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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 5**

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

1. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic disrupting education for school-going children, which state government is set to launch an open-air classroom programme Paray Shikshalaya (Neighbourhood Schools) for primary and pre-primary students?

A. Assam

B. Tripura

C. West Bengal

D. Manipur

E. None of these

2. Which country has recently become third country to record 5 lakh Covid deaths?

A. Pakistan

B. Bangladesh

C. China

D. India

E. None of these

3. SpaceX has recently launched how many satellites to its growing Starlink internet megaconstellation? The Question Bank

A. 51

R 49

D. 55

E. None of these

4. Which of the following states has recently been selected as best state tableau of Republic Day parade 2022?

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Rajasthan

C. Uttar Pradesh

D. Gujarat

E. None of these

5. Researchers at Oxford University have recently discovered a new HIV strain in which country?

A. Maldives

B. Netherlands

C. Philippines

D. Vietnam

E. None of these



6.	Which IIT and Suzuki Motor Corporation have recently signed a three-year contract to start Suzuki Innovation Centre (SIC) with the vision of "creating innovations for India and Japan" by way of providing a platform for exchange of knowledge between the two organizations?									
	A. IIT Kanpur D. IIT New Delhi	B. IIT Mumbai E. None of these	C. IIT Bangalore							
7.										
	A. Bank of Maharashtra D. Karnataka Bank	B. Andhra Bank E. None of these	C. Bank of Baroda							
8.	Rahul Bhatia has rece company?	ntly been appointed as	Managing Director of which airline							
	A. SpiceJet D. Air India	B. Go First E. None of these	C. IndiGo e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e							
9.		•	s recently declared India's first "other OECM) site on the occasion of World							
	A. Rajasthan D. Maharashtra	B. Haryana E. None of these	C. Gujarat							
10.	Ibrahim Sutar passed av	way recently, was a/an _	·							
	A. Social Activist D. Architecture	B. Religious Orator E. None of these	C. Music Composer							
11.	_	·								
	A. 4.57 per cent D. 7.57 per cent	B. 5.57 per cent E. None of these	C. 6.57 per cent							

<b>12.</b>	Who among	the	following	was	recently	given	the	Charge	of	Controller	General	of
	Accounts?											

A. Shraddha Sinha B. Ankita Thakral C. Sonali Singh

D. Manisha Sharma E. None of these

## 13. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra'?

A. Paramjit Singh Malhotra B. Navdeep Singh Gill C. Vijai J. Daniel

D. Sharnjit Purewal E. None of these

#### 14. India has recently sent 1 lakh RAT kit to which country as COVID-19 aid?

A. Maldives B. Bangladesh C. Sri Lanka

D. Bhutan E. None of these

15. Bata India Limited has roped in which actress as its new brand ambassador?

A. Disha Patani B. Shraddha Kapoor C. Nora Fatehi

D. Jacqueline Fernandez E. None of these

**16.** Who among the following has recently assumed additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of POSOCO?

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A. S. R. Narasimhan B. Lokesh Srinivasan C. Athar Aamir Khan

D. Kannan Gopinathan E. None of these

17. Who among the following will head an expert committee that will deliberate on the feasibility of bringing the National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) Mumbai under the IIM Act?

A. Ashish Kumar Chauhan B. Vikramajit Sen C. Vikram Limaye

D. Kanwal Rekhi E. None of these



18. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the new director of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)?

A. Anant Kumar Singh B. Dinesh Prasad Saklani C. Surajbhan Singh

D. Raghuraj Pratap Singh E. None of these

19. The Reserve Bank of India has recently cancelled the licence of Independence Cooperative Bank Limited. This bank is based in which city?

A. Pune B. Nagpur C. Nashik

D. Mumbai E. None of these

20. Ramesh Deo has recently passed away. He was a/an \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Actor B. Writer C. Scientist

D. Social Activist E. None of these





#### **CORRECT ANSWER:**

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





#### **Explanations:**

#### 1. **Hints to Remember**

Who: West Bengal

What: to launch open-air classroom 'Paray Shikshalaya'

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic disrupting education for school-going children, West Bengal government is set to launch an open-air classroom programme Paray Shikshalaya (Neighbourhood Schools) for primary and pre-primary students.

South 24 Parganas District Magistrate (DM) P Ulaganathan told ANI, "Children, in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, are deprived of proper school education. Under project 'Paray Shikshalaya', we have now decided to hold classes in open ground. The para teachers and primary school teachers would be part of the project to provide elementary education to Class 1-5. Project has been approved by the state government."

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

## Hints to Remember — Smartkeeda 2.

Who: India

What: becomes third country to record 5 lakh Covid deaths

When: published on 4th February 2022

India crossed the grim milestone of 5 lakh Covid deaths on Thursday, becoming the third country in the world to do so after the US and Brazil.

The country took 217 days to reach 5 lakh deaths from 4 lakh recorded on July 1 last year, the longest time taken to record 1 lakh fatalities.

India was hit by a devastating second wave in April-May last year.



Who: SpaceX

What: launches 49 Starlink satellites into orbit

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

SpaceX just added another 49 satellites to its growing Starlink internet megaconstellation.

A Falcon 9 rocket launched 49 new Starlink satellites to orbit today (Feb. 3), lifting off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center (KSC) on the east coast of Florida at 1:13 p.m. EST (1813 GMT).

About nine minutes after launch, the Falcon 9 rocket's first stage touched down safely on the SpaceX droneship "A Shortfall of Gravitas," which was stationed in the Atlantic Ocean a few hundred miles east of KSC. It was the sixth landing for this particular booster, whose previous launches included the Crew-1 and Crew-2 astronaut-carrying missions to the International Space Station for NASA.

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

#### 4. Hints to Remember

Who: Uttar Pradesh

What: selected as best state tableau of Republic Day parade 2022

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Uttar Pradesh's tableau at the Republic Day parade was adjudged the best while the Indian Navy's marching contingent topped among the three services, the defence ministry said.

The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme 'one district one product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham'. A total of 12 states and union territories had participated in the Republic Day parade on January 26.

The second place went to Karnataka for its tableau based on 'cradle of traditional handicrafts' while the third position went to Meghalaya, the defence ministry said.



Who: Scientists

What: identify a new 'highly virulent' HIV strain in the Netherlands

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Researchers at Oxford University announced Thursday the discovery of a highly virulent strain of HIV that has been lurking in the Netherlands for decades but is not a danger because of the effectiveness of modern treatments.

The researchers reported in the journal "Science," that patients infected with the "VB variant" had 3.5 to 5.5 times higher viral levels in their blood than those infected with alternative variants, along with a faster deterioration of their immune system.

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

#### 6. Hints to Remember

Who: IIT Hyderabad

What: to set up Suzuki Innovation Centre on its campus

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) and Suzuki Motor Corporation signed a three-year contract to start Suzuki Innovation Centre (SIC) with the vision of "creating innovations for India and Japan" by way of providing a platform for exchange of knowledge between the two organizations.

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A press release from IIT Hyderabad said the SIC will be operated as a platform for open innovation among Industries, Academia, and Startups and the Centre will also support skill development and exchange of human resources between India and Japan.

SIC is yet another milestone for IITH to play an important role in strengthening the India-Japan relationship. As a part of this initiative, IITH has offered the necessary support for the Centre within the Technology Research Park, it said.



Who: Karnataka Bank

What: conferred with CII award

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The city-headquartered Karnataka Bank has been chosen for the 'DX 2021' digital transformation award in recognition of its innovative best practice 'KBL Vikaas' by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a bank release here said. Karnataka Bank CEO and Managing Director M S Mahabaleshwara hailed the award, saying 'KBL Vikaas', a holistic transformation journey launched in 2017, has enabled the implementation of the bank's digital capabilities in asset and liability products, customer experience under alternative delivery channels and a strong culture of sales and marketing.

The bank has recently launched a digital transformation journey 'KBL NxT' as part of the second wave of 'KBL Vikaas', with an objective of taking the digital initiatives to the next level and eventually emerge as the digital bank of the future, he said in the release.

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

#### 8. Hints to Remember

Who: IndiGo

What: appoints Co-founder Rahul Bhatia as Managing Director

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

InterGlobe Aviation announced the appointment of its Co-founder Rahul Bhatia as the company's Managing Director with immediate effect.

The company is the parent of the country's largest airline IndiGo. Bhatia is the Co-founder and Promoter of InterGlobe Aviation.

The board of directors, during its meeting on Friday, unanimously approved the appointment of Bhatia as the managing director with immediate effect, subject to the approval of the shareholders, according to a statement.



Who: Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram

What: declared as India's first OECM site

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

The Aravalli Biodiversity Park was declared India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site on the occasion of World Wetlands Day. The announcement was made by officials of the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change on Wednesday.

Vineet Kumar Garg, the chairman of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board, said, "The OECM tag is given by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity. Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram has been notified as the first OECM site in the country. It's a matter of pride."

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

#### 10. Hints to Remember

Who: Religious orator Ibrahim Sutar

What: passes away

When: Published on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Renowned religious orator and Padma Shri awardee Ibrahim Sutar, who had earned the recognition of Kannada Kabir, died due to cardiac arrest in Bagalkote district on Saturday.

The government has ordered his last rites to be performed with full state honours.

According to family sources, he suffered a heart attack this morning and was rushed to the nearby hospital, but could not be saved.

Sutar is 81 and is survived by wife, a son and two daughters.



Who: India's unemployment rate

What: declines to 6.57% in January

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

India's unemployment rate witnessed a sharp decline to 6.57 per cent in January, the lowest since March 2021, according to the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), as the country gradually eases restrictions following a drop in Omicron cases.

India's unemployment rate is currently at 6.57 per cent but during the second wave of the COVID-19, the unemployment rate reached 11.84 per cent in the month of May 2021. The current declining trend in unemployment data is showing a considerable good future ahead in terms of employment.

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

#### **12. Hints to Remember**

Who: Sonali Singh

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When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

The centre has given the charge the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to Sonali Singh, Additional Controller General of Accounts, after superannuation of Dipak Dash.

An office memorandum from the finance ministry said that Singh shall function as head of the organization of Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in the same capacity as Additional Controller General of Accounts with effect from 01.02.2022.

"She shall look after the routine administrative duties in respect of the post of CGA till regular appointment to the post of CGA or till further orders, whichever is earlier," the OM said.



Who: A book titled 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra' By Navdeep Gill

What: was released

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

A short biography 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra' penned by sports author Navdeep Singh Gill was released on Thursday in a ceremony held at Punjabi Bhawan.

The biography on Tokyo Olympics-2021 gold medalist Neeraj Chopra was released by chairperson of Punjab Kala Parishad Surjit Patar and president of Punjabi Sahit Akademi Lakhwinder Singh Johal, amid the presence of the author and his family members.

It is the seventh book written by Navdeep and the sixth placing focus on the sports as well as the sportspersons. The book brought out by Lokgeet Prakashan is from the genre of children's literature.

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

#### 14. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: sends 1 lakh RAT kit to Sri Lanka as COVID-19 aid

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022

India continues its COVID-19 assistance to Sri Lanka by initiating the delivery of 100,000 Rapid Antigen Self Test Kit from Friday, according to the High Commission of India in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Taking to Twitter, the High Commission said that the remaining kits to follow in the coming days.

"A special gift from a friend on #IndependenceDay!! #India continues its #COVID19 assistance to #SriLanka by initiating the delivery of 100,000 RAT kits from today. Remaining kits to follow in the coming days," India in Colombo tweeted.



Who: Bata India

What: ropes in Disha Patani as brand ambassador

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Footwear maker Bata India Limited has on-boarded Bollywood actor Disha Patani as the new brand ambassador, the company said.

Patani will be seen promoting various popular labels under the Bata umbrella.

The move comes as Bata aims to appeal younger shoppers and position itself as a "fashion forward" brand.

"Regarded as the face of next-gen Bollywood, Disha is currently one of the most popular actors in the country. Known for her exceptional fashion sense and fitness, Disha is widely regarded as a trend setter," the company said.

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Hence, the correct answer is option A.

#### 16. Hints to Remember

Who: Shri S. R. Narasimhan

What: takes additional charge as CMD, POSOCO

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Shri S. R. Narasimhan has assumed additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of POSOCO with effect from 1st February 2022.

Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel on Dec 2021 selected the name of SR Narasimhan for the CMD post. Earlier he was serving as Director (System Operation) in the same organisation. Narasimhan replaced KVS Baba, who superannuated on February 1, 2022.

Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO) is a CPSE under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

It is responsible for monitoring and ensuring the round-the-clock integrated operation of the Indian power system in a reliable, efficient, and safe manner, thus serving a mission-critical activity.



Who: BSE's Ashishkumar Chauhan

What: to head expert panel on bringing NITIE Mumbai under IIM Act

When: published on 4th February 2022

BSE's Chief Executive Officer and Allahabad University Chancellor Ashishkumar Chauhan will head an expert committee that will deliberate on the feasibility of bringing the National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) Mumbai under the IIM Act.

NITIE Mumbai, established by the Government of India in 1963, is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education and registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act.

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

#### 18. Hints to Remember

Who: History prof Dinesh Prasad Saklani

What: is the new NCERT director

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Professor of history, Dinesh Prasad Saklani has been appointed as the new director of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

"The Central government has appointed Dinesh Prasad Saklani as director of NCERT for a period of five years or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is the earliest," said a senior MoE official.

Saklani is a professor with the department of history, ancient Indian history, culture and archaeology at HNB Garhwal University, Uttarakhand. He is also the director of the Chauras Campus of the university.



Who: RBI

What: cancels the licence of Nashik's Independence Co-operative Bank Limited

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

The licence of Independence Co-operative Bank, Nashik has been cancelled as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects, the RBI said on Thursday. Independence Co-operative Bank has ceased to carry on banking business with effect from the close of business hours on February 3, 2022 (Thursday), the RBI said in a statement. On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from DICGC. The RBI said the bank has failed to comply with the requirements the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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

#### 20. Hints to Remember

Who: Producer-actor Ramesh Deo

What: passes away

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

Ramesh Deo, known for playing a diverse range of roles, in Marathi and Hindi movies, passed away evening at Mumbai's Kokilaben Ambani Hospital due to a heart attack.

The actor, who is survived by his actor-wife Seema Deo as well as sons Ajinkya Deo and Abhinay Deo, had celebrated his 93rd birthday on January 30.





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