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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 23

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

**1.** Which of the following states has recently received INR **28,508** Crore Investment from Investment Conclave **2021**?

C. Maharashtra

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- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala E. None of these

2. The BSES Discom has signed a 510-MW solar and hybrid power agreement with which company, a move that will help provide green and clean electricity to Delhi at "economical rates"?

- A. Solar Energy Corporation of India
- **B. NTPC Limited**
- C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited
- D. Power Grid Corporation of India
- E. None of these

3. "The Stranger in the Mirror" is a autobiography which person?

- A. Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra
- B. Prasoon Joshi
- C. Kamlesh Pandey
- D. Art Malik
- E. None of these

4. Which firm has flagged off Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) for delivery to Indian Air Force?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- **B.** Bharat Dynamics
- C. BEML Limited
- **D. Bharat Electronics**
- E. None of these



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5. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of up to \_\_\_\_\_\_ equity shareholding of Mukand Limited by Bajaj Group entities, in addition to the existing stake of around 57.70 per cent?

A. 15.57 per cent	B. 16.57 per cent	C. 17.57 per cent			
D. 18.57 per cent	E. None of these				

6. Which of the following banks has recently launched a loan scheme for the infrastructure development of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperatives (PACS)?

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

7. Which bank and fintech platform U GRO Capital have launched a co-lending platform Pratham, under which Rs 1,000 crore loan will be disbursed to the MSME sector in the country?

- A. State Bank of India B. Punjab National Bank C. Bank of Baroda
- D. United Bank of India E. None of these

8. Which payments bank has made a strategic partnership with Multilink, a fintech company to build agent points across India to boost the banking facilities in rural and semi-urban areas of India through the Neo banking system?

- A. Paytm Payments Bank B. Airtel Payments Bank C. Jio Payments Bank
- D. NSDL Payments Bank E. None of these

9. Which of the following company has introduced with the successful collaboration with SpaceChain for the successful launch of its digital security infrastructure into area onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket under the rideshare program?

A. Biteeu India B. Unocoin India C. Bitcoin India

D. Koinex India E. None of these

**10.** Which insurance company has recently announced the launch of Optima Secure, a new indemnity health insurance product that seeks to redefine the value customers can get from their insurance plan?

A. ICICI Lombard B. Max Bupa C. TATA AIG D. HDFC ERGO E. None of these www.smartkeeda.com | testzone.smartkeeda.com



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# 11. Which high court has become the first court in the country to formally start live streaming of proceedings?

- A. Allahabad High Court B. Gujarat High Court C. Delhi High Court
- D. Bombay High Court E. None of these

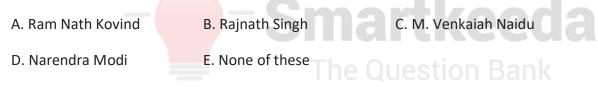
### 12. Which city has been confirmed as the host for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

- A. Sydney B. Melbourne C. Perth
- D. Brisbane E. None of these

# 13. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested the latest Akash- NG surface-to-air missile system. What is the strike range of the missile?

A. around 40 km	B. around 70 km	C. around 60 km			
D. around 80 km	E. None of these				

# 14. Who among the following has recently inaugurated the World Universities Summit 2021 called upon India to be 'Vishwagurus In Education'?



15. ESR India has inked an MoU with the government of which state for a potential investment of Rs 550 crores for the launch of two industrial parks in Kancheepuram and Krishnagiri districts of the state over the next five years?

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

### 16. Who among the following has recently bagged AIFF men's footballer of the year for 2020/21 season?

- A. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu B. Pritam Kotal C. Anirudh Thapa
- D. Sandesh Jhingan E. None of these

# 17. Urmil Kumar Thapliyal has passed away recently, was a/an \_\_\_\_\_

A. Thespian B. Scientist C. Biologist

D. Novel Writer E. None of these

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18. KT Subramanian Padannayil passed away recently, was a/an
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- A. Actor B. Economist C. Writer
- D. Politician E. None of these

### 19. Which district has recently won the SKOCH Award for nutri-garden project at village?

- A. Cachar B. Silchar
- D. Lakhimpur E. None of these

# 20. Who among the following has been given additional charge of the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

C. Darrang

- A. Aramane Giridhar B. Manushare Sharma C. Alok Nath Srivastava
- D. Manish Pandey 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: Tamil Nadu

What: receives INR 28,508 Crore Investment from Investment Conclave 2021

When: published on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Tamil Nadu on Tuesday received investment commitments to the tune of Rs 28,508 crore from 49 companies across various segments that will create 83,482 jobs in the state. The event, organised by the industries department and 'Guidance Tamil Nadu,' also saw Chief Minister M K Stalin laying the foundation stone for nine projects, entailing investments of Rs 4,250 crore that will generate 21,630 jobs.

An official release said 35 Memorandums of Understanding were signed in the presence of the chief minister, with a cumulative investment of Rs 17,141 crore, which would create 55,054 jobs.

Stalin also inaugurated five new projects with an investment commitment of Rs 7,117 crore and employment generation to 6,798 people. "The total investment committed in the 49 projects is Rs 28,508 crore and employment opportunities to 83,482 people", the release said.

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

#### 2. Hints to Remember

#### Who: BSES

What: signs 510-MW solar, hybrid power agreement with SECI for Delhi

#### When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The BSES discom has signed a 510-MW solar and hybrid power agreement with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a move that will help provide green and clean electricity to Delhi at "economical rates", a company spokesperson said Tuesday. The Reliance Infrastructure-led BSES discoms -- BRPL and BYPL -- are the first in Delhi to ink an agreement for hybrid power which is a pooled mix of solar and wind power co-located at the same site, he said.

Hybrid power will lead to optimum cost utilisation and enable BSES discoms fulfil their renewable power obligations, he added.



"The BSES discoms have inked power sale agreements (PSA) with SECI to procure 510 MW of solar and bundled hybrid power. Of the total quantum of 510 MW, 300 MW is solar power and 210 MW, hybrid power," he said.

The BSES discoms have already started the process to come out of costly power purchase agreements by petitioning the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, to allow it to exit seven power plants that have completed 25 years of operation or about to do so within a year.

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

#### 3. Hints to Remember

Who: Sonam Kapoor

What: unveils first look of Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra's autobiography 'The Stranger In The Mirror'

When: published on 20th July 2021

Filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra on Tuesday said he is coming up with his autobiography, "The Stranger In The Mirror".

Published by Rupa Publications, the book will hit the stands across the country on July 27.

Ad maker-turned-director Mehra, known for helming movies like "Rang De Basanti", "Delhi-6", "Bhaag Milkha Bhaag" and the recently released "Toofan", shared the announcement on his Instagram account. He has co-written the book with noted author Reeta Ramamurthy Gupta.

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

#### 4. Hints to Remember

Who: Bharat Dynamics Ltd

What: flags off Medium Range Surface to Air Missile for delivery to Indian Air Force

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The first missile of the first firing unit of the Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) was flagged off for delivery to the Indian Air Force from Bharat Dynamics Ltd's (BDL) Kanchanbagh unit in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

BDL has already completed its Navy order, and now both the Army and Air Force programmes are moving simultaneously.

The MRSAM is a high response, quick reaction, vertically launched supersonic missile, designed to neutralize enemy aerial threats. These threats include missiles, aircraft, guided bombs and helicopters. The missile has a range of up to 70 km and will be used by the Army, Navy and Air Force in different variants.

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



#### 5. Hints to Remember

Who: CCI

What: approves additional 16.57% stake acquisition of Mukund Ltd by Bajaj Group companies

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of up to 16.57 per cent equity shareholding of Mukand Limited by Bajaj Group entities on Tuesday, in addition to the existing stake of around 57.70 per cent.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs in a press statement said, "The CCI approves acquisition by Bajaj Sevashram Private Limited (BSPL), Bachhraj & Company Private Limited (BCOPL), Bachhraj Factories Private Limited (BFPL) and Sanraj Nayan Investments Private Limited (SNIPL) (collectively referred to as 'Acquirers') of Mukand Limited (Target) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002, today."

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

#### 6. Hints to Remember

Who: Kerala Bank

What: launches new loan scheme

When: published on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Kerala Bank has launched a loan scheme titled 'Kerala Bank Samagra' for the infrastructure development of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperatives (PACS). Bank president Gopi Kottamurikkal released the brochure of the scheme by handing over a copy to Anil Kumar A, general manager, PACS development department, Kerala Bank. In his address, Gopi said the comprehensive loan scheme was devised to help PACS create job opportunities in rural areas and overcome the Covid crisis.

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

#### 7. Hints to Remember

Who: BoB, U GRO Capital

What: come together to launch co-lending platform 'Pratham'

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Bank of Baroda and fintech platform U GRO Capital have launched a co-lending platform Pratham, under which Rs 1,000 crore loan will be disbursed to the MSME sector in the country.



Commencements of loan disbursements under Pratham mark the 114th Foundation Day of Bank of Baroda, U GRO Capital -- tech-focussed small business lending platform -- said in a release on Wednesday.

"Pratham, a Rs 1,000 crore co-lending programme, will allow the MSMEs to avail customised lending solutions at a competitive rate of interest with a significant reduction in turn-around time, it said.

The loan amount ranges from Rs 50 lakh to Rs 2.5 crore to be offered at an interest rate starting from 8 per cent with a maximum tenure of 120 months, it said.

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

#### 8. Hints to Remember

Who: NSDL Payments Bank

What: Partnered with Multilink to Provide Banking Facilities

When: published on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

In a move to boost the banking facilities in rural and semi-urban areas in the country, NSDL payments bank has announced a strategic partnership with Multilink.

In a press note issued recently, Multilink, one of India's fastest-growing fintech companies with a network of 1,00,000+ agents spread across India, said it will begin its strategic partnership with NSDL payments bank to build agent points across India, and the strategic tie-up will also result in providing banking facilities to rural and urban areas through NEO banking systems.

The company believes that this branchless banking tie-up will give a boost to digitization and more people will be able to avail themselves and use banking facilities from their neighbourhood. Currently, multilink has more than 1,00,000 agents, 3,000 distributors, 200 mass distributors, more than 60 API partners, and still growing.

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

#### 9. Hints to Remember

Who: Biteeu

What: Set To Become The World's First Space-Based Digital Currency Exchange For Ultra-Secure Transactions

### When: published on 16th July 2021

Biteeu India introduces with the successful collaboration with SpaceChain for the successful launch of its digital security infrastructure into area onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket under the rideshare program. The space node produced for Biteeu by space-as-a-service option company and partner SpaceChain is set up on a YAM-2 satellite brought by a rocket. The mission was enabled by satellite



operator Loft Orbital.Business Wire India Biteeu India launches with the effective collaboration with SpaceChain for the successful launch of its digital security infrastructure into area onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket under the rideshare program. The space node developed for Biteeu by space-as-aservice service company and partner SpaceChain is set up on a YAM-2 satellite carried by a rocket. The objective was enabled by satellite operator Loft Orbital. This marks Biteeu as the first cryptocurrency exchange on the planet to take advantage of the high security of space-grade facilities for ultra-secure Bitcoin cryptocurrency transactions, and having its public satellite key backed up on an area node. Biteeu.in has actually acquired the ISO 27001 certification which confirms the exchange satisfies global finest practices for its details security management system. Today & rsquo; s announcement further reinforces the exchange & rsquo; s commitment to guaranteeing ultra-secure'user privacy with advanced innovation. As soon as activated, the space node will can processing multisignature Bitcoin deals.

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

#### 10. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC ERGO Optima Secure

What: offers 4 times sum insured at no extra cost

When: published on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

HDFC ERGO General Insurance today announced the launch of Optima Secure, a new indemnity health insurance product that seeks to redefine the value customers can get from their insurance plan. Optima Secure has Secure, Plus, Protect, and Restore benefits built-in that combine seamlessly to offer customers up to four times their sum insured at no additional charge while guaranteeing coverage for listed non-medical expenses, HDFC ERGO said in a statement.

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

#### 11. Hints to Remember

Who: Gujarat HC

What: became first court to start live streaming of proceedings

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

Gujarat High Court on Saturday became the first court in the country to formally start live streaming of proceedings.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana announced that steps would soon be taken to replicate this to some extent in the Supreme Court as well.

"As I have stated earlier while launching access of online proceedings of the Supreme Court to the media, we are keen to start live proceedings at least for some of the courts in the Supreme Court. We



are working out the logistics and working on consensus of the full court. With the aid of modern technologies, I am given to understand that we can introduce this live streaming feature in a cost-effective manner without imposing much of a burden on the exchequer," CJI Ramana said.

Launching the live streaming of Gujarat High Court proceedings on Saturday evening, on the eve of the 101st birth anniversary of former CJI Y.V. Chandrachud, Justice Ramana said it would "allow the people access to... the functioning of these institutions. The purpose is to keep the public informed."

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

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

#### 13. Hints to Remember

Who: DRDO

What: successfully test-fires new-generation Akash surface-to-air missile

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested the latest Akash surface-to-air missile system. The test was conducted from a test range off the Odisha coast on Wednesday.



According to the defence ministry, the test was conducted at around 12:45 pm from a land-based platform.

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

#### 14. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice-President Of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu

What: Inaugurates The World Universities Summit 2021 Calls Upon India To Be 'Vishwagurus In Education'

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice-President of India inaugurated the World Universities Summit 2021 (WUS 21) organised by O.P. Jindal Global University on "Universities of the Future: Building Institutional Resilience, Social Responsibility and Community Impact" today. In his address the Hon'ble Vice President said, "There are pressing issues facing higher education today as we embark on a path of recovery from the pandemic. Education drives the economy of the nation to chart the course of prosperity through the useful application of knowledge. We face a complex demand in education which is not only marked by large student numbers and the rural-urban geographic divide, but also by the unique diversity in our country. While our numbers and diversity are our strength, they also bring upon us the challenges of equity of access to education. We should aim to be 'Vishwagurus' in education. The ongoing pandemic has disrupted our lives and an estimated 1.2 billion children have been pulled out of classrooms globally. Today 32 direct-to-home channels are dedicated to providing online education but not all have access to online infrastructure. Even if we resolve these issues, we cannot substitute the class room experience with online learning. We need to explore the best hybrid model combining the best practice of online learning and classroom teaching."

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

#### 15. Hints to Remember

Who: ESR India

What: inks MoU with TN government to set up two industrial parks

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

ESR India has inked an MoU with the government of Tamil Nadu for a potential investment of Rs 550 crores.

The MoU is signed for the launch of two industrial parks in Kancheepuram and Krishnagiri districts of the state over the next five years. Once fully operational, the two projects have the potential to create over 4,400 jobs in the facility, that shall boost the overall socio-economic growth in the region.



The MoU was signed at the Investment Conclave 2021 conference held today. It will facilitate ESR India's proposed investment at Kancheepuram and Krishnagiri industrial parks by helping in streamlining land acquisition, approvals, clearances, and administrative processes as per existing policies, rules, and regulations of the government of Tamil Nadu.

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

#### 16. Hints to Remember

Who: Sandesh Jhingan

What: named Footballer of the Year

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year: Sandesh Jhingan named Footballer of the Year, Suresh Singh Wangjam bags emerging player award: Senior India defender Sandesh Jhingan was on Wednesday named the AIFF men's Footballer of the Year, while midfielder Suresh Singh Wangjam was picked as the Emerging Player for 2020-21 season.

It is the first time that the towering central defender has received the AIFF Player of the Year award, having won the Emerging Player of the Year Award in 2014.

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

#### 17. Hints to Remember

Who: Renowned thespian Urmil Kumar Thapliyal

What: passes away

When: published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Renowned theatre personality and litterateur Urmil Kumar Thapliyal has passed away here following a prolonged illness. He was 78.

The veteran thespian, who had been suffering from intestinal cancer, breathed his last late on Tuesday evening, family sources said.

He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Thapliyal worked all through his life for the revival of nautanki and popularising theatre.

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

#### 18. Hints to Remember

Who: Veteran Malayalam Actor KTS Padannayil

What: Passes Away at 88

When: published on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Veteran Malayalam actor KT Subramanian Padannayil succumbed to age-related ailments on Thursday morning at Indira Gandhi Cooperative Hospital in Ernakulam, as per a report by PTI.

He had been undergoing treatment since July 19 and was later moved to the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where he passed away at 6 am, said the hospital in a statement.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan condoled the death of the thespian. "Padannayil had portrayed characters that reflected the realities of life on screen", he said.

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

#### 19. Hints to Remember

Who: Assam's Cachar district

What: wins SKOCH Award for nutri-garden project at village

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

A yard backyard project that enabled a village on the Bangladesh border to devour nutritious vegetation and greens and earn by promoting the excess produce has earned an award for a southern Assam district.

Cachar Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli acquired the National Silver SKOCH Award a number of days in the past for 'Pushti Nirbhor' (nutrition-dependent), a convergence project on transformation and improvement entailing establishing nutri-gardens at homes in Dinnathpur Bagicha village.

The village is close to the India-Bangladesh border in Katigorah circle of Cachar district.

Instituted in 2003, SKOCH Award salutes individuals, initiatives and establishments that go the additional mile to make India a greater nation.

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

#### 20. Hints to Remember

Who: MoRTH's Secretary Aramane Giridhar

What: gets additional charge as NHAI Chairman

When: published on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



www.smartkeeda.com | testzone.smartkeeda.com SBI | RBI | IBPS | RRB | SSC | NIACL | EPFO | UGC NET | LIC | Railways | CLAT | RJS Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Secretary Aramane Giridhar (IAS) has been given additional charge of the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the assignment of the additional charge of the post of the Chairman of NHAI to Giridhar till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders whichever is earlier," said an order from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT).

Giridhar is a 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre. He has been serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways since May 1, 2020. He is an M Tech in Civil Engineering from IIT-Madras, he also holds a Master's Degree in Economics. He has undergone training in finance and banking matters at Singapore and France, apart from the IIM Bangalore, IIFT New Delhi and Tata Mgt Trg Centre, Pune.

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







