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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 13

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

**1. Who among the following has recently become first Indian film personality to be felicitated with FIAF Award?**

- A. Salman Khan                      B. Amitabh Bachchan                      C. Shahrukh Khan  
D. Dharam Singh Deol                      E. None of these

**2. Who among the following has recently become first serving minister to be appointed Captain in Territorial Army?**

- A. Amit Shah                      B. Anurag Thakur                      C. Piyush Goyal  
D. Rajnath Singh                      E. None of these

**3. Who among the following is the author of the book "Essays on Srimanta Sankaradeva"?**

- A. Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti                      B. Adil Khan                      C. Parmesh Kumar Sharma  
D. Aniket Singh Rathor                      E. None of these

**4. The National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA) disciplinary panel has imposed sanctions on which player for violation of its code?**

- A. Madhavan R                      B. Ruchika                      C. Mani Ratnam  
D. A and B                      E. None of these

**5. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which state has regained spot as the largest state in terms of microfinance loan outstanding?**

- A. Jharkhand                      B. Madhya Pradesh                      C. Bihar  
D. West Bengal                      E. None of these



**6. We Hub has recently collaborated with which country to launch Women Entrepreneurship program “UPSurge”?**

- A. New Zealand                      B. Canada                      C. Australia  
D. Maldives                      E. None of these

**7. Which UT government has presented a Rs 69,000-crore budget themed on "patriotism" for financial year 2021-22, on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021?**

- A. Jammu and Kashmir              B. Delhi                      C. Ladakh  
D. Pondicherry                      E. None of these

**8. National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) Awareness Day 2021 was observed on which dates?**

- A. March 11                      B. March 12                      C. March 13  
D. March 10                      E. None of these

**9. Who among the following is the author of the Book Titled “Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women”?**

- A. Sushmita Mukherjee              B. Gungun Uprari              C. Renu Saluja  
D. Rakhee Tandon                      E. None of these

**10. Hamed Bakayoko passed away at 56 recently, was the prime minister of which of the following countries?**

- A. Senegal                      B. Burkina Faso                      C. Ivory Coast  
D. Cameroon                      E. None of these

**11. Who among the following has won gold medal on his return to international competition in the men’s freestyle 65kg final event the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event in Rome?**

- A. Bajrang Punia                      B. Vinesh Phogat                      C. Yogeshwar Dutt  
D. Deepak Punia                      E. None of these



**12. On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Russia and which country partnered to set up International Lunar Scientific Research Station?**

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

**13. Who among the following has been appointed as the Interim Prime Minister of Ivory Coast?**

- A. Patrick Achi                                      B. Kobenan Kouassi                                      C. Abdourahmane Cissé  
D. Daniel Kablan                                      E. None of these

**14. Who among the following was re-elected for an additional four-year term as President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?**

- A. Jacques Rogge                                      B. Thomas Bach                                      C. Pierre de Coubertin  
D. Dick Pound                                      E. None of these

**15. Who among the following has been appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors again?**

- A. Manoj Sinha                                      B. Rajiv Mehrishi                                      C. Satya Pal Malik  
D. Girish Chandra Murmu                                      E. None of these

**16. Which company has launched Soundbox 2.0 and Smart POS app for merchants?**

- A. PhonePe                                      B. Paytm                                      C. Airtel Pay  
D. Amazon Pay                                      E. None of these

**17. Which of the following banks has topped the MeitY Digital Payment Scorecard for 3 Consecutive Months?**

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

**18. Which of the following banks has launched wearable contactless payment devices under 'Wear 'N' Pay'?**

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



**19. Which bank and Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (Chola), financial services arm of the Murugappa Group launched their co-lending business with technology from Nucleus Software?**

- A. Lakshmi Vilas Bank      B. Axis Bank      C. Karur Vysya Bank  
D. HDFC Bank      E. None of these

**20. Which company and Samsung are joining forces to introduce a biometric payment card in South Korea that lets users authenticate transactions with their fingerprint?**

- A. American Express      B. Capital One      C. PayPal  
D. Mastercard      E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Amitabh Bachchan

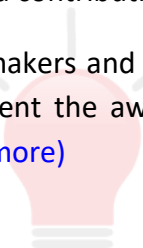
**What:** becomes first Indian film personality to be felicitated with FIAF Award

**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan will be honoured with an award by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF).

The veteran actor will be the first Indian cinema personality to be bestowed with the FIAF Award for his dedication and contribution to the preservation of the world's film heritage.

Hollywood film-makers and previous recipients of the FIAF Award - Martin Scorsese and Christopher Nolan - will present the award to Bachchan during a virtual showcase scheduled to take place on March 19. [\(Read more\)](#)



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**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Anurag Thakur

**What:** becomes first serving MP to be appointed captain in Territorial Army

**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday became the first serving MP to be appointed as Captain in the Territorial Army.

The four-time BJP MP from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur was commissioned into the Territorial Army as a Lieutenant by then Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Dalbir S Suhag TA in July 2016, according to a statement.

Thakur was promoted as Captain in the 124 Sikh regiment, it said.

"I am extremely honoured to have been promoted to the rank of Captain. I would like to reaffirm my commitment for serving the people and the call of duty towards mother India," the minister said.

He said his grandfather and great-grandfather had served in the Army. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who: Hints to Remember**

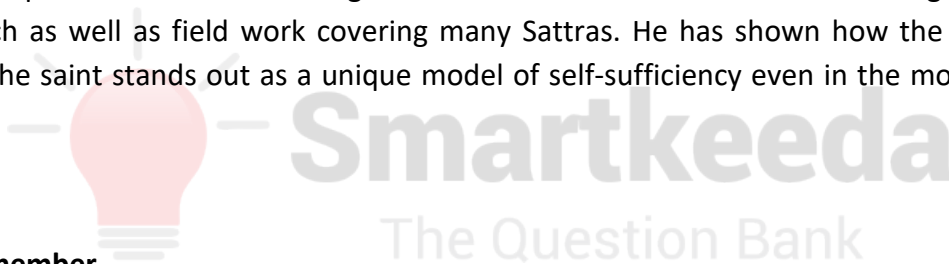
**Who:** Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti's New Book

**What:** Highlights Srimanta Sankaradeva's Contributions

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

"Essays on Srimanta Sankaradeva", the new book of Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti highlights hitherto unexplored areas of Indian culture and philosophy. The author has written the essays on the lasting contributions of the medieval polymath Srimanta Sankaradeva. His analysis ranges from economic sustenance of the Sattras institution to the Vivartanavada philosophy, all created by the versatile genius Srimanta Sankaradeva. The essays also describe how the Saint litterateur shaped the socio-cultural fabric of Assam. The social structure—as well as the literature and culture of Assam were deeply enriched by him.

Study of the contributions of Srimanta Sankaradeva gives one a holistic understanding about the Assamese society because the common culture of Assamese people is what the saint synthesized from different ethnic cultures of the Brahmaputra valley. That is why the saint is known as father of Assamese people. The author throws light on all these in a lucid manner. His writings are based on his own research as well as field work covering many Sattras. He has shown how the Sattras institution created by the saint stands out as a unique model of self-sufficiency even in the modern times. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NADA

**What:** Imposes Sanctions on Weightlifter Madhavan R and Boxer Ruchika

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

The National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA) disciplinary panel on Tuesday imposed sanctions on weightlifter Madhavan R and boxer Ruchika for violation of its code. Weightlifter Madhavan R, who tested positive for prohibited substance Phentermine and Mephentermine, was handed a four-year ban by the Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel.

The ADDP also imposed a two-year ban on boxer Ruchika after she was found positive for Furosemide. NADA took to Twitter to announced the two sanctions.

"Mr. Madhavan R. of Weightlifting Discipline was found positive for a prohibited substance Phentermine & Mephentermine. ADDP has imposed a sanction of 4Years ineligibility on him," NADA tweeted. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** West Bengal

**What:** regains spot as the largest state in terms of microfinance loan outstanding

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

West Bengal has regained its spot as the largest state in terms of microfinance loan outstanding, replacing Tamil Nadu while Bihar remained in the third position.

Microfinance loan outstanding in West Bengal was Rs 34,853 crore at the end of December 2020, followed by Tamil Nadu's Rs 31,520 crore and Bihar's Rs 25,247 crore, associating to data shared by Microfinance Institutions Network, a self-regulator for the sector.

Three month's back Tamil Nadu was leading with Rs 34,141 crore while West Bengal had Rs 32,881 crore. Bihar had Rs 24,984 crore loan outstanding.

The Top 10 states constitute about 82% of the Rs 2.33 lakh crore microfinance loan universe, which does not include bank loans given to self help groups. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** We Hub

**What:** collaborates with Australia to launch Women Entrepreneurship program "UPSurge"

**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

WE HUB, a State-led incubator promoted by Telangana to foster and promote women entrepreneurship, has announced 'UPSurge,' a pre-incubation programme in collaboration with the Australian government.

This collaborative pre-incubation programme aims to aid women entrepreneurs across India to achieve financial independence. It follows the first WE-Hub/Australia collaboration 'Community Slate' which concluded in 2020. Australia was WE Hub's first international partner. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Delhi Government

**What:** Presents Rs 69,000-Crore Budget, Will Give Free Covid Vaccine For All

**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Delhi government presented a Rs 69,000-crore budget themed on "patriotism" for financial year 2021-22 on Tuesday, announcing free Covid-19 vaccination to all in its hospitals in the coming phases of the ongoing inoculation drive.





Presenting the budget for the seventh consecutive time in the Assembly, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia proposed to allocate Rs 16,377 crore, one-fourth of the total budget, for the education sector while the health sector got Rs 9,934 crore.

Sisodia, who also holds the finance portfolio, said the Aam Aadmi Party government will celebrate the country's 75th Independence Day and organise programmes for 75 weeks starting March 12.

The city government has proposed to allocate Rs 45 crore to install high masts to hoist the national flag at 500 places in the national capital. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) Awareness Day 2021

**What:** was observed on March 10

March 10 was designated as the " National Gestational Diabetes Awareness Day ". India held the world's first National Gestational Diabetes Awareness Day on March 10, 2019.

Highlights:

The aim of the day is to raise national awareness of the link between maternal health and diabetes, and invite pregnant women to hospitals and clinics for free screening.

The idea of observing the commemoration dates back to 2016, when the Colombo Declaration was endorsed by more than 300 leaders of South Asian countries.

India's National Health Mission is the first government ministry to make this day official.

To celebrate the day, there were trainings for healthcare professionals, press conferences, awareness-raising activities, seminars for women's groups, and extensive screenings.

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Susmita Mukherjee

**What:** Authored a New Book Titled "Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women"

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

Actor, producer, director, writer Susmita Mukherjee's new book of short stories 'Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women' released in January 2021. The book is a collection of 11 short stories-- written "over three decades".

In 'Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women', as the title suggests, each story takes you into the world of women from different walks of life. Be it women living on the society's fringes or those from the high echelons-- each story gives a unique glimpse into the lives of these characters. The book is named after one of the stories in it-- 'Baanjh'-- which follows the life of Rukmini Devi who is in an



abusive marriage with Kunwar Chandrabhan Pratap Singh. Some other stories in this book include-- 'A Piece of Paper' about open views on modern marriages and divorce; 'The Feminist and the Bimbo' about two women of opposite personalities, among others. ([Read more](#))

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Ivory Coast Prime Minister Hamed Bakayoko

**What:** passed away at 56

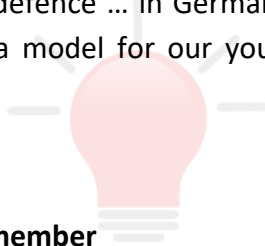
**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Ivory Coast's Prime Minister Hamed Bakayoko has died from cancer in the German city of Freiburg, where he was receiving medical treatment, according to the government.

His death on Wednesday came two days after his 56th birthday and some eight months following the passing away of his predecessor.

"Our country is in mourning," President Alassane Ouattara said in a Twitter post.

"It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of Prime Minister Hamed Bakayoko, head of state, minister of defence ... in Germany, as a result of cancer," he added, describing Bakayoko as "a great statesman, a model for our youth, a personality of great generosity and exemplary loyalty". ([Read more](#))



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## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India's Bajrang Punia

**What:** clinches gold medal with late comeback at Rome ranking event

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

Bajrang Punia produced a signature late comeback to win gold medal on his return to international competition in the men's freestyle 65kg final event the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event in Rome on Sunday.

Punia was trailing by two points against Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir with barely 30 seconds left on the clock. But in a scramble between the two wrestlers, the Indian star was awarded two points for a go-behind that was enough for a win on criteria with points tied at the end. ([Read more](#))

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Russia & China

**What:** partners to set up International Lunar Scientific Research Station



**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

China and Russia said they will build a lunar research station, possibly on the moon's surface, marking the start of a new era in space cooperation between the two countries. A statement posted on the website of the China National Space Administration Wednesday said the International Lunar Research Station would also be open to use by other countries, but gave no timeline for its construction. It described the project as a "comprehensive scientific experiment base with the capability of long-term autonomous operation."

The station would be "built on the lunar surface and/or on the lunar orbit that will carry out ... scientific research activities such as the lunar exploration and utilization, lunar-based observation, basic scientific experiment and technical verification," the statement said. ([Read more](#))

### 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Ivory Coast president

**What:** names Patrick Achi as interim PM

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

Ivory Coast's President Alassane Ouattara named his close confidant and chief of staff, Patrick Achi, as interim prime minister on Monday in place of Hamed Bakayoko.

"State minister Patrick Achi will take over the functions of prime minister and head of government in an interim capacity," the presidency said in a statement.

Tene Birahima Ouattara, presidential affairs minister and the younger brother of President Ouattara, was appointed interim defence minister, also replacing Bakayoko in that position.

Bakayoko, 56, travelled to France on February 18 for health reasons and has just been transferred to a hospital in Germany, a source close to the presidency told the AFP news agency, without specifying exactly when. ([Read more](#))

### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Thomas Bach

**What:** re-elected as IOC president until 2025

**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Thomas Bach was re-elected for an additional four-year term as President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Wednesday.

At the 137th IOC Session held virtually, the 67-year-old German received 93 'yes' and 1 'no' vote from the 94 valid votes.



Bach, who won gold with the West German foil fencing team at the Olympic Games Montreal in 1976, was elected as IOC President at the IOC Session in 2013 in Buenos Aires for a first eight-year term. This term will finish on the closing day of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 on August 8 this year, as decided by the IOC Executive Board. ([Read more](#))

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CAG Girish Murmu

**What:** appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors again

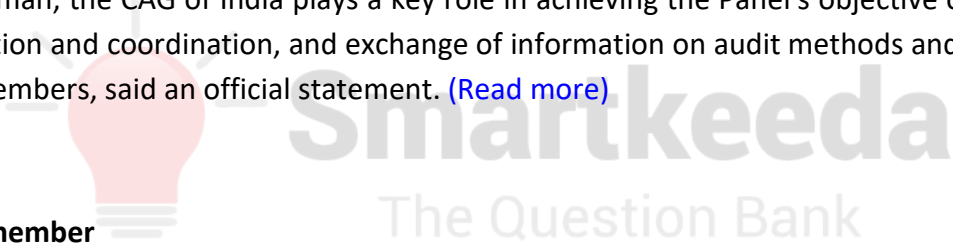
**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-appointed as the Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations for the year 2021.

The CAG of India was initially elected as Chairman of the Panel for 2020.

Presently, the panel consists of 13 countries -- India, Germany, Chile, China, United Kingdom, France, Philippines, Switzerland, Italy, Ghana, Indonesia, Canada and Russia.

As the Chairman, the CAG of India plays a key role in achieving the Panel's objective of greater degree of collaboration and coordination, and exchange of information on audit methods and findings, among the Panel members, said an official statement. ([Read more](#))



## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Paytm

**What:** launches Soundbox 2.0 and Smart POS app for merchants

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

Paytm has announced two new products for their Indian merchant partners, namely the Soundbox 2.0 and Paytm Smart POS for Android Phones. The former product is an updated version of the original Soundbox that was released back in 2019, and the latter is an app that can turn an Android smartphone into a device that accepts debit & credit card payments.

The Soundbox 2.0 features a number of upgrades that will improve the experience and usability for merchants. It has a digital screen that gives instant visual confirmation of the paid amount along with the voice-based response, and "Function" button that when pressed twice will trigger a payment summary for the entire day.

Other features include a SIM card slot, 2000 mAh battery and a low battery warning. The device will initially support English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu & Kannada languages, with more coming soon. ([Read more](#))



## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** SBI

**What:** Topped the MeitY Digital Payment Scorecard for 3 Consecutive Months

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

According to the list released by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology's (MeitY), State Bank of India has topped the Digital Payment Scorecard for 3 consecutive months. The scorecard tracks Commercial Banks' performance on various digital parameters. SBI remained the top remitter bank by recording the highest UPI transaction volume of nearly INR 640 million.

SBI processed 6.36 billion transactions through its digital platforms which is 67% of the bank's total transaction volume. The bank commands almost 25% market share by transaction volume of mobile banking. According to SimilarWeb, SBI's internet banking service – onlinesbi.sbi is ranked first in terms of online traffic in the banking credit and lending category.

SBI's flagship digital payment platform YONO has also furthered contributed to its digital lending presence. YONO has provided an impetus to digital lending through numerous personal loans amounting to INR 159.96 billion being disbursed during the FY (Apr- Dec'2020). ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Axis Bank

**What:** Launched wearable contactless payment devices under 'Wear 'N' Pay'

**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Axis Bank has unveiled three NFC (near-field communication)-enabled wearable tech to promote contactless payments in India. The Axis Bank Wear N' Pay devices include a wristband, keychain and a loop and users can apply for them via Phone Banking or visit your nearest Axis Bank branch. Since the devices use the NFC tech, users can make payments by waving them near a POS machine. NFC enables wireless short-range communication between compatible devices without any internet connection.

In a blog post, Axis Bank explains that users can use the Wear N' Pay tech as a debit card to make a contactless transaction. The devices are being issued as a supplementary payment device linked to the Savings Account. Axis Bank customers will need to pay a joining fee of Rs 750 (plus GST) and an annual fee of Rs 500 (plus GST). It is unclear whether users will get all three devices (keychain, loop, and wristband) under the aforementioned subscription fee. They all include a flexi-chip for NFC that enables contactless payments. Axis Bank also says that the daily purchase limit with Wear N' Pay is set at Rs 1 lakh while transaction worth up to Rs 5,000 will require no PIN. ([Read more](#))



## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (Chola) and Karur Vysya Bank Limited (KVB)

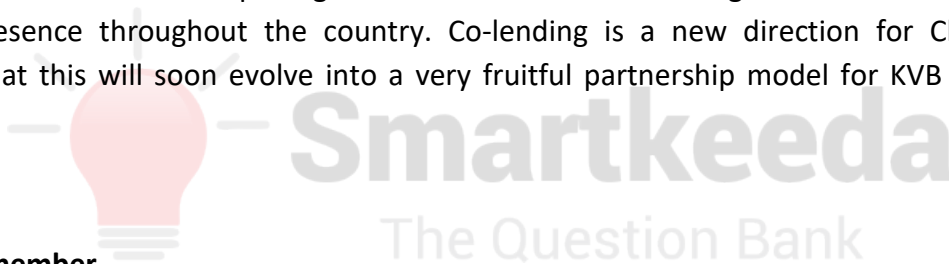
**What:** ink partnership for co-lending business

**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Karur Vysya Bank, the leading private sector bank, and Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (Chola), the financial services arm of the Murugappa Group, jointly announced that they have successfully launched Co-lending business in partnership.

The co-lending model is a great opportunity for banks and NBFCs to draw upon each other's strengths. Co-lending business will significantly help Chola and Karur Vysya Bank to expand their reach to new customer segments across the country where Chola has a stronger presence to target high value loan segments such as construction equipment and Commercial vehicles.

Sharing his thoughts on the same, Mr. Ravindra Kundu (Executive Director, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited), said, "Our mission at Chola is to enable our customers enter a better life and we continue to innovate to deliver this. We strongly believe our co-lending partnership with KVB will help us garner market share across segments of customers due to our stronger presence throughout the country. Co-lending is a new direction for Chola but we are confident that this will soon evolve into a very fruitful partnership model for KVB and Chola. ([Read more](#))



## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Mastercard and Samsung

**What:** set to launch biometric payment card

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

Mastercard and Samsung are joining forces to introduce a biometric payment card in South Korea that lets users authenticate transactions with their fingerprint.

The card is set to launch later this year and is being marketed as a corporate credit card in partnership with Samsung Card, though there could be a wider rollout later on. The card's chip integrates Samsung's technology and will be able to be used anywhere that accepts Mastercard chip cards globally.

Biometric payment cards are set to continue gaining momentum thanks to the growing demand for cashless transactions and innovations that are helping drive down issuer costs. The pandemic-driven rise of contactless payments has contributed to increased activity in the biometric card space: Visa is piloting the solution in the US and Europe, and select BNP Paribas cardholders in France will soon be able to upgrade their existing cards for biometric payment cards, as two examples. ([Read more](#))





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