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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

## March GA Quiz 10

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

1. 3rd Janaushadhi Diwas was observed on which date?

- A. 6th March 2021                      B. 8th March 2021                      C. 9th March 2021  
D. 7th March 2021                      E. None of these

2. Which of the following dates has been observed as International Women's Day 2021?

- A. March 9                                      B. March 7                                      C. March 8  
D. March 6                                      E. None of these

3. Who among the following is the author of the book "Amethi Sangram: Aitihasic Jeet Ankahi Dastan", was released in English recently?

- A. Anant Vijay                                      B. Ajay Seth                                      C. Ashish Reddy  
D. Ankit Verma                                      E. None of these

4. The book "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life And Struggle" to be Published in English, is autobiography of which person?

- A. Khan Abdul Wali Khan                      B. Asfandyar Wali Khan                      C. Khan Abdul Ali Khan  
D. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan                      E. None of these

5. Ishar Singh Deol passed away recently was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. Actor    B. Athlete    C. Anchor  
D. Architect    E. None of these

6. Which country has retained Anthony de Mello Trophy by Defeating England in 2020-21 Test Series?

- A. New Zealand                                      B. Australia                                      C. India



D. West Indies                      E. None of these

**7. Who among the following settled for silver medal in BWF Swiss Open Super 300?**

A. Saina Nehwal                      B. P. V. Sindhu                      C. Ashwini Ponnappa  
D. Jwala Gutta                      E. None of these

**8. India has bagged how many Medals at 35th Boxam International Tournament 2021?**

A. 12                      B. 15                      C. 18  
D. 10                      E. None of these

**9. Which company is to support one million rural women entrepreneurs in India to help them pursue their ambitions and improve their livelihoods?**

A. Instagram                      B. Amazon                      C. Facebook  
D. Google                      E. None of these

**10. As per the recent report, India attracted total FDI inflow of what amount during April to December 2020?**

A. US\$ 64.54 billion                      B. US\$ 66.54 billion                      C. US\$ 67.54 billion  
D. US\$ 65.54 billion                      E. None of these

**11. Which of the following banks has recently launched "SmartUp Unnati for Women Entrepreneurs?"**

A. ICICI Bank                      B. IDFC Bank                      C. AXIS Bank  
D. Yes Bank                      E. None of these

**12. A new cultural centre of the High Commission of India was inaugurated by the External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar in which city?**

A. Karachi                      B. Kathmandu                      C. Dhaka  
D. Colombo                      E. None of these



**13. As per the recent report, COVID-19 may result in an additional 10 Million Child Marriages by which year?**

- A. 2025                                      B. 2027                                      C. 2030  
D. 2032                                      E. None of these

**14. Which of the following countries is at the top of UNCTAD's Business-to-Consumer E-commerce Index 2020?**

- A. Germany                                      B. Canada                                      C. Switzerland  
D. USA    E. None of these

**15. Which of the following countries has topped the Frontier Tech among Developing Countries – UNCTAD's 'Technology and Innovation Report 2021'?**

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

**16. Which organization has built a 200 feet bridge across Rishiganga river, connecting 13 villages in Uttarakhand?**

- A. Indian Army                                      B. NHAI    C. CPWD  
D. BRO    E. None of these

**17. NSDC has collaborated with \_\_\_\_\_ to promote Digital Financial Literacy and Create Nano-Entrepreneurs.**

- A. PhonePe    B. SahiPay    C. Google Pay  
D. BaratPe    E. None of these

**18. First Forest Healing centre of the country was inaugurated in which state?**

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



**19. Ajit Pawar is Finance Minister of which state who has presented State Budget 2021-22 with an outlay of INR 4, 84, 118.19 Crore?**

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

**20. Which of the following states has recently become the First State to Incorporate Gender Budget in its Annual Budget 2021-2022?**

- A. Maharashtra                      B. Andhra Pradesh                      C. Kerala  
D. Tamil Nadu                      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:** 3rd Janaushadhi Diwas

**What:** was observed on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will address the 'Janaushadhi Diwas' celebrations on 7th March, 2021 at 10 AM via video conferencing. Prime Minister will dedicate to the nation the 7500th Janaushadhi Kendra at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong during the event. He will interact with beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana and also give awards to stakeholders by recognizing their excellent work. Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers will also be present on the occasion.

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana:

The initiative endeavours to provide quality medicines at an affordable price. The number of stores under the scheme has grown to 7499, with all districts of the country covered. Sales in the financial year 2020-21 (up to 4th March 2021) led to total savings of approximately Rs. 3600 Crore for common citizens, as these medicines are cheaper by 50% to 90% than the corresponding market rates. ([Read more](#))

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** International Women's Day 2021

**What:** was observed on March 8

Every year, International Women's Day is observed on March 8 to celebrate women, their rights and their achievements. IWD began in the 1900s, and according to its website, "a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality".

On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to salute the spirit of women. "Saluting our indomitable #NariShakti on International Women's Day! India takes pride in the many accomplishments of the women of our nation. It is our Government's honour to be getting the opportunity to work towards furthering women empowerment across a wide range of sectors.," he tweeted.



International Women's Day has been celebrated for over a century now. But while many people think of it as a feminist cause, its roots lie in the labour movement. It was first organised in 1911 by the early 20th century Marxist from Germany Clara Zetkin who was born in 1857 in Germany's Wiederau. ([Read more](#))

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Book on Smriti Irani's victory in Amethi

**What:** to release in English

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The English translation of journalist-author Anant Vijay's book "Amethi Sangram: Aitihāsik Jeet Ankahi Dastan" will be released on March 15, announced publishing house Westland on Friday.

The book, titled "Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani's Triumph", traces Union Minister Irani's journey from her defeat in 2014 to her victory in the Congress stronghold of Amethi, Uttar Pradesh during the 2019 Lok Sabha election. The Hindi book was published in December, 2020.

The 44-year-old BJP leader had defeated the then Congress chief and MP Rahul Gandhi in his family bastion by a margin of 55,120 votes. It was the second time that Irani had contested against Rahul in Amethi. In 2014, Rahul got 4,08,651 votes against Irani's 30,0748 votes. ([Read more](#))

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan's Autobiography "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life And Struggle"

**What:** to be Published in English

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

First published in Pashto in 1983, the autobiography of freedom fighter Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, fondly known as Bacha Khan or Badshah Khan, is now out in English, announced publishing house Roli Books. The book, titled The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle, is translated by former Pakistani civil servant and author Imtiaz Ahmad Sahibzada. This is the "first time" that Khan's autobiography is available in English. An earlier account of his life, published in English in 1969, and with the same title, was based on the interviews conducted with him and was not "his written autobiography".

".. Bacha Khan felt that the 1969 account of his life and struggle was not complete and began to write his own autobiography thereafter, with the help of numerous associates. Bacha Khan's autobiography was thus first published in Pukhto in 1983, in Kabul.. This book is a translation of Bacha Khan's only written, Pukhto autobiography," writes Sahibzada in the book. ([Read more](#))



## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Veteran Indian athlete, Ishar Singh Deol

**What:** passed away at 91

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Veteran Indian athlete Ishar Singh Deol, a recipient of the Dhyan Chand National Sports Award, has died at the age of 91.

The mortal remains of Deol, who passed away on Saturday evening, were consigned to fire at Jalandhar on Sunday, a Punjab government release said.

Punjab sports minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi condoled the demise of Deol and shared his heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved family, relatives and friends.

Deol had won many medals for the country and the state since 1951 and was awarded the Dhyan Chand National Award in 2009 for his lifelong contribution towards sports. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** retains Anthony de Mello Trophy by Defeating England in 2020-21 Test Series

**When:** published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Indian Cricket Team defeated England in the 4th Test Match held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat to win the Match & consequently the 2020-21 Test series by 3-1. With the win, India has yet again retained the Anthony de Mello Trophy.

The Anthony de Mello Trophy is awarded to the winner of the England-India Test Cricket series held in India. The trophy was already with the Indian Team as they had won the Test Series held in 2016-17.

Having won the series, India has now qualified for the World Test Championship finals to be held at Southampton's Ageas Bowl Stadium, UK (shifted from Lord's Cricket Ground due to Pandemic) from June 18-22,2021. India will play New Zealand in the finals.

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PV Sindhu

**What:** settles for silver medal in BWF Swiss Open Super 300

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021



India's ace shuttler PV Sindhu settled for a silver medal in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 at Basel, as she went down against World No. 3 Spaniard and reigning Olympic champion Carolina Marin 12-21, 5-21, in the final of the women's singles event yesterday.

The World Champion shuttler who has faced a lot of criticism lately for lacklustre performances in the last year had entered the semifinal stage of a BWF tournament after 19 months. In her first semifinal after 13 tournaments, Sindhu had defeated Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt 22-20, 21-10. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indian boxers

**What:** finish with 10 medals including one gold

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Continuing his splendid run in the tournament, Manish Kaushik clinched the gold medal as Indian boxers concluded their impressive campaign at the Boxam International Tournament with 10 medals in Castellon, Spain.

The 2018 Commonwealth Games silver medallist Kaushik, who returned into the ring for the first time after the Asian Olympic Qualifiers held in March last year, beat Denmark's Nikolai Terteryan with a split 3-2 decision in the men's 63kg summit bout. However, the World Championship bronze medallist Vikas Krishan went down fighting 4-1 against local favourite Ndiaye Sissokho to settle for a silver medal in the men's 69kg. ([Read more](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Google

**What:** to help 1 mn women in rural India turn entrepreneurs

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

Internet giant Google Inc. said it will support one million rural women entrepreneurs in India to help them pursue their ambitions and improve their livelihoods.

Google will implement this through the 'Women Will' web platform launched at the virtual Google for India event on 8 March, International Women's Day.

Google also announced a \$500,000 Google.org grant to Nasscom Foundation to train 100,000 women agri workers in Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh on digital and financial literacy. The Foundation will set up a helpline where the women can get counselling on their entrepreneurship-related queries.



Available in English and Hindi, the Women Will platform is designed for women aspiring to explore entrepreneurship. To begin with, Google will work with 2,000 'Internet Saathis' to help other women with this resource to start their entrepreneurial journey. ([Read more](#))

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** attracted total FDI inflow of US\$ 67.54 billion during April to December 2020

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India attracted total FDI inflow of USD 67.54 billion during April to December 2020, Centre said on Thursday. Accordingly, it is the highest ever inflow for the first ninth months of a financial year and 22 per cent higher as compared to the first ninth months of 2019-20 which stood at USD 55.14 billion.

Besides, FDI equity inflow grew by 40 per cent in the first 9 months of FY21 to USD 51.47 billion from an year ago period of USD 36.77 billion. "FDI inflow increased by 37 per cent in 3rd Quarter of 2020-21 (USD 26.16 billion) compared to 3rd quarter of 2019-20 (USD 19.09 billion). FDI inflow showed positive growth of 24 per cent in the month of December, 2020 (USD 9.22 billion) compared to December, 2019 (USD 7.46 billion)," an official communique said.

According to the Centre, FDI is a major driver of economic growth and an important source of non-debt finance for the economic development of India. "It has been the endeavor of the Government to put in place an enabling and investor friendly FDI policy," it read. ([Read more](#))



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## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** HDFC Bank

**What:** launched "SmartUp Unnati for Women Entrepreneurs

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

To mark the International Women's Day (IWD) 2021, India's largest private-sector lender, HDFC Bank announced a programme to mentor women-led start-ups.

As part of the SmartUp Unnati programme, senior women leaders from HDFC Bank will mentor women entrepreneurs in helping them achieve their goals. The bank aims at tapping upon some 3,000 women entrepreneurs in the initial stage and later build on it.

Smita Bhagat, country head - Government & Institutional Business, E-commerce and Start-up Banking, HDFC Bank, said, "In the start-up ecosystem, women entrepreneurs often face challenges unique to them. ([Read more](#))



## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** EAM Dr. Jaishankar

**What:** inaugurates new Cultural Centre of High Commission of India in Dhaka

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

A new cultural centre of the High Commission of India was inaugurated by the External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar in Dhaka on Thursday.

It is the second cultural centre of the High Commission of India after the Dhanmondi centre at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

The new cultural centre has facilities for conducting short term courses on Indian art forms and holding cultural programmes and art-exhibitions.

Inaugurating the cultural centre at the old India House Building Dr. Jaishankar said that the new centre will act as a centre of energy for the unique relations between India and Bangladesh. ([Read more](#))

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** COVID-19

**What:** may result in an additional 10 Million Child Marriages by 2030

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Ten million additional child marriages may occur before the end of the decade, threatening years of progress in reducing the practice, according to a new analysis released by UNICEF today.

COVID-19: A threat to progress against child marriage – released on International Women’s Day – warns that school closures, economic stress, service disruptions, pregnancy, and parental deaths due to the pandemic are putting the most vulnerable girls at increased risk of child marriage.

Even before the COVID-19 outbreak, 100 million girls were at risk of child marriage in the next decade, despite significant reductions in several countries in recent years. In the last ten years, the proportion of young women globally who were married as children had decreased by 15 per cent, from nearly 1 in 4 to 1 in 5, the equivalent of some 25 million marriages averted, a gain that is now under threat. ([Read more](#))

## 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Switzerland

**What:** at the top of UNCTAD's Business-to-Consumer E-commerce Index 2020

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



Europe remains by far the most prepared region for e-commerce, according to UNCTAD's Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2020, but wide gaps with countries with the lowest level of readiness need to be addressed by tackling weaknesses in those nations to spread the benefits of digital transformation to more people.

For the first time, Switzerland leads the UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index, just ahead of the Netherlands. In 2019, 97% of the Swiss population used the internet. The only non-European economies among the top 10 are Singapore, ranked fourth, and Hong Kong (China) in the 10th position.

The index scores 152 nations on their readiness for online shopping, worth an estimated \$4.4 trillion globally in 2018, up 7% from the previous year. ([Read more](#))

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** an overperformer in frontier tech among developing countries: UN report

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India was the biggest 'overperformer' in frontier technologies than the country's per capita gross domestic products (GDP) would suggest, according to a recent country-readiness index released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Frontier technologies include artificial intelligence, the internet of things, big data, blockchain, fifth-generation mobile telephony, three-dimensional printing, robotics, drones (remotely controlled flights), gene-editing, nanotechnology and solar power — the ones that take advantage of digitalisation and connectivity.

The index analysed progress of countries in using frontier technologies, considering their national capacities related to physical investment, human capital and technological effort. ([Read more](#))

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BRO

**What:** built a 200 feet bridge across Rishiganga river, connecting 13 villages in Uttarakhand

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed a 200-foot bailey bridge on Joshimat-Malari road across the Rishiganga river, restoring connectivity to the 13 border villages in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district affected by last month's flash floods.

The bridge is near Reini village of the district and it was opened for public use on Wednesday, said the Defence Ministry's statement.



"With this, the BRO has restored connectivity, in a record time of 26 days, to the 13 border villages of Uttarakhand's Chamoli district that were cut-off due flash floods on February 7," it noted. ([Read More](#))

### 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NSDC

**What:** collaborates with SahiPay to promote Digital Financial Literacy and Create Nano-Entrepreneurs

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

With a vision to promote nano-entrepreneurship amongst youth in the financial services sector, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on Sunday announced its collaboration with SahiPay - an Android-based integrated platform developed by Manipal Business Solutions (MBS) to promote digital enablement and financial inclusion in the country. ([Read more](#))

### 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** First Forest Healing centre of the country

**What:** was inaugurated in Uttarakhand

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

First Forest Healing centre of the country was inaugurated on Sunday at Ranikhet in Kalika Uttarakhand.

The forest healing centre has been developed by the Research Wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department after research on healing properties of the forests and its revitalizing impact on overall health and well being. It is spread over an area of around 13 acres.

Chief Conservator of Forest (Research), Sanjiv Chaturvedi, said, "It draws inspiration from Japanese technique of forest bathing (shinrin-yoku) and ancient Indian traditions and that basic theme is, be silent, go slow, think less and feel more." ([Read more](#))

### 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Maharashtra FM Ajit Pawar

**What:** presents State Budget 2021-22 with an outlay of INR 4, 84, 118.19 Crore

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Maharashtra Finance Minister Ajit Pawar on Monday (March 8) presented a budget with Rs. 10,226 crore revenue deficit and an annual plan of Rs 1,30,000 crore for 2021-22.



Presenting the budget in the assembly, Deputy Chief Minister Pawar announced a slew of sops for women on the occasion of International Women's day, including a one per cent stamp duty waiver if the transfer of house property or registration of sale deed is made in women's name. ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** AP

**What:** Became the First State to Incorporate Gender Budget in its Annual Budget 2021-2022

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

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the AP State government will present Gender Budget in the ensuing Budget session of the Assembly. Announcing this while participating in the Women's Day celebrations at his camp office in Tadepalli on Monday, AP Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said, "We will provide data pertaining to allocations made and funds spent on women's welfare under various schemes through the concept of Gender Budget.

He said it was mandatory to constitute committees in private and government offices to prevent harassment of women at workplaces. "The first such committee will come up in the Secretariat," Jagan said, directing Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das to take measures in this regard.

The Chief Minister virtually inaugurated Women Help Desks in all police stations in the State along with cyber kiosks and launched the Swechha programme to create awareness on menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls. He also flagged off a fleet of 900 Disha patrol vehicles and 18 Disha crime scene management vehicles. ([Read more](#))





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