and protection of customers, according to a press release on Friday.

This year FLW will be observed between February 14 to 18.

RBI has asked all banks to disseminate the information and create awareness among their customers and the general public about the celebration. The central bank will also undertake a mass media campaign during this entire month to disseminate essential financial awareness messages to the general public.



Who: Sanjeev Barnwal

What: resigns as CEO of Ujjivan Financial Services

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Sanjeev Barnwal as the head of regulatory framework with effect from 15 February and he will be the designated company secretary and compliance officer of the Bank.

On account of the above development, Sanjeev Barnwal has tendered his resignation from his existing position of CEO and company secretary of Ujjivan Financial Services, effective from February 14 to take up the extensive role in the Bank, which is the principal investment and sole subsidiary of the Company.

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

#### 13. Hints to Remember

Who: Kotak Mahindra Bank

What: signs MoU with Prasar Bharati for salary accounts

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Kotak Mahindra Bank on Friday said it has become the first private sector bank to offer its corporate salary account proposition to employees of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed between the bank and Prasar Bharati at Prasar Bharati House in New Delhi. The ceremony was chaired by DPS Negi, member (finance) Prasar Bharati and the MoU was signed by Jagat Singh Chauhan, deputy director (general admin), HOO, Prasar Bharati and Anirudh Maheshwari – senior executive vice-president and business head (corporate salary), Kotak Mahindra Bank.



Who: Niti's Atal Innovation Mission, UNDP India

What: launches Community Innovator Fellowship for SDG solutions

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and UNDP India on Friday launched the Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF), which will provide the youth with an opportunity to establish their social enterprise focusing on sustainable development goals (SDG)-based solutions for solving community issues, according to an official statement. This is going to be a one-year-long intensive fellowship programme, which has been designed for aspiring community innovators, irrespective of their socioeconomic background.

During the course of this fellowship, each fellow will be hosted at one of the AIM's Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACICs) and will acquire SDG awareness, entrepreneurial skills and life skills while they are working on their idea, it added.

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

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Social Justice & Empowerment Department

What: launches 'SMILE' for the Welfare of Transgender community and the Beggars

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is launching the Central Sector scheme "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" on tomorrow at BHIM Auditorium, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15, Janpath Road, New Delhi. The scheme will be launched by the Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment in the presence of Hon'ble Ministers of States (SJ&E).

This umbrella scheme is designed to provide welfare measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging. Under this includes two sub-schemes – 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons' and 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging'. The scheme strengthens and expands the reach of the Rights that give the targeted group the necessary legal protection and a promise to a secured life. It keeps in mind the social security that is needed through multiple dimensions of identity, medical care, education, occupational opportunities and shelter. The Ministry has allocated Rs. 365 Crore for the scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26.



Who: India

What: sends medical supplies to Pacific island nation of Kiribati

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

India delivered medical supplies to Kiribati after the Pacific island nation appealed for help to deal with the first outbreak of COVID-19. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the consignment comprised pulse oximeters, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) kits and emergency COVID-19 medication.

It said the medical supplies to Kiribati affirm India's commitment to providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief support as an early responder in the Pacific region.

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

#### 17. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian scientists

What: develop a next-generation probiotic that provides hope for longevity and healthy aging

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Indian scientists have developed a next-generation probiotic that provides hope for longevity and healthy aging. A team of Indian Scientists has identified probiotic bacterium Lactobacillus Plantarum JBC5 from a dairy product that showed great promise in promoting healthy aging. The team has also developed a yogurt using this probiotic bacterium which can be consumed to derive all these health benefits.

A team of scientists at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, searched for healthy bacteria to promote healthy living in fermented dairy products following the proposal of Nobel laureate Dr. Elie Metchnikoff.



Who: Woman scientist at IIT Madras

What: granted patent for developing a green methodology

When: published on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

A scientist at the Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, has been granted a patent for developing a green methodology for producing a medicinally important compound called Benzo[b]thiophene.

Dr E. Poonguzhali, who works under the Women Scientists Scheme (WOS-A) of the Department of Science & Technology, has earned the patent number 384111 (Date of Grant: December 10, 2021) with patentee Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, a release from the Ministry of Science & Technology said.

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

#### **19.** Hints to Remember

Who: RailTel

What: awarded ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

RailTel, a miniratna central government PSU under the ministry of railways has been awarded the ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year 2020-21 in the public sector entities category.

Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a premier accounting body has been conducting the annual competition for these awards since 1958.



Who: MoD

What: signs up Bengaluru startup for pseudo satellite deal

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The ministry of defence has signed up a design and development contract with a Bengaluru-based company to develop a High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (HAPS) which will be able to conduct surveillance operations and support communications by staying airborne for months at a stretch.

Mentored under the ministry's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative, the programme has been supported by the armed forces and will see Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) as the lead prototype development partner. NewSpace Research & Technologies signed the contract with defence ministry on Thursday, with plans in place to develop the first prototype for tests within the next four years. "Major UAV-related tech development was initiated under iDEX for High Altitude Platform System HAPS. HAPS UAV will fly in stratosphere for months. Huge step towards cutting edge aerospace development by startups," Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar said. The first phase of the programme will be undertaken by the startup with the seed funding by defence ministry and the prototype development is likely to see HAL as the lead partner. The estimated budget to develop the system is upwards of ₹700 crore and it will be part of HALs Combat Air Teaming System (CATS) that seeks to integrated manned airborne platforms with swarm drones and a high altitude surveillance network.





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