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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

## July GA Quiz 20

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

1. Which of the following states has recently presented INR 566.20 Crore Deficit State Budget for FY 2021-22?

- A. Tripura                      B. Jharkhand                      C. Bihar  
D. Assam                      E. None of these

2. Pulitzer Prize-winning Indian Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui was killed in which country?

- A. Syria                      B. Pakistan                      C. Afghanistan  
D. Nepal                      E. None of these

3. Which missile was in news recently that failed during Test-firing off the coast of Odisha?

- A. BrahMos                      B. Agni                      C. Naag  
D. Akash                      E. None of these

4. Which of the following banks has recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing developmental initiatives linked to priority sector lending in state?

- A. Punjab National Bank                      B. Bank of Maharashtra                      C. Andhra Bank  
D. Kerala Bank                      E. None of these

5. India's 1st Monk Fruit Cultivation Exercise has recently begun in which of the following states?

- A. Uttar Pradesh                      B. Sikkim                      C. Himachal Pradesh  
D. Meghalaya                      E. None of these

6. The government has recently notified a hike in the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in pension fund management to what percent from 49 percent under the national pension system (NPS)?

- A. 74 percent                      B. 50 percent                      C. 67 percent  
D. 80 percent                      E. None of these



**7. Who among the following has inaugurated 'Aiming for Sustainable Habitat: New Initiatives in Building Energy Efficiency 2021', which is a set of 6 new initiatives aimed at improving energy efficiency in the building sector?**

- A. Ravi Shankar Prasad      B. Hardeep Singh Puri      C. R. K. Singh  
D. Mansukh L. Mandaviya      E. None of these

**8. Which of the following states is going to launch ASAP Startup Promotion Scheme?**

- A. Arunachal Pradesh      B. Madhya Pradesh      C. Andhra Pradesh  
D. Uttar Pradesh      E. None of these

**9. Which actress has joined hands with the Himachal Pradesh government for their initiative, 'Baccho Ka Sahara'?**

- A. Surilie Gautam      B. Urvashi Rautela      C. Yami Gautam  
D. Bhumi Pednekar      E. None of these

**10. Which of the following states has recently developed a Mobile App 'Raj Kisan Organic' for Sale and Purchase of Organic Produce?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh      B. Gujarat      C. Kerala  
D. Tamil Nadu      E. None of these

**11. Nelson Mandela International Day 2021 was observed on which date?**

- A. July 12      B. July 15      C. July 11  
D. July 18      E. None of these

**12. Who among the following has recently won the British Grand Prix 2021?**

- A. Lewis Hamilton      B. Max Verstappen      C. Valtteri Bottas  
D. Daniel Ricciardo      E. None of these

**13. The ICC has recently inducted which county as newest member during the 78th Annual General Meeting?**

- A. Mongolia      B. Tajikistan      C. Switzerland  
D. A and B      E. All A, B and C



**14. Ordnance Factory, Tiruchirappalli (OFT) handed over how many Indigenously produced 12.7 mm Stabilised Remote Control Gun (SRCG) systems to the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?**

- A. 30                                      B. 40                                      C. 35  
D. 25                                      E. None of these

**15. Who among the following has recently launched “Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records (FASTER)” to Securely and Electronically transmit Bail and other orders?**

- A. Sharad Arvind Bobde              B. N Venkata Ramana              C. R Fali Nariman  
D. Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar      E. None of these

**16. Which country has successfully test-fired the Zircon hypersonic cruise missile?**

- A. China                                    B. Japan                                    C. Russia  
D. USA                                      E. None of these

**17. Which organization has launched a new Virtual Platform called ‘Kala Vishwa’ to reach out to traditional folk artists, local artists/artisans?**

- A. Indian Council for Cultural Relations  
B. Indian Council of Historical Research  
C. Centre for Cultural Resources and Training  
D. Archaeological Survey of India  
E. None of these

**18. Cleopas Dlamini has recently been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?**

- A. Lesotho                                    B. Botswana                                    C. Eswatini  
D. Sierra Leone                            E. None of these

**19. Which airways has recently become 1st airline from Middle East to Join IATA’s Turbulence Aware Platform?**

- A. Qatar Airways                            B. Etihad Airways                            C. Turkish Airways  
D. Emirates Airways                            E. None of these



**20. Shravan Harela Festival 2021 was celebrated in which of the following states?**

A. Himachal Pradesh

B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Tamil Nadu

D. Uttarakhand

E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Assam FM

**What:** presents INR 566.20 Crore Deficit State Budget for FY 2021-22

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

In Assam, Finance minister Ajanta Neog today presented a 566.20 crore rupees deficit state budget for the year 2021-22. Ms. Neog promised to recruit 1 lakh educated youth in the government sector as the BJP mentioned in the recently concluded assembly polls campaign.

The budget promised to provide 1 lakh rupees each to the next of kin of COVID victims. In a bid to give a boost to the health infrastructure, 1000 sub centres would be converted to hospitals.

To minimize the learning loss and bridge the digital divide, smart phones would be given to 8 lakh class IX and X students in the government sector. The budget also proposed to set up 1000 model Anganwadi Centres with Child Care facility.

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

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui

**What:** Is Killed In Afghanistan

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer Danish Siddiqui, who worked for the Reuters news agency based out of India, was killed Friday while on assignment in southern Afghanistan after coming under fire by Taliban militiamen.

Siddiqui, who was 38 years old, had been embedded with Afghan special forces in southern Kandahar province when he was killed along with a senior Afghan officer, Reuters reports.

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



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BrahMos Cruise Missile

**What:** Fails to Take Off During Test-Firing Conducted Off Odisha Coast

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile failed to take off during a test-firing, which was conducted off the Odisha coast on Monday. The missile fell soon after it took off, ANI reported.

The missile has the capability to strike targets upto 450km. ANI quoted sources as saying that the missile fell off “very shortly after the launch”. Sources also said that prima facie the missile failed to take off due to glitches with the propulsion system. The exact reasons for the failure would, however, be ascertained only after examination by scientists from the Defence Research and Development Organisation and BrahMos aerospace corporation.

BrahMos cruise missiles were earlier used to hit targets below 300km. But they are now used for hitting targets at longer ranges with supersonic speeds. A host of other versions of the missile were earlier developed by BrahMos Aerospace as part of joint ventures between the DRDO and Russia’s NPO Mashinostroyeniya.

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

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bank of Maharashtra

**What:** signs MoU with NABARD

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing developmental initiatives linked to priority sector lending in Maharashtra.

The MoU envisages joint initiatives for the benefit of farmers, farmer producer organisations, joint liability groups, self help groups, rural artisans, weavers, agri-preneurs, agri start-ups, micro, small and medium enterprises in the State, BoM said in a statement.

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

### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India’s 1st Monk Fruit Cultivation Exercise

**What:** begins in Kullu, HP



**When:** published on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The 'monk fruit' from China, which is known for its properties as non-caloric natural sweetener, was Monday introduced for field trials in Himachal Pradesh by the Palampur-based Council of Scientific Research and Industrial Technology-Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (CSIR-IHBT) in Kullu.

The field trials have begun three years after the CSIR-IHBT imported its seeds from China and grew it in the house.

Fifty seedlings were planted in the fields of progressive farmer Manav Khullar from Raison village for field trials and CSIR-IHBT signed a 'Material Transfer Agreement' with Manav. The economic benefits of the new crop are estimated to be between Rs 3 lakh to Rs 3.5 lakh per hectare.

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

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** FDI limit in NPS fund managers

**What:** hiked to 74%

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The government on Friday notified a hike in the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in pension fund management to 74% from 49% under the national pension system (NPS), opening doors for experienced foreign partners in this space and facilitating more competition in the fledgling segment.

The higher foreign investment limit in pension fund managers (PFMs) follows a Parliament nod in March to hike FDI limit in insurance business to 74% from 49%. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Act links the FDI ceiling in the sector to the same in the insurance sector.

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

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Shri R K Singh, Union Minister for Power and MNRE

**What:** inaugurates "Aiming for Sustainable Habitat: New Initiatives in Building Energy Efficiency 2021"

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Shri R.K. Singh, Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy today announced various initiatives being taken by Government of India towards energy efficiency in the building sector, as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'.





While inaugurating “Aiming for Sustainable Habitat: New Initiatives in Building Energy Efficiency 2021” which was virtually launched today by Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Union Minister Shri R.K .Singh reiterated his commitment to ensure continuous efforts to enhance energy efficiency in the economy, especially in the buildings sector. He congratulated BEE for organizing the launch event and suggested all officials to continue to strive to remove all barriers in implementing Energy Efficiency in the Buildings sector, creating energy efficient demand and energy efficient designs.

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

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Andhra Pradesh Govt

**What:** Plans to Launch ASAP Startup Promotion Scheme

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Andhra Pradesh government will launch a flagship startup promotion scheme Accelerate Startups in AP (ASAP) for early stage startups to offer plug-and-play office space and access to a network of investors and mentors.

It will also set up a Rs 100 crore 'fund of funds', in partnership with a consortium of Venture Capitals and Private Equity firms and universities, for funding startups in the state.

This has been announced in the state's new AP Information Technology Policy 2021-24, which was formally notified on Friday after the Cabinet cleared it on June 30.

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

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Yami Gautam

**What:** joins hands with Himachal Pradesh government for 'Baccho Ka Sahara, Phone Humara' initiative

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Bollywood actor Yami Gautam Dhar joined hands with the Himachal Pradesh government for their initiative, 'Baccho Ka Sahara, Phone Humara' on Friday.

With online learning becoming the new normal, many kids are robbed of educational opportunities as there is a lack of basic technology facilities in various parts of the country.

The initiative 'Baccho Ka Sahara, Phone Humara' is a phone donation camp that has been launched by the Himachal Pradesh government to help needy children who cannot afford smartphones.

Launched under the 'Samgra Shiksha Abhiyan' of the state government, Yami who herself belongs to Himachal Pradesh, attended the event virtually.

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



## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Rajasthan

**What:** Developed Mobile App 'Raj Kisan Organic' – for Sale, Purchase of Organic Produce

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Now purchase and sale of organic products in Rajasthan can be done online using Raj Kisan Organic mobile application, developed by the agriculture department for coordination and negotiation between farmers and the buyers.

Rajasthan agriculture minister Lalchand Kataria said as the demand for organic products was increasing, more and more farmers were switching to organic farming with more than 20,000 becoming members of around 90 organic producer groups registered with the Rajasthan State Organic Certification Organization. However, these farmers found it difficult to find a structured market to sell their produce, a problem that the new app named Raj Kisan Organic promises to solve by providing an interface to farmers and the consumers of organic produce.

Individual farmers or farmer groups can register themselves by downloading this app from Google play store and directly sell their products to registered buyers. Till date, 160 farmers and 29 buyers have got themselves registered on this app.

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

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Nelson Mandela International Day 2021

**What:** was observed on July 18

Nelson Mandela International Day 2021: Today (July 18) marks the birth anniversary of the former South African president Nelson Mandela and the day is observed worldwide as Nelson Mandela International Day. Nelson Mandela is celebrated around the world for fight against poverty, inequality, social and cultural injustice. For 67 years, he not only devoted his life to the service of the nation but in a way for the whole world together.

The day was first celebrated on July 18, 2010, after the United Nations officially declared the day as Nelson Mandela International Day in November 2009. It is said that it was Mandela's idea to celebrate his birthday as 'Mandela Day' and that he urged people to come together and fight for the betterment of the world. On his 90th birthday, Mandela said, "It is time for new hands to lift the burdens. It is in your hands now." In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) announced the 'Nelson Mandela Prize' for recognising commendable achievements of those who dedicated their lives to the service of humanity.

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



## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Lewis Hamilton

**What:** wins British Grand Prix 2021

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Lewis Hamilton overcame first lap contact with title rival Max Verstappen and a 10-second penalty to take an eighth British Grand Prix win at Silverstone, passing Ferrari's Charles Leclerc – who led the majority of the race – with just three laps of the race to go, as the second Mercedes of Valtteri Bottas took P3.

Hamilton and Verstappen had sparred spectacularly throughout the first half lap of the Grand Prix, but made contact at Copse when Hamilton tried to pass up the inside into the fast sweeping corner, with Verstappen spinning hard into the barriers and out of the race – with Hamilton handed a 10-second penalty for the collision.

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

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ICC

**What:** inducts Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland as new members

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The ICC has announced that Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland will be its newest members during the 78th Annual General Meeting.

Mongolia and Tajikistan are the 22nd and 23rd members of the Asia region, while Switzerland is Europe's 35th Member, with the ICC now comprising 106 Members in total, including 94 Associates.

Meanwhile, Zambia, which was suspended at the ICC AGM in 2019, is no longer a member due to continued non-compliance with ICC Membership Criteria. Russia too has been suspended and, according to a release, has until the time of the next ICC AGM to demonstrate compliance or risk having its membership terminated.

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

## 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** OFT

**What:** hands over 25 Indigenous SRCG Systems to Indian Navy & ICG

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Adding more strength to Indian Navy and ICG, Ordnance Factory of Tiruchirappalli (OFT) handed out the locally assembled 12.7 mm Stabilised Remote Control Gun (SRCG) system to the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard for enhanced surveillance.

The first batch consisted of 25 weapons. They were assembled in the Trichy factory through the transfer of technology (ToT) initiative with the support of Israel-based defence company Elbit Systems.

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

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CJI NV Ramana

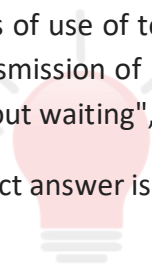
**What:** launched FASTER to Securely and Electronically transmit Bail and other orders

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Chief Justice of India NV Ramana on Friday said that the Supreme Court is thinking of evolving a system to electronically transmit bail orders directly to prisons so that prison authorities will not delay the release of prisoners awaiting certified copy of the order.

"We are in times of use of technology. We are under contemplation of a scheme called FASTER : Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Record. It is meant to communicate all orders to concerned jail authorities without waiting", the CJI said.

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



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## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Russia

**What:** successfully test-fired the Zircon hypersonic cruise missile

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Russia successfully test-fired the Zircon hypersonic cruise missile.

The missile was launched from the Navy's Admiral Gorshkov warship which locked into a target on the Barents Sea coast in northern Russia.

"The Zircon missile successfully hit a target directly at a range of over 350 kilometres (217 miles). The flight speed reached nearly Mach 7," Russia's defence ministry said.

Russia is set to arm warships and submarines with the Zircon missile.

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



## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Kala Vishwa – a virtual platform for traditional and folk artists

**What:** launched by ICCR in Mumbai

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has launched a new campaign called 'KALA VISHWA', from its Mumbai Centre today. Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President, ICCR and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children and Youth & Sports inaugurated the first programme under the "Kala Vishwa" campaign today. Kala Vishwas is a special campaign under the Horizon Series that will be held for a duration of six months to reach out to traditional folk artists, local artistes / artisans and those coming from rural areas and give them an opportunity and a platform to perform under this campaign, especially during the challenging time of COVID-19. The Kala Vishwas campaign took off from Mumbai today, with a focus on traditional art forms of Maharashtra and Goa.

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

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Eswatini's King Mswati

**What:** Names Cleopas Dlamini as Prime Minister

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Eswatini's King Mswati III has appointed Cleopas Dlamini as the nation's prime minister, more than six months after the death of the previous leader of government.

Dlamini will take over from Themba Masuku, who was acting in the role since Ambrose Dlamini died in December. The new prime minister was the chief executive officer of Eswatini's Public Service Pension Fund.

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

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Qatar Airways

**What:** becomes the first airline in the Middle East to join the IATA Turbulence Aware platform

**When:** published on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Qatar Airways and the International Air Transport Association announced that Qatar Airways will become the first airline in the Middle East to join the IATA Turbulence Aware platform.



IATA's Turbulence Aware helps airlines mitigate the impact of turbulence, a leading cause of passenger and crew injuries and higher fuel costs each year, by pooling and sharing anonymised turbulence data from multiple participating airlines and thousands of daily flights. The real-time, accurate information enables pilots and dispatchers to choose optimal flight paths, avoiding turbulence and flying at optimum levels to maximise fuel efficiency and thereby reduce CO2 emissions.

Qatar Airways was the first Middle Eastern airline to participate in the Turbulence Aware initiative when it was launched as a pilot project in December 2018. Turbulence Aware has since expanded into a fully operational platform with over 1500 reporting aircraft sharing real-time turbulence data. With today's announcement Qatar Airways has equipped 120 aircraft with the Turbulence Aware platform, with plans to expand to the rest of its fleet.

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

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Uttarakhand

**What:** Celebrates Shraavan Harela Festival 2021

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Harela festival — held to mark the importance of the environment and the need for conservation of the green cover — was celebrated across Uttarakhand on Friday. The festival marks the onset of Hindu month Shraavan, believed to be Lord Shiva's favourite month.

On the occasion, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami planted a few saplings at Dehadun's MDDA City Park. He urged the people present there to greet him with saplings instead of bouquets.

"Our ancestors took several major steps towards the preservation and protection of the environment. Therefore, it is our duty to continue this heritage. Our future generations should also carry forward this tradition," said CM Dhami.

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





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