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July GA Quiz 17

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

1. Which of the following state governments has recently announced waiver of Rs 590 crore worth of loans under the farm debt waiver scheme for labourers and the landless farming community?

- A. Jharkhand B. Madhya Pradesh C. Punjab
D. Uttar Pradesh E. None of these

2. In a first, Vietnam has appointed an honorary consul in Bengaluru as ties increase between the 2 countries increase. Who among the following will be the first such appointment of honorary consul in India and 19th globally by Vietnam?

- A. K L S Swamy B. N S Srinivasa Murthy C. Y R Somnath
D. K L Viswanathan E. None of these

3. Surekha Sikri passed away recently, was a/an _____.

- A. Writer B. Actress C. Politician
D. Director E. None of these

4. Which of the following cities is going to host badminton Sudirman Cup Finals in 2023?

- A. Jiangsu B. Hangzhou C. Suzhou
D. Shanghai E. None of these

5. The Finance Ministry has released what amount to the states in lieu of Goods and Service Tax (GST) compensation shortfall?

- A. Rs 70,000 crore B. Rs 80,000 crore C. Rs 85,000 crore
D. Rs 75,000 crore E. None of these

6. Which country has recently become the first Gulf nation to open embassy in Israel?

- A. Oman B. Saudi Arabia C. UAE
D. Egypt E. None of these



7. Which country has recently unveiled one of the world's biggest floating solar panel farms?

- A. Malaysia B. Maldives C. Singapore
D. UAE E. None of these

8. Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) has recently signed an MoU with which state to strengthen Ayurveda education?

- A. Rajasthan B. Gujarat C. Jharkhand
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these

9. In an initiative to empower women and youth, SAP Labs India and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have collaborated with which state government to facilitate increased access to career guidance, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities and promote 21st century skills?

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

10. Which of the following states has recently come up with the Mobile App on Pensioner's Life Certificate using Face Recognition?

- A. Assam B. Meghalaya C. Sikkim
D. Tripura E. None of these

11. Who among the following has authored a book titled as 'India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends'?

- A. Kanti Bajpai B. Harsh V. Pant C. V. Krishnappa
D. Stephen Philip Cohen E. None of these

12. Anshula Rao has been handed a four-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency for failing a dope test, backdated to July 2020. She is from which of the following states?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. Madhya Pradesh C. Rajasthan
D. Maharashtra E. None of these



13. Which of the following states is all set to host 2nd Edition of Khelo India University Games in March 2022?

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

14. Which digital platform was launched to provide additional support to millions of farmers to get crucial information at their fingertips?

- A. Kisan Sarathi B. Kisan Samridhi C. Kisan Sathi
D. Kisan Mitra E. None of these

15. Who among the following has launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered grievance management application called 'CPGRAMS (Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) app'?

- A. Amit Shah B. Rajnath Singh C. Narendra Modi
D. Nitin Gadkari E. None of these

16. Coal India Limited (CIL) has hired which company as a consultant to assist it in digitising mine processes in seven opencast mines, with the goal of increasing coal output by 100 million tonne (mt) by March 2023?

- A. Capgemini B. Deloitte C. Accenture
D. Cognizant E. None of these

17. Which of the following banks has recently launched FEDDY, an Artificial Intelligence-powered virtual assistant to help customers with banking-related queries anytime?

- A. YES Bank B. ICICI Bank C. Federal Bank
D. HDFC Bank E. None of these

18. Which organization has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR & D) for Gender Sensitisation of Police personnel across India?

- A. National Commission for Women
B. National Human Rights Commission of India



C. National Commission for Backward Classes

D. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

E. None of these

19. Who among the following has virtually launched the nationwide campaign “COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam” to accelerate the pace of COVID vaccination among tribals, in India?

A. Babulal Marandi

B. Arjun Munda

C. Madhu Koda

D. Hemant Soren

E. None of these

20. Who among the following has recently chaired 7th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers’ Meeting?

A. Mansukh L. Mandaviya

B. Parshottam Rupala

C. Ashwini Vaishnaw

D. Bhupender Yadav

E. None of these



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Correct answer:

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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Punjab Govt

What: Announces Waiver of Rs 590 Cr of Loans of Labourers, Landless Farmers

When: published on 14th July 2021

The Punjab government on Wednesday announced waiver of Rs 590 crore worth of loans under the farm debt waiver scheme for labourers and the landless farming community. The cheques would be issued at a state-level function on August 20, said an official spokesperson after a meeting held on Tuesday.

The Punjab government will pay off loans to the tune of Rs 520 crore of 2,85,325 members of the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), thus ensuring a relief of Rs 20,000 per member, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said. This decision will pave the way for fulfillment of the key promise of the Congress-led regime. He directed the finance and cooperation departments to kick off the process for effective implementation of the decision on the ground.

The Congress-led government had formulated a Debt Relief Scheme for Farm Labourers and Landless Farming Members of PACS-2019, which would cover only consumption loans to the members of the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies advanced by district central cooperative banks in the state of Punjab through Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies. The CM's announcements follow the waiver of the loans of farmers under the Chief Minister's flagship 'Debt Waiver Scheme.' So far, loans worth Rs 4,624 crore have been waived of as many as 5.64 lakh farmers under the scheme, which was announced as part of the 2017 poll promises by the Punjab Congress.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: In a first, Vietnam

What: appoints honorary consul in Bengaluru

When: published on 10th July 2021

In a first, Vietnam has appointed an honorary consul in Bengaluru as ties increase between the 2 countries increase. NS Srinivasa Murthy will be the first such appointment of honorary consul in India, and 19th globally by Vietnam.



Speaking to WION, Murthy said, "I will live up to expectations, to see that the interest of Vietnam is totally protected in the state of Karnataka".

He will serve as the honorary consul for a period of 3 years. He will be the Vietnam embassy's direct contact point in the state even as plans are afoot to increase direct connectivity between the state and the southeast Asian country.

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Veteran actress Surekha Sikri

What: passes away due to cardiac arrest

When: published on 16th July 2021

Veteran actor Surekha Sikri has died at the age of 75 after suffering a cardiac arrest, her manager has said. She had been unwell for several months, and had suffered a brain stroke in 2020.

Her manager manager told indianexpress.com, "Three-time national award winning actress, Surekha Sikri has passed away following a cardiac arrest earlier this morning at the age of 75. She had been suffering from complications arising from a second brain stroke. She was surrounded by family and her caregivers. The family asks for privacy at this time. Om Sai Ram."

Surekha Sikri made her debut in 1978, with the film Kissa Kursi Ka. She won the National Film Award for Best Supporting Actress thrice, for her roles in Tamas (1988), Mammo (1995) and Badhaai Ho (2018). She gained prominence for her performance in the primetime soap opera Balika Vadhu. Her performance in the Ayushmann Khurrana-starrer Badhaai Ho drew immense acclaim and was seen as somewhat of a career comeback.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Suzhou

What: to host badminton Sudirman Cup Finals in 2023

When: published on 14th July 2021

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) confirmed on Tuesday that Suzhou in east China's Jiangsu Province has been awarded the hosting rights of the Sudirman Cup Finals 2023.

Suzhou was due to host the World Mixed Team Championships in 2021, but with BWF unable to stage any tournaments in China this year, the event was switched to Vantaa in Finland, the world badminton governing body said in a statement.



Suzhou will now stage the 2023 edition of the Sudirman Cup with the original 2023 hosts India accepting the opportunity to host the World Championships in 2026.

BWF Secretary-General Thomas Lund said, "Suzhou has demonstrated great capabilities in planning for the 2021 edition and we look forward to bringing the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals back to China in 2023."

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: releases Rs 75,000 crore to states as GST compensation shortfall

When: published on 15th July 2021

The Finance Ministry, on July 15, said it has released Rs 75,000 crore to the states in lieu of Goods and Service Tax (GST) compensation shortfall.

The government said that almost 50 percent of the total shortfall for the entire year has been released in this single installment as a result, and the balance amount will be released in the second half of 2021-22 in steady installments.

The funds will be provided under the back-to-back loan facility for states first announced by the Centre last year. This latest release is in addition to normal GST compensation being released every two months out of actual cess collection, the government said.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: UAE

What: becomes 1st Gulf nation to open embassy in Israel

When: published on 15th July 2021

The United Arab Emirates on Wednesday became the first Gulf nation to open an embassy in Israel, nearly a year after both countries signed an agreement to normalise diplomatic ties.

The new mission is located in Tel Aviv Stock Exchange building. The ceremony was attended by new Israeli President Isaac Herzog, The Times of Israel reported.

UAE Ambassador Mohammad Mahmoud Al Khajah officially presented his credentials at the beginning of March but the official opening was not held until now.

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



7. Hints to Remember

Who: Singapore

What: unveils one of the world's biggest floating solar panel farms

When: published on 14th July 2021

Singapore unveiled on Wednesday one of the world's largest floating solar panel farms, spanning an area equivalent to 45 football fields and producing enough electricity to power the island's five water treatment plants.

The project is part of efforts by the land-scarce Southeast Asian city-state to meet a goal of quadrupling its solar energy production by 2025 to help tackle climate change.

Located on a reservoir in western Singapore, the 60 megawatt-peak solar photovoltaic (PV) farm has been built by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Industries (SCIL.SI).

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: ITRA

What: Signed MoU with Govt of Gujarat to Strengthen Ayurveda Education

When: published on 16th July 2021

An MoU has been signed between Jamnagar-based Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) under the Ministry of Ayush and the Government of Gujarat in the presence of the Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat Nitinbhai Patel and Secretary, Ministry of Ayush Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha.

Through this MoU, all the institutions functioning in the Ayurveda campus in Jamnagar have been brought under the umbrella of ITRA, the only institution under the Ministry of Ayush that has been accorded the status of Institute of National Importance (INI).

Underlining the importance of the MoU, Nitinbhai said that this will pave the way for the strengthening of the education system in all branches of Ayurveda. The MoU was exchanged between the Director, ITRA, Prof Dr Anup Thakar and HP Jhala, I/C Registrar, Gujarat Ayurveda University.

“This arrangement will result, in due course, in the opening of new doors in the fields of education, research and medicine,” said the Deputy CM on the occasion of the signing ceremony. It is hoped that in the field of Ayurveda, it will be easier to prepare new teaching, medical and research methods and the study-research process will be intensified, expanding the overall scope of Ayurveda education and research.

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



9. Hints to Remember

Who: SAP and UNDP

What: Foster Digital Skills And Social Entrepreneurship In Rural Karnataka

When: published on 16th July 2021

In an initiative to empower women and youth, SAP Labs India and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have collaborated with the Government of Karnataka to facilitate increased access to career guidance, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities and promote 21st century skills.

On World Youth Skills Day, Ms Manjushree, IAS – the Mission Director, National Livelihood Mission in Karnataka initiated the Code Unnati's registration drive for women participants from the grassroots to undergo various interventions. This includes continuous experiential training to build enterprise awareness, development program imparting basic enterprise planning, and Community Cadres (Unnati Sakhi's) mentorship and handholding support.

One of the major objectives of this initiative which is called Code Unnati is to impart digital literacy to women and youth from rural Karnataka. Digital literacy is one of the key 21st century skills required to improve their employability. Owing to disruptions in offline learning, the project learning modules were digitalised to provide timely guidance to participants.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Meghalaya

What: comes up with mobile app on pensioner's life certificate using face recognition

When: published on 15th July 2021

Meghalaya has come up with the Mobile App on Pensioner's Life Certificate using Face Recognition.

Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, launched the Mobile App. Life Certificate Verification is a process in which the Pensioners (Service/Family) of the State Government have to appear in front of the Treasury Officer or Pension Disbursing Authority to prove that they are still alive to receive the pension.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Kanti Bajpai

What: Authored a Book Titled 'India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends'



Kanti Bajpai authored the book 'India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends' to showcase the differences between India and China. The book was published by Juggernaut Books.

The book has a short version of the history of India-China ties.

The author points out 4 crucial areas that affect the 2 nation's relationship viz, the perceptions and prejudices about each other, Continue disagreements over the border, Changing partnerships with America and Russia, and the growing power asymmetry between them.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Allrounder Anshula Rao First Indian Woman Cricketer

What: to Fail Dope Test, Handed Four-Year Ban

When: published on 28th July 2021

Madhya Pradesh allrounder Anshula Rao has been handed a four-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency for failing a dope test, backdated to July 2020. Rao thus becomes the first woman cricketer to have been punished for doping.

According to several reports, NADA's Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel concluded that the U-23 cricketer took 19-Norandrosterone, a performance-enhancing steroid, "knowingly and intentionally".

Rao is a registered cricketer with the BCCI and has taken part in several domestic tournaments with her last such participation coming at the cricket board's 2019-20 U-23 T20 event.

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnataka

What: to host second Khelo India University Games

When: published on 24th July 2021

The second edition of the Khelo India University Games has been awarded to Karnataka, it has been announced.

Jain University in Bengaluru will host most of the events, although others will be spread out across the state.

No dates have been confirmed but the Games are planned for this year.

Nineteen sports are on the programme, including traditional local sports mallakhamb, a type of aerial gymnastics, and yogasana.



They are joined by archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, fencing, football, hockey, judo, kabaddi, rugby, swimming, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Kisan Sarathi platform

What: launched to boost agri income

When: published on 17th July 2021

The Indian government has launched the 'Kisan Sarathi' platform, in a bid to provide additional support to millions of farmers to get crucial information at their fingertips.

The scheme was launched by the Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw along with the Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar via video conferencing on Friday (July 16).

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

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

What: Launched AI-powered Grievance Management App

When: published on 17th July 2021

Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered grievance management application in New Delhi on July 15, 2021. The application is developed by the Ministry of Defence with the help of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions was also present at the occasion.

This is the first AI-based system developed to improve grievance redressal in the government. The AI tool developed has the capability to understand the content of the complaint based on the contents therein. As a result, it can identify repeat complaints or spam automatically. Based on the meaning of the complaint, it can categorise complaints of different categories even when keywords normally used for such search are not present in the complaint. It enables geographical analysis of complaints in a category including analysis of whether the complaint was adequately addressed or not by the concerned office. Easy user-friendly search enables the user to formulate his own queries/categories depending on management requirements and seek performance results based on the query. Given that lakhs of complaints are received on the CPGRAMS portal of DARPG, this application will have great use in understanding the nature of complaints, geographies from where they emanate and policy changes that can be introduced to create systemic improvements to address these grievances.

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



16. Hints to Remember

Who: Coal India

What: picks Accenture as consultant for mining digitisation

When: published on 14th July 2021

Coal India Limited (CIL) has hired Accenture Solutions Private Ltd as a consultant to assist it in digitising mine processes in seven opencast mines, with the goal of increasing coal output by 100 million tonne (mt) by March 2023.

An official told the media the aim is to integrate and use available data analytic techniques to improve mine productivity and efficiency from planning to project monitoring to operations and despatch, all while maintaining effective system management and dynamic monitoring.

The official said heavy mining equipment used in these mines would be outfitted with digital sensors to track the efficiency of their operations at every level. The move will aid in the removal of roadblocks and the implementation of corrective actions.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Federal Bank

What: Launches AI-Powered Virtual Assistant For Customers

When: published on 16th July 2021

The Federal Bank on Thursday launched FEDDY, an Artificial Intelligence-powered virtual assistant to help customers with banking-related queries anytime.

The bank said while most of the similar AI-powered virtual assistants are available only on its website, FEDDY can be accessed via Alexa, Google Assistant and WhatsApp.

'FEDDY is also integrated into Google Business Messaging, a first-of-its-kind feat by an Indian bank. On Google search, FEDDY can be accessed by clicking the 'message/chat' option available against the searched bank branch,' it said in a release.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: NCW

What: signs MoU with Bureau of Police Research & Development for gender sensitisation of police personnel



When: published on 16th July 2021

National Commission for Women has signed an MoU with Bureau of Police Research and Development for gender sensitization of police personnel across the country.

The objective of the programme is to ensure gender sensitization of police personnel with respect to legislation and policies concerning women. Bringing attitudinal and behavioural changes in police officers while dealing with crimes against women is also among the objectives.

The Commission has been regularly organising gender sensitization programs for police officers to achieve the objective of building trust of women complainants in police.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Shri Arjun Munda

What: virtually launches the nationwide campaign 'COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam'

When: published on 15th July 2021

Shri Arjun Munda, Minister of Tribal Affairs, today, virtually launched the nationwide campaign "COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam" to accelerate the pace of COVID vaccination among tribals, in India. Minister of State for Steel, Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste; Ministers of State for Tribal Affairs – Shri Bishweswar Tudu and Smt. Renuka Singh too were present virtually during the launch. Other dignitaries present during the launch were Shri Pravir Krishna, Managing Director, TRIFED; WHO Representative Dr. Roderico Ofrin; UNICEF India Representative Dr. Yasmin Ali Haque; and senior officers of TRIFED as well as partners of Tribal Affairs Ministry and TRIFED in states.

Shri Munda launched the campaign through video conferencing link-up with field camps in Mandla in Madhya Pradesh and Bastar in Chhattisgarh. During this, Bastar Collector Shri. Rajat Bansal and Mandla District Collector Smt Harshika Singh gave details about the preparations for vaccination being run in their respective districts.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister for Labour & Employment Bhupender Yadav

What: chairs 7th BRICS Labour & Employment Minister's Meeting

When: published on 15th July 2021



Union Minister for Labour & Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav chaired the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting today under India's Presidency. Ministers of the member countries viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa participated in the meeting.

India organized the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting to exchange views on the impact of Covid-19 on global labour market, enhance information sharing, discuss and agree upon specific areas of cooperation between BRICS Member countries. Discussion on four priority areas of cooperation took place namely, Promoting Social Security Agreements amongst BRICS Nations; Formalisation of Labour Markets; Participation of Women in the Labour Force; and Gig and Platform Workers: Role in the Labour Market.

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





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