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March GA Quiz 1

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

1. Kushinagar Airport has recently become the 3rd Licensed International Airport. The airport is located in which of the following states?

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

2. Which of the following dates is observed on as National Protein Day?

- A. February 25 B. February 28 C. February 29
D. February 27 E. None of these

3. Who among the following has recently written her first novel, a thriller featuring a US government "dangerously out of touch" amid a series of terror attacks?

- A. Hillary Clinton B. Chelsea Clinton C. Barack Obama
D. Joe Biden E. None of these

4. Who among the following has announced his retirement from international and first-class cricket on 26th February 2021?

- A. Abhimanyu Mithun B. Sreenath Aravind C. Vinay Kumar
D. Karun Nair E. None of these

5. Which of the following companies has recently entered an agreement with Nissan International Holding BV to acquire 38 percent stake in Hinduja Tech for Rs 70.20 crore?

- A. Tata Motors B. Eicher Motors C. Ashok Leyland
D. Mahindra & Mahindra E. None of these



6. Who among the following companies has signed MoUs with two European companies to set up France's first hydrogen-based steel making plant?

- A. LIBERTY Steel Group B. Tata Steel Ltd C. IISCO Steel Plant
D. Steel Authority of India E. None of these

7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted a further _____ month extension of its banking licence to the Rupee Cooperative Bank (RCB).

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

8. Which insurance company has announced an industry-first initiative of up to 100 per cent health insurance premium returns and other significant product offering upgrades?

- A. Aditya Birla Health Insurance
B. Bajaj Allianz Health Insurance
C. SBI Health Insurance
D. ICICI Health Insurance
E. None of these



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9. Which of the following banks has signed a corporate agency agreement with the SBI General Insurance to retail its insurance products to the customers of the bank?

- A. ICICI Bank B. Indian Overseas Bank C. State Bank of India
D. HDFC Bank E. None of these

10. Which of the following banks has been a designated as a bank in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

- A. Fino Payments Bank B. Airtel Payments Bank C. Paytm Payments Bank
D. Birla Payments Bank E. None of these



11. Who among the following has recently addressed the inaugural session of the 16th Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Higher Education Summit 2021?

- A. Prakash Javadekar B. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre C. Ramesh Pokhriyal
D. Narendra Modi E. None of these

12. Which of the following countries has signed 4 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nepal to reconstruct 25 health post in Dhading district and Sindhupalchowk district of Nepal at a cost of Nepali Rupees (NRs) 530 million?

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

13. Which of the following states has recently launched 'e-Parivahan Vyavstha'?

- A. Rajasthan B. Haryana C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Himachal Pradesh E. None of these

14. Which of the following dates was observed as World NGO Day 2021?

- A. February 23 B. February 25 C. February 27
D. February 28 E. None of these

15. Which person's memoir titled 'The Presidential Years', will be globally released in January 2021?

- A. Pranab Mukherjee B. Suvra Mukherjee C. Pratibha Patil
D. Ram Nath Kovind E. None of these

16. Who among the following has announced his retirement from all formats of the game on 27th February 2021?

- A. Irfan Pathan B. Robin Uthappa C. Munaf Patel
D. Yusuf Pathan E. None of these



17. The government has launched the 'E-Daakhil' portal for consumer grievance redressal, is now operational in how many states and Union Territories (UTs)?

- A. 20 B. 15 C. 25
D. 10 E. None of these

18. Matam Venkata Rao was appointed as MD & CEO of which bank?

- A. Bank of India B. Central Bank of India C. Syndicate Bank
D. Indian Bank E. None of these

19. Which of the following banks has recently extended USD 7.35 mn line of credit to Nicaragua?

- A. Axis Bank B. EXIM Bank C. ICICI Bank
D. HDFC Bank E. None of these

20. Which agency has signed an MoU with Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to generate new PVC beneficiary cards called "Ayushman cards" under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and further streamline and ease the process of service delivery under the scheme?

- A. Ministry of AYUSH B. Employees' State Insurance
C. National Health Authority D. Indian Council of Medical Research
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: Kushinagar Airport

What: Becomes 3rd Licensed International Airport of UP

When: published on 25th February 2021

The Kushinagar Airport has been granted the licence to operate international flights and has now become the third such airport in Uttar Pradesh after Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in Lucknow, and Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi.

The airport got all necessary clearances from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and its director general Arun Kumar handed over the licence to Kushinagar Airport director A K Dwivedi in New Delhi on Tuesday. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Protein Day

What: celebrated on Feb 27

Non-profit education network 'Teach For India' is collaborating with the 'Right To Protein' to create awareness about the importance of proteins in children's diet and celebrated Protein Day on February 27.

In association with nutritionist Pooja Makhija, Right To Protein and Teach For India interacted online with children and their parents about the importance of consuming adequate protein in their daily diets for overall better health and nutrition.

The educational webinar saw participation of children from around the country; especially those that are a part of the Teach For India network in Mumbai, Pune, New Delhi, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Bangalore participated along with their parents. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Hillary Clinton

What: to publish State of Terror novel



When: published on 25th February 2021

Hillary Clinton has written her first novel, a thriller featuring a US government "dangerously out of touch" amid a series of terror attacks.

State of Terror, which follows a novice secretary of state, will be released on 12 October 2021.

Mrs Clinton, a former presidential hopeful, secretary of state and first lady, penned the book in partnership with author Louise Penny.

It explores a world of "high stakes diplomacy and treachery" she said.

The novel's protagonist has "joined the administration of her rival, a president inaugurated after four years of American leadership that shrank from the world stage". ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: R. Vinay Kumar

What: announces retirement, wants to give back to Karnataka cricket

When: published on 26th February 2021

Former India cricketer and Karnataka captain R. Vinay Kumar announced his retirement from international and first-class cricket on Friday.

An intelligent pacer and a capable batsman, Vinay played one Test (against Australia in Perth in 2012), 31 ODIs and nine T20Is. The 37-year-old last featured for India in the limited-overs leg of a home series against Australia in 2013.

Vinay was an outstanding performer in his 17-year domestic career. He scalped 504 wickets in 139 first-class matches and is the highest wicket-taker among fast bowlers in Ranji Trophy history. He also has 225 and 194 wickets in List A and T20 matches respectively. With the bat, he scored two centuries and 17 fifties in first-class matches.

His most significant achievement came during his successful tenure as Karnataka captain when he led the side in the back-to-back treble-winning seasons in 2013-14 and 2014-15. Vinay time and again lifted the spirits of the Karnataka team with his never-say-die and workhorse attitude. He also possessed a sharp mind, spotting and exploiting weaknesses in opposition batsmen on the fly. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Ashok Leyland

What: to buy Nissan's stake in Hinduja Tech for Rs 70.20 crore

When: published on 25th February 2021



Hinduja Group flagship firm Ashok Leyland on Thursday said it has entered an agreement with Nissan International Holding BV to acquire 38 percent stake in Hinduja Tech for Rs 70.20 crore.

"The company has entered into a share purchase agreement with Nissan International Holding BV to acquire 58,500,000 shares for a total consideration of Rs 70.20 crore constituting 38 percent in the paid-up share capital of Hinduja Tech Ltd. Consequent to the aforesaid acquisition, HTL will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the company," Ashok Leyland said in a regulatory filing.

In November 2014, Ashok Leyland had sold 38 percent stake in Hinduja Tech (HTL) to Nissan International Holdings BV, investment arm of the Japan-based Nissan Group, for an undisclosed sum.

The Chennai-based commercial vehicle did not share the reasons for buying back stake.

At the time of the stake sale, Ashok Leyland in a regulatory filing had said: "To unlock value, HTL has roped in a strategic investor to subscribe to the equity share capital of the company. Consequent to the allotment of equity shares to the strategic investor, the holding of Ashok Leyland now stands at 62 percent".[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Liberty Steel

What: Ties Up With European Firms To Build France's First Hydrogen-Based Steel Plant

When: published on 22nd February 2021

UK-based Liberty Steel Group, owned by Indian-origin metals tycoon Sanjeev Gupta, has signed MoUs with two European companies to set up France's first hydrogen-based steel making plant.

Liberty Steel Group is part of diversified GFG Alliance, which has a presence in India. Last year in February, GFG Alliance made a foray into the domestic steel industry with the acquisition of Adhunik Metaliks Ltd and its arm Zion Steel for about Rs 425 crore. 'LIBERTY Steel Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Paul Wurth and SHS to assess the building and operating of an industrial-sized, hydrogen-based steel making plant at Dunkerque in France. If developed, the plant would be one of the first operations of its type in France,' Liberty Steel Group said in a statement on Monday.

While Paul Wurth is a Luxembourg-based engineering company providing technology for the global iron making industry, SHS -Stahl-Holding-Saar of Germany is an operations management company.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: gives 3-month extension to Rupee Cooperative Bank



When: published on 27th February 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted a further three-month extension of its banking licence to the Rupee Cooperative Bank (RCB), Pune, till May 31, 2021. Till January 2021, the bank made total recovery of Rs 258.11 crore, and aggregate operating profit of Rs 53.19 crore in the last four years, Sudhir Pandit, chief administrator of the board of directors, said.

As on January 31, 2021, total deposit of the bank stood at Rs 1,292.84 crore. Total advances were at Rs 295.10 crore. Up to January 31, 2021, the bank made an operating profit of Rs 19.93 crore and paid Rs 366.54 crore to 92,602 depositors under the Hardship Scheme, officials said. [\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Aditya Birla Health Insurance

What: Introduces India's First Health Insurance Plan With Up To 100 Percent Return On Premium

When: published on 26th February 2021

Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Ltd. (ABHICL), the Health Insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited, a significant non-banking financial services company, today announced an industry-first initiative of up to 100 per cent health insurance premium returns and other significant product offering upgrades.

The newly designed version of its flagship product 'Activ Health' will inspire customers to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The Activ Health policy is a feature-rich product that provides comprehensive health protection with extensive wellness benefits. Aditya Birla Health Insurance is the only insurance company offering up to 100 per cent premium returns, i.e. HealthReturnsTM, rewards and up to 100 per cent reload of Sum Insured through its enhanced version of 'Activ Health' policy.

The consumer is rewarded through a cash-equivalent which can be used for either health-related expenses like buying medicines, paying for diagnostic tests, day care treatment, out-patient expenses (OPD), and alternative treatments (which are traditionally excluded), or most importantly can be used towards the payment of future premium. [\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI General Insurance

What: signs Corporate Agency Agreement with Indian Overseas Bank

When: published on 1st March 2021

SBI General Insurance, one of the leading General Insurance Companies in India, and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a major public sector bank has signed a bancassurance agreement for distribution of non-



life offerings. Through the alliance, SBI General will offer a range of general insurance solutions and innovative products to IOB customers.

IOB operates from Chennai, with 3200 Plus branches across the country and with overseas presence.

Speaking on occasion, Shri PC Kandpal, MD & CEO, SBI General Insurance said, "Our association with IOB shall further strengthen our reach and will help us in achieving another milestone for our mission of insuring Bharat. IOB's extensive reach in Tamil Nadu region will help in wide distribution of products to customers in the region. With this tie-up, we will offer well researched, unique, and customer-friendly products to IOB customers." ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Fino Payments Bank

What: says inclusion in commercial bank list to boost biz prospects

When: published on 24th February 2021

Fino Payments Bank on Wednesday said it will be able to improve its business prospects further as the RBI has included it in the category of a scheduled commercial bank. The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said it has included Fino Payments Bank in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The scheduled commercial bank, also called scheduled bank, status allows Fino to enhance its banking position in the treasury and participation in liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) window as per the RBI. It also helps the bank strengthen its business proposition on liabilities generation, Fino said in a release.

"It provides strategic impetus for Fino Payments Bank to enhance its scope on balance sheet management and explore additional avenues for business. We are keen to capitalise on the growth opportunities that exist within the regulatory guidelines and build on the momentum of consistent profitability achieved last fiscal," said Rishi Gupta, MD & CEO, Fino Payments Bank. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank,'

What: delivers inaugural address at the 16th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2021

When: published on 25th February 2021

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' delivered the inaugural address at the 16th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2021 today. The 16th edition of FICCI higher Education Summit is being organised virtually by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The theme of the summit is "Higher Education @ 2030: R.I.S.E. - Resilience. Innovation. Sustainability. Enterprise.'

Addressing on the occasion, Shri Pokhriyal said that National Education Policy 2020 lays out the path for transforming Indian education landscape suited to 21st century needs. He further said while the



government has formulated the policy, private sector participation will play a key role in implementing the same. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: Signs 4 MoUs with Nepal to Fund NRs 530 Million for Reconstructing 25 Health Posts in Nepal

When: published on 26th February 2021

Embassy of India in Nepal on Friday signed four Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs) for the reconstruction of 25 health posts in the Himalayan country.

Head of Development Partnership and Reconstruction wing of the Embassy of India, Nepal and Project Director of Central Level Project Implementation Unit (Building) of National Reconstruction Authority signed the agreement, according to a release from the Indian Embassy.

"Twelve health posts are located in Dhading district and 13 are located in Sindhupalchowk district and these health posts, damaged during the 2015 earthquake will be reconstructed at a cost of NR 530 million," the release read. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur

What: launches 'e-Parivahan Vyavstha'

When: published on 25th February 2021

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today launched 'e-Parivahan Vyavstha' of the State Transport Department to provide faceless services to the people of the State regarding Driving Licence/Registration Certificates/Permits etc.

While addressing the people on the occasion, the Chief Minister said stress must be laid on educating the people to avail this facility. He said the success of this system would largely depend on how better and easily the people adopt this service. Jairam said credit of this goes to the officers and employees of the State. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: World NGO Day 2021

What: was observed on 27th February



World NGO Day is marked on February 27 across the globe. The day, as the name suggests, is marked to make people aware of the importance of NGOs or Non-Governmental Organizations. Further, the day also celebrates the efforts of those social workers who have gone an extra mile to make the world a better place. World NGO Day was officially recognised by the Baltic Sea NGO Forum on April 17, 2010 and was adopted in the forum's Final Statement Resolution in 2012.

The day which was established by Marcis Liors Skadmanis, a UK-based social entrepreneur, is celebrated by a lot of European countries such as Poland, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, among others.

Non-Governmental Organisations' importance and role ever since coronavirus pandemic has increased by manyfold. Quite a few NGOs also went on to the extent of providing free COVID-19 tests to less privileged people, while some of them helped in procuring medicines for those who were hit by the virus.

In an official statement of Josep Borrell, Vice-President of the European Union, he mentioned that in the post-coronavirus world, the Non-Governmental Organizations have played an essential part and they have, in fact, become the "lynchpin of 'living together'." He also added that the NGOs will continue to put in all their efforts in the direction of making the world a better place by making sure that they protect the rights of everyone, everywhere. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Pranab Mukherjee's

What: memoir 'The Presidential Years': Blames Sonia, Manmohan Singh for 2014 debacle

When: published on February 2021

Late Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee's memoir (Authored by Pranab Mukherjee) titled 'The Presidential Years: 2012-2017' has been released in January 2021. The book was published by Rupa Publications India. The book gives an account of how Pranab Mukherjee reshaped the functioning of Rashtrapati Bhavan. During his presidency, he worked with 2 Prime Ministers (PMs) namely, Dr Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi, who is the current PM of India. He was the 13th President of India.

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Yusuf Pathan

What: announces retirement from all forms of cricket

When: published on 27th February 2021



Yusuf Pathan has announced his retirement from all formats of the game on Friday. He played 57 ODIs and 22 T20Is for India between 2007 and 2012. He was part of the 2007 T20 World Cup as well as the 2011 ODI World Cup, both of which were won by the Indian team.

"I officially announce retirement from all forms of the game. I thank my family, friends, fans, team, and the whole country wholeheartedly for all the support and love. I am sure you will continue to encourage me in future as well," he said in a post on Friday.

Pathan played for Baroda in domestic cricket throughout his career. In the IPL, he had some highly successful seasons with Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals. He has played 174 matches in the IPL. He was the first cricketer to win three IPL trophies. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: E-Daakhil consumer grievance redressal portal

What: operational in 15 states, UTs

When: published on 26th February 2021

The government on Friday said the 'E-Daakhil' portal for consumer grievance redressal is now operational in 15 states and Union Territories (UTs). The Consumer Protection Act, 2019, which came into force from July 20, 2020, has a provision for e-filing of consumer complaints in the consumer commissions and online payment of the fees for filing a complaint, according to an official statement.

A web application for e-filing of consumer complaints named 'edaakhil.nic.in' has been developed by NIC for the purpose.

The government said the portal is now operational in 15 states and UTs. "The Department of Consumer Affairs is now proactively following up with the states to launch e-filing portal at their ends."

E-filing was launched by the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) on September 7, 2020. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Matam Venkata Rao

What: Appointed as MD & CEO of the Central Bank of India, replaced the incumbent Pallav Mahapatra

When: published on 1st March 2021

Public-sector lender Canara Bank on Monday said its Executive Director Matam Venkata Rao has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.



The central government through a gazette notification on February 26, 2021 has appointed Matam Venkata Rao, Executive Director, Canara Bank, as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in Central Bank of India for a period of three years, Canara Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Rao's appointment in the Central Bank of India will be effective from the date of assumption of office on or after March 1, 2021, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, said the lender.

"He ceases to be the Executive Director of Canara Bank with effect from March 1, 2021," Canara Bank said.

In May last year, the Banks Board Bureau had recommended Rao to be the new MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.

Rao's appointment is in lieu of M D Pallav Mohapatra, who retired as the MD & CEO of Central Bank of India on February 28, 2021. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Exim Bank

What: extends USD 7.35 mn line of credit to Nicaragua

When: published on 26th February 2021

The project, under the LOC, will facilitate improving the quality of life of patients and provide a modern hospital infrastructure in Nicaragua. It would also enable export of medical equipment from India.

With the signing of the LOC agreement, Exim Bank, till date, has extended five Lines of Credit to Nicaragua, on behalf of India, taking the total value of LOCs extended to \$94.98 million. The LOCs cover projects in the power and healthcare sectors in Nicaragua.

Exim Bank has now in place 269 Lines of Credit, covering 62 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the CIS, with credit commitments of around \$26.64 billion, available for financing exports from India. Besides promoting India's exports, Exim Bank's LOCs enable demonstration of Indian expertise and project execution capabilities in emerging markets. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: NHA

What: signs MoU with CSCs to issue new PVC Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY cards for free

When: published on 22nd February 2021

The National Health Authority (NHA) has signed an MoU with Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to generate new PVC beneficiary cards called



“Ayushman cards” under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and further streamline and ease the process of service delivery under the scheme.

Eligible beneficiaries will now be able to get their Ayushman cards issued free of cost (at no charge to the beneficiary) and will no longer be required to pay the nominal fee of Rs. 30 per card that they had to pay until now to the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) field level operators under the Common Service Centres (CSC) across the country. Ayushman cards generated at any of the PM-JAY empanelled hospitals, however, were issued for free and will continue to be issued free of charge. The MoU was signed by Dr Ram Sewak Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Authority and Dr Dinesh Tyagi, Managing Director, Common Service Centre (CSC) e-Governance Services India at the NHA office in New Delhi.[\(Read more\)](#)





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