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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 31

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

1. As per the recent announcement made by Union Government, what percent of the all-India quota admissions for medical and dental courses has been reserved for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) starting this academic year?

- A. 25 percent                      B. 27 percent                      C. 29 percent  
D. 30 Percent                      E. None of these

2. The government of India has recently allowed what percent of foreign direct investment (FDI) under the automatic route for oil refiners in case an 'in-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment of a Public Sector Undertaking has been granted by it?

- A. 75 percent                      B. 100 percent                      C. 49 percent  
D. 51 percent                      E. None of these

3. "NDEAR" initiative was launched by Prime Minister of India Sri Narendra Modi to mark 1st Anniversary of NEP 2020. What does "E" stand for in "NDEAR"?

- A. Evolution                      B. E-learning                      C. Education  
D. Entrance                      E. None of these

4. The Union Cabinet has recently approved amendments to GIBNA to facilitate privatisation of which public sector firms?

- A. Banking                      B. General Insurance                      C. Finance  
D. A and B                      E. All A, B and C

5. Unemployment rate for women fell to what percent in 2019-20 from 5.1 per cent in 2018-19, according to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO)?

- A. 4.1 per cent                      B. 4.3 per cent                      C. 4.4 per cent  
D. 4.2 per cent                      E. None of these



**6. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has set up a panel to firm up plans to start Karaikal-Kankesanthurai Ferry Service. Kankesanthurai Port is located in which country?**

- A. Bangladesh                      B. Pakistan                      C. Sri Lanka  
D. Vietnam                          E. None of these

**7. Which Edition of 'INDRA NAVY-21' Exercise held between Indian and Russian Navies recently?**

- A. 11<sup>th</sup>                                  B. 12<sup>th</sup>                                  C. 13<sup>th</sup>  
D. 14<sup>th</sup>                                  E. None of these

**8. Which country has been ranked fifth highest in terms of the impact from automation and ninth in terms of level preparedness, according to a recent research study conducted by Deloitte and commissioned by Autodesk Foundation?**

- A. Oman                                B. Pakistan                              C. Bangladesh  
D. Sri Lanka                            E. None of these

**9. India and which country are going to co-host the fourth annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum (IPBF) in October, virtually?**

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

**10. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has sanctioned Rs 445.89 crore for drinking water projects in which state?**

- A. Rajasthan                          B. Jharkhand                          C. Punjab  
D. West Bengal                        E. None of these

**11. LIC Cards Services Limited (LIC CSL) and which bank have partnered to launch two variants of co-branded RuPay Credit Cards - LIC CSL 'Lumine' Platinum Credit Card and LIC CSL 'Eclat' Select Credit Card?**

- A. ICICI Bank                          B. IDBI Bank                          C. HDFC Bank  
D. IDFC Bank                          E. None of these



**12. Which bank and Temasek have announced a joint agreement to launch 'EvolutionX Debt Capital', a \$500 million debt financing platform for growth stage technology-enabled companies across Asia with a focus on India, Southeast Asia and China?**

- A. DBS Bank
- B. OCBC Bank
- C. United Overseas Bank
- D. POSB Bank
- E. None of these

**13. JSW Future Energy Ltd has entered into a framework agreement with \_\_\_\_\_, a 100 per cent subsidiary of Fortescue Future Industries Pty Ltd (FFI) to this effect.**

- A. Australian Fortescue Future Industries Pvt Ltd
- B. America Fortescue Future Industries Pvt Ltd
- C. African Fortescue Future Industries Pvt Ltd
- D. Canadian Fortescue Future Industries Pvt Ltd
- E. None of these

**14. Which firm has partnered with the UK Government's Department for International Trade (DIT) and the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) to address the Digital Skills Gap in the United Kingdom?**

- A. NASSCOM
- B. FICCI
- C. ASSOCHAM
- D. Confederation of Indian Industry
- E. None of these

**15. Ship maker Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has recently launched how many vessels at one go from its building dock at Kochi?**

- A. Four
- B. Five
- C. Six
- D. Three
- E. None of these

**16. How many tiger reserves in India have received the accreditation of the global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS)?**

- A. 15
- B. 14
- C. 12
- D. 16
- E. None of these



**17. Who among the following is the author of the book “The Most Incredible Olympic Stories”?**

- A. Luciano Wernicke                      B. Jonathan Wilson                      C. Maurice Hamilton  
D. Miyamoto Musashi                      E. None of these

**18. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2021 was observed on which date?**

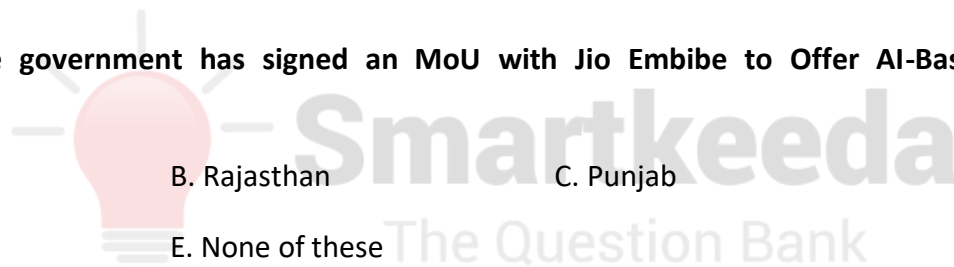
- A. July 29                                      B. July 30                                      C. July 31  
D. July 28                                      E. None of these

**19. US-based First Solar has invested 648 million in India to build a photovoltaic module manufacturing plant with a capacity of more than 3 GW (Gigawatts) in which state?**

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

**20. Which state government has signed an MoU with Jio Embibe to Offer AI-Based Learning for Students?**

- A. Gujarat                                      B. Rajasthan                                      C. Punjab  
D. Goa                                              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
B	B	C	B	D	C	B	E	C	C	B	A	A	A	B	B	A	B	D	D

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** MoHFW

**What:** Reserves 27% seats for OBCs, 10% for EWS in Medical Education

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Twenty-seven percent of the all-India quota admissions for medical and dental courses will be reserved for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) starting this academic year, the Union health ministry said. An additional 10% will be reserved for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

The reservations will be implemented in all undergraduate and postgraduate medical and dental courses.

The decision will benefit nearly 1,500 OBC students seeking to join MBBS courses and 2,500 backward category students in postgraduate courses. It will also benefit around 550 EWS students in MBBS and around 1,000 EWS students in postgraduate courses, the health ministry said.

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

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Govt

**What:** issues press note allowing 100% FDI in oil PSUs with 'in-principle' nod for strategic divestment

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The government on Thursday allowed 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) under the automatic route for oil refiners in case an 'in-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment of a Public Sector Undertaking has been granted by it.

The Union Cabinet last week approved a proposal to allow 100% FDI for public sector oil refiners thereby expanding the scope for foreign investment in the privatisation of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said in a Press Note that up to 100% FDI under the automatic route for petroleum refiners and in those without any disinvestment or dilution of domestic equity in the existing PSUs at 49%.

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



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Modi

**What:** to launch multiple schemes to mark first anniversary of NEP 2020

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi would launch multiple key initiatives to mark the first anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, an official statement said. "The PM will address policy makers in the domain of education and skill development, students, teachers, across the country on 29th July 2021, via video conferencing, to mark the completion of one year of reforms under the National Education Policy 2020," it said.

National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) and National Education Technology Forum (NETF), which are among the ambitious programs of the NEP 2020, would be launched on July 29 in the anniversary event.

The Prime Minister will launch the Academic Bank of Credit that will provide multiple entry and exit options for students in Higher education; 1st Year Engineering Programmes in Regional Languages and Guidelines for Internationalization of Higher Education.

Vidya Pravesh, a three month play based school preparation module for Grade 1 students will be released along with SAFAL (Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning Levels), a competency based assessment framework for Grades 3, 5 and 8 in CBSE schools.

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

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Cabinet

**What:** clears amendments to GIBNA for insurance PSU privatisation; may table Bill this session

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act (GIBNA) to facilitate privatisation of public sector general insurance firms, sources said. The Bill is likely to be tabled in Parliament in the ongoing monsoon session itself, they added.

The amendment to GIBNA was approved by the Union Cabinet on Wednesday, the sources said, adding the Bill seeks to enable greater private participation in the public sector insurance companies.

The Act, which came into force in 1972, provided for the acquisition and transfer of shares of Indian insurance companies and undertakings of other existing insurers in order to serve better the needs of the economy by securing the development of general insurance business.

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



## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Women unemployment rate

**What:** falls to 4.2% in 2019-20 from 5.1% in 2018-19

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Unemployment rate for women fell to 4.2 per cent in 2019-20 from 5.1 per cent in 2018-19, according to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO).

The NSO is a wing of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

"Unemployment rate for women has come down from 5.1 per cent in 2018-19 to 4.2 per cent in 2019-20," a labour ministry statement said.

As per the PLFS for 2019-20, of the total employment generated (in person days) in the 2020-21 under MGNREGS, women's share has increased to around 207 crore person days.

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

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** MoPSW

**What:** Set up Panel to Firm up Plans to Start Karaikal-Kankesanthurai Ferry Service

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has set up a committee to firm up a comprehensive plan to start ferry service between Karaikal Port, India and Kankesanthurai Port, Sri Lanka, Parliament was informed on Thursday. Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said the Puducherry government has informed that King Lear Ltd has submitted a proposal regarding starting of ferry service between Karaikal Port and KKS Port.

The Puducherry government has been directed to obtain necessary clearances from the Ministry of Home Affairs and other relevant central government organisations, wherever applicable, he added.

The Union government has received a proposal from the Puducherry government and the government of Sri Lanka on the commencement of passenger shipping between Karaikal, Puducherry, and Kankesanthurai (KKS Port) Jaffna, Sri Lanka under the provisions of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the two countries in 2011.

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

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 12th Edition of 'INDRA NAVY-21' Exercise





**What:** held between Indian & Russian Navies

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The 12th edition of exercise INDRA NAVY, a biennial bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Russian Navy was held in the Baltic Sea from 28 to 29 July 2021. Initiated in 2003, Ex INDRA NAVY epitomises the long-term strategic relationship between the two navies. This exercise was undertaken as part of the visit of INS Tabar to St Petersburg, Russia to participate in the 325th Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy.

INDRA NAVY has matured over the years with an increase in scope, the complexity of operations and level of participation. The primary aim of this year's edition is to further consolidate inter-operability built up by the two Navies over the years and also to enhance understanding and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations. The scope of this edition includes wide-ranging and diverse activities across the spectrum of maritime operations.

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

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** is among least prepared for automation in Asia Pacific: Autodesk

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

India ranks fifth highest in terms of the impact from automation and ninth in terms of level preparedness, according to a recent research study conducted by Deloitte and commissioned by Autodesk Foundation.

The country faces a greater likelihood of being impacted by automation due to larger employment shares in agriculture, manufacturing and construction -- all identified as high-risk industries by the report titled 'The Future of Work is Now: Is APAC Ready?'

It explores the state of automation and future of work across 12 Asia Pacific countries including Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India, US

**What:** to virtually co-host 4th annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum in October

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021



India and the US will virtually co-host the fourth annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum (IPBF) in October, the State Department has announced.

The IPBF, now in its fourth year, is the leading event to promote trade, investment and economic cooperation between the United States and its partners throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

The two-day online event from October 28 will be co-hosted by the US and India in partnership with the US Chamber of Commerce, the Confederation of Indian Industry, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the US-ASEAN Business Council (USABC).

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

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NABARD

**What:** sanctions Rs 446 crore for drinking water projects in Punjab

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development on Thursday said it has sanctioned Rs 445.89 crore for drinking water projects in Ferozepur, Fazilka, Hoshiarpur and Rupnagar districts of Punjab. The funds have been sanctioned under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

These projects envisaged to provide 70 litres per capita per day potable drinking water at the consumer-end through functional household tap connections covering a rural population of 10.39 lakh in 700 villages, said Rajiv Siwach, chief general manager of NABARD (Punjab), in an official statement here.

Villages in Ferozepur and Fazilka face issues of high turbidity, whereas villages in Rupnagar and Hoshiarpur have a challenge of seasonal water shortage.

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

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** LIC CSL

**What:** launches Co-branded RuPay Credit Cards powered by IDBI Bank 'Lumine' and 'Eclat'

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

LIC Cards Services Limited (LIC CSL) and IDBI Bank partners to launch two variants of co-branded RuPay Credit Cards - LIC CSL 'Lumine' Platinum Credit Card and LIC CSL 'Eclat' Select Credit Card powered by IDBI Bank. Initially, the card variants are targeted to LIC Policyholders, LIC Agents, and Employees of LIC of India and its Subsidiaries/Associates. The cards come with a host of attractive benefits for the customers.



Lumine and Eclat cardholders may enjoy the best-in-class credit limit to suit their lifestyle. Cardholders will earn 3 delight points on every spend of Rs. 100 through Lumine card and 4 delight points on Eclat card. These cards offer the special benefit of 2X reward points while paying the renewal insurance premium of LIC. Lumine and Eclat Cardholders will earn 1000 and 1500 Welcome Bonus Delight Points respectively on spending Rs. 10,000 within 60 days from the date of card issuance. The cards come with attractive Insurance Coverage viz. Air Accident Insurance Cover, Personal Accident/Permanent Disability cover, Credit Shield Cover, and Zero Lost Card Liability. Along with the benefit of a 1% fuel surcharge waiver on transactions of Rs. 400 onwards, both cards have the facility for its users to convert their transactions of over Rs. 3000 to EMI with zero processing and foreclosure fee. They can choose their EMI tenure options of 3, 6, 9 or 12 months as per their requirement. The Eclat cardholders will also get complimentary lounge access at Domestic and International Airports. Both the cards come with a validity of 4 years and an interest-free credit period of up to 48 days.

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

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** DBS, Temasek

**What:** team up for \$500 m debt financing platform

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

DBS and Temasek on Friday announced an agreement to jointly launch a \$500 million growth stage debt financing platform EvolutionX Debt Capital or EvolutionX.

Headquartered in Singapore, EvolutionX will provide non-dilutive financing to growth stage technology-enabled companies across Asia, with focus on China, India, and Southeast Asia.

The growth debt capital space presents a significant opportunity and EvolutionX will invest in opportunities arising from an increasingly digital economy, across sectors such as financial services, consumer, healthcare, education and industrial development, to accelerate growth and build the next generation of technology leaders, they said in a statement.

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

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** JSW Future Energy

**What:** collaborates with Australian Fortescue Future Industries for green hydrogen

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

JSW Energy arm JSW Future Energy has partnered with Australian Fortescue Future Industries to tap into the significant clean energy market opportunity in India and be a front-runner in a future hydrogen economy.



JSW Future Energy Ltd has entered into a framework agreement with Australian Fortescue Future Industries Pty Ltd, a 100 per cent subsidiary of Fortescue Future Industries Pty Ltd (FFI) to this effect.

Both the entities have joined hands to collaborate and conduct scoping work on potential projects relating to the production of green hydrogen and utilizing it for green steel making, hydrogen mobility, green ammonia and other mutually agreed industrial applications in India, a JSW Energy statement said.

"JSW Energy has laid out a strategic blueprint to become a 20 GW capacity power generating company by 2030, with about 85 per cent of the portfolio comprising green and renewable energy sources," JSW Energy Joint Managing Director & CEO Prashant Jain said in the statement.

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

#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Nasscom

**What:** Partners With UK Government, UK India Business Council

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

IT business physique Nasscom on Thursday mentioned it has collaborated with the UK Government's Division for Worldwide Commerce (DIT) and the UK India Enterprise Council (UKIBC) to deal with the digital abilities hole in that nation. A two-day digital college tour, specializing in expertise acquisition for the Indian tech business, was organised. This coated a number of of the UK's prime universities equivalent to University of Nottingham, University of Glasgow and Durham University.

In an announcement, Nasscom mentioned globally there's a scarcity of digital abilities and, given the tempo at which the digital panorama is evolving, it is important for growth that these abilities are future proofed. Nasscom members like Cigniti, Firstsource, HCL, Hexaware,

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

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Cochin Shipyard

**What:** launches five vessels at one go in Kochi

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Ship maker Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) on Wednesday launched five vessels at one go from its building dock at Kochi.

CSL achieved this rare feat, amidst the Covid -19 pandemic and the lockdown restrictions, said Madhu S Nair, CMD, CSL.



The vessels launched are three 'Floating Border Outpost Vessels (FBOP)' for the Border Security Force and two 8000 DWT mini general cargo ships for JSW Shipping & Logistics. CSL in November 2020 also had launched five vessels at one go.

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

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** MoEF&CC: 14 Tiger Reserves of India

**What:** Received CA|TS Accreditation

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Global Tiger Forum and WWF India congratulate the 14 Tiger Reserves that have received CA|TS accreditation, as announced this afternoon by the Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India on the occasion of Global Tiger Day, 2021.

CA|TS is a globally accepted conservation tool that sets best practice and standards to manage tigers, and encourages assessments to benchmark progress. Habitats which support tiger populations are the building blocks of wild tiger conservation and effectively managing them is essential for long-term survival of wild tigers. CA|TS is being implemented across 125 sites in seven tiger range countries and India has the biggest number with 94 sites, out of which assessment was completed for 20 Tiger Reserves this year.

The sites went through the prescribed CA|TS process of site registration through external evaluation (including verification of evidences) to accreditation. This was facilitated by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF) and WWF India, which are the two implementing partners of the National Tiger Conservation Authority for CA|TS assessment in India.

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

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Argentinian Writer Luciano Wernicke's

**What:** new book "The Most Incredible Olympic Stories"

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

A new book maps down the phenomenal journey of the Olympics through time immemorial – from its genesis to its glory days – with the lore of myth, magic and gallantry in every turn of its long-walked path.

In The Most Incredible Olympic Stories, Argentinian writer Luciano Wernicke curates the oldest sporting legends – a tale that becomes the narrative of a modern civilisation.



Published by Niyogi Books, it is packed with many powerful tales that often captivate with their elements of surprise, unpredictability, and romance. It is a confluence of history, politics and spirit.

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

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2021

**What:** was observed on July 30

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is marked every year on July 30 to create awareness around people who are being trafficked and are taken away against their will. It helps to educate others that trafficking in persons is a crime exploiting even women and children for tragic jobs like forced labour and sex. This day gives an opportunity to understand the harms of human trafficking and its impact on the life of the people.

This day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as a means to combat the issues that are caused due to human trafficking. The day was declared with the aim of raising awareness around the victims of human trafficking. It also helps raise funds for those victims.

The UN wanted to make the trafficked people aware of their protection and rights. Since 2003, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has been working on identifying and saving people from the rackets that kept them captive.

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

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** First Solar of US

**What:** plans a \$ 648 million module plant in Tennessee

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

US-based First Solar will build 648 million in India on Friday to build a photovoltaic module manufacturing plant with a capacity of more than 3 GW (Gigawatts) in Tamil Nadu. Announced that it will invest dollars (about 4,965 chlores).

The company expects the facility to go live in late 2023 and create 1,000 jobs in the country.

India's expansion is part of the company's plan to double its production capacity to 16 GW by 2024, making it India's largest module manufacturer.

This is the second announcement of the GW size domestic solar module manufacturing plan following the government's PLI (performance-linked incentive) scheme to promote domestic manufacturing.



Reliance Industries Limited recently announced a \$ 10 billion green energy program that includes the installation of a giga-sized integrated module manufacturing facility.

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

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Goa Govt

**What:** Offers AI-based Learning for Students, Ties Up With Jio Embibe

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Goa government has signed an MoU with edu-tech platform Jio Embibe for adaptive learning based on Artificial Intelligence for students, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant told the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday. In a written reply, Sawant stated the MoU covers students of classes 6 to 12 with an exclusive portal for learning subjects like mathematics and science.

Most of the video conferencing platforms like Google Meet, Webex, JIO meet etc. have extended their services during the pandemic free. Hence there was a freedom to teachers and students to choose the best platform which has got different features of control and connectivity, the Chief Minister, who holds the Education portfolio, said. In addition, the Department has also signed an MoU with Eduisfun Technologies for giving gamified digital learning app called STEPapp to make learning of Maths and Science interesting for the benefit of students of class VI to XII. Both the programs were implemented during the academic year 2020-21 free, he added.

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





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