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March GA Quiz 17

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

1. India's National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) and which country's Railway Track Consultant (JRTC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the high-speed rail (HSR) track work's designs for the T2 package of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor Project?

- A. China B. South Korea C. Japan
D. North Korea E. None of these

2. Which of the following states is to join hands with various the United Nations arms, besides other global agencies in an effort to ensure women empowerment?

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

3. On 12th March 2021, which state government has presented a Rs 1.55 lakh crore budget for 2021-22 fiscal, with health, agriculture and infrastructure identified as key priority areas?

- A. Punjab B. Haryana C. Gujarat
D. Rajasthan E. None of these

4. World Consumer Rights Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 12 B. March 13 C. March 14
D. March 15 E. None of these

5. International Day of Action for Rivers 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 12 B. March 13 C. March 14
D. March 15 E. None of these



6. International Day of Mathematics 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 12 B. March 14 C. March 13
D. March 15 E. None of these

7. Who among the following is the author of the book “Prince with a Paintbrush: The Story of Raja Ravi Varma”?

- A. Shobha Tharoor B. Shashi Tharoor C. Sunanda Pushkar
D. Tilottama Mukherji E. None of these

8. Name the person who was the renowned artist and Padma Bhushan awardee, passed away at 95?

- A. Laxman Pai B. Paritosh Sen C. Paritosh Sen
D. M. F. Husain E. None of these

9. Who among the following has recently become the first ever Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympic Games?

- A. P. V. Sindhu B. Mary Kom C. C. A. Bhavani Devi
D. Harmanpreet Kaur E. None of these

10. Which company has made its first ever consumer PC using plastic waste in ocean, a move that builds on the company’s sustainability commitment?

- A. HP B. Samsung C. Amazon
D. Wipro E. None of these

11. Government has reconstituted Advisory Committee for Studying which river under the Chair of Pahlad Singh Patel?

- A. Narmada B. Sarasvati C. Yamuna
D. Ganga E. None of these



12. India has become the World's 4th largest Forex Reserve by surpassing which country?

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

13. Which of the following countries has ranked highest in workplace satisfaction compared with Asia Pacific compeers in JLL HPI Index?

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

14. An independent research institute based at University of Gothenburg in Sweden has branded _____ as an "electoral autocracy" in its latest Democracy Report 2021.

- A. Pakistan B. Bangladesh C. Nepal
D. India E. None of these

15. The Indian Navy has recently deployed four women officers onboard its warships after how many?

- A. 21 years B. 22 years C. 23 years
D. 24 years E. None of these

16. Who among the following has addressed the inaugural session of Techbharat 2021 – the e-conclave bringing together stakeholders from HealthTech & Edutech sectors?

- A. Manohar Parrikar B. Nirmala Sitharaman C. Prakash Javadekar
D. Harsh Vardhan E. None of these

17. Which state has recently celebrated 3 Day-long 'Kalanamak Rice Festival'?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Jharkhand C. Chhattisgarh
D. Uttar Pradesh E. None of these



18. Concession Agreement was signed for Development of Sewage Treatment Plants in which city of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Moradabad B. Ghaziabad C. Aligarh
D. Mathura E. None of these

19. National Vaccination Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 16 B. March 17 C. March 18
D. March 19 E. None of these

20. Who among the following has released her 3rd Novel Titled "Undertow"?

- A. Jahnvi Barua B. Lakshminath Bezbaroa C. Harekrishna Deka
D. Dhruva Hazarika 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: NHRCL and JRTC

What: sign MoU for high-speed rail track works designs in India

When: published on 15th March 2021

India's National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHRCL) and Japan Railway Track Consultant (JRTC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the high-speed rail (HSR) track work's designs for the T2 package of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor Project.

The T2 package covers a 237km length from Vadodara to Vapi in Gujarat, India.

JRTC will be responsible for supplying the comprehensive design and drawing of key HSR track elements such as track slab arrangement, RC track bed, continuous welded rail (CWR) forces and more.

NHRCL managing director Achal Khare said: "This signing of MoU marks a very important milestone for the MAHSR project. This also symbolises strong teamwork and association, which I am sure will not be limited to the MAHSR project but may also continue for other future projects in other countries. NHRCL will extend its full support to make this MoU a success." [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Punjab

What: to join hands with UN, other global agencies to empower women

When: published on 8th March 2021

The Punjab government is going to join hands with various the United Nations arms, besides other global agencies in an effort to ensure women empowerment. Chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh will also virtually launch eight special initiatives on Monday to mark the International Women's Day.

The initiatives include handing over of the appointment letters for 2,407 master cadre women teachers in various government schools, launch of the Sanja Shakti helpdesks and 181 Sanjh Shakti helpline for women at all police stations, with women operators to run the helpdesk and the helpline for prompt and sensitive response to crimes against women. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Haryana govt

What: presents Rs 1.55 lakh crore budget with focus on health, agriculture

When: published on 12th March 2021

The Haryana government on Friday presented a Rs 1.55 lakh crore budget for 2021-22 fiscal, with health, agriculture and infrastructure identified as key priority areas.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who also holds the finance department portfolio, presented his second budget in the State Assembly here.

Presenting the paperless budget, Khattar proposed no fresh tax.

He proposed a budget of Rs 1,55,645 crore for FY 2021-22, an increase of 13 per cent over FY 2020-21 of Rs 1,37,738 crore. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: World Consumer Rights Day 2021

What: was observed on March 15

What are the consumer rights? Consumer rights mean that every consumer or buyer across the world has the right to have information on the quality, purity, price and standard of various products, goods and services. However, to spread awareness about a consumer's rights and needs an annual occasion World Consumer Rights Day observed on a global level.

World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on March 15 to protect the rights of consumers and to ensure that the consumer' are not subjected to market abuse or social injustice that may undermine their rights. However, in India, National Consumers Right Day 2019 is observed on December 24 annually. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Action for Rivers 2021

What: was observed on March 14

The International Day of Action for Rivers is a day dedicated to solidarity – when diverse communities around the world come together with one voice to say that rivers matter. That communities having access to clean and flowing water matters. That everyone should have a say in decisions that affect their water and their lives. That it's our time to stand up for these rights, now more than ever. ([Read more](#))



6. Hints to Remember

Who: UNESCO

What: proclaimed March 14 as the International Day of Mathematics

When: published on 14th March 2021

To celebrate the beauty and importance of mathematics and its essential role in everyone's life the International Mathematical Union (IMU) has led the project to have UNESCO proclaim March 14 as the International Day of Mathematics (IDM). On November 26th 2019, the 40th General Conference of UNESCO approved the Proclamation of March 14 as the International Day of Mathematics.

March 14 is already known as Pi Day and celebrated in many countries around the world. The IDM celebration expands Pi Day to include the whole spectrum of mathematics. Every year a new theme will be announced to flavor the celebration, spark creativity and bring light to connections between mathematics and all sorts of fields, concepts and ideas. The theme for 2020 is "Mathematics is Everywhere".[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan's Children's book

What: "Prince with a Paintbrush: The Story of Raja Ravi Varma"

When: published on 15th March 2021

A new illustrated book, which brings alive the life and times of celebrated Indian artist Raja Ravi Varma, will hit the stands in April, announced publishing house Westland on Sunday.

The children's book, titled Prince with a Paintbrush: The Story of Raja Ravi Varma, is written by author-poet Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan. Published under Westland's 'Red Panda' imprint, it aims to inspire young readers to learn about the famed artist and how he made his entry and mark in the art world.

When other children were busy playing hopscotch with friends, seven-year-old Ravi Varma — born on April 29, 1848, in a village in Kerala — was painting on the walls of his house. His love for painting, frowned upon by his elders, was nurtured by his uncle Raja Raja Varma, who took him to the court of the Maharaja of Travancore to study and practise art.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Renowned artist, Padma Bhushan awardee Laxman Pai

What: passes away at 95

When: published on 15th March 2021



Renowned artist and painter from Goa and Padma Bhushan awardee Laxman Pai passed away at his residence in Goa on Sunday. He was 95.

The former principal of the Goa College of Art had several laurels under his name including Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, Nehru Award, and Lalit Kala Akademi Award.

Condoling his demise, Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant tweeted, "Deeply saddened by the passing away of renowned Goan artist Padma Bhushan Shri Laxman Pai. Goa has lost a gem today. We will always remember his immense contribution in the field of art. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Om Shanti."[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Bhavani Devi

What: Becomes First Indian Fencer To Qualify For Olympics

When: published on 14th March 2021

Tamil Nadu's C A Bhavani Devi has become the first ever Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympic Games. The sabre fencer secured a spot in the World Cup in Hungary after the hosts lost in the quarterfinals of the team event, allowing South Korea to progress to the semi-final. Bhavani Devi qualifies through the Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) Method. Two individual spots were up for grabs for the Asia and Oceania region based on the World Rankings as of April 5, 2021. She is ranked 45th and occupies one of the two available slots based on the ranking.

The 27-year-old's qualification will be confirmed when the rankings are made official on the aforementioned date.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: HP

What: makes first ever PCs with plastic waste in ocean

When: published on 1st March 2021

Computer maker HP made its first ever consumer PC using plastic waste in ocean, a move that builds on the company's sustainability commitment. Newly launched Pavilion 13, Pavilion 14, and Pavilion 15 Laptops were manufactured using ocean-bound plastics.

HP estimates that the use of these plastics in devices will keep around 92,000 plastic bottles out of the oceans and landfills. The outer boxes and fibre cushions used to pack the products are also 100% recyclable material.



"The PC today is an indispensable part of our lives, with several use case scenarios emerging from various consumer groups," said Vickram Bedi, Senior Director, Personal Systems at HP India. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: reconstitutes Advisory Committee for Studying Sarasvati River under the Chair of Prahlad Singh Patel

When: published on 14th March 2021

The Centre has reconstituted an advisory committee to chalk out a plan for studying the mythical Sarasvati river for the next two years, after the earlier panel's term ended in 2019.

The Archaeological Survey of India on March 10 issued a notification for "reconstitution of the Advisory Committee for the Multidisciplinary Study of the River Sarasvati". The ASI had first set up the committee on December 28, 2017 for a period of two years. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: India's Forex Reserves

What: Surpass Russia's To Become World's 4th Biggest

When: published on 15th March 2021

India's foreign currency holdings fell by \$4.3 billion to \$580.3 billion as of March 5, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday, edging out Russia's \$580.1 billion pile. China has the largest reserves, followed by Japan and Switzerland on the International Monetary Fund table.

India's reserves, enough to cover roughly 18 months of imports, have been bolstered by a rare current-account surplus, rising inflows into the local stock market and foreign direct investment.

Analysts say a strong reserves position gives foreign investors and credit rating companies added comfort that the government can meet its debt obligations despite a deteriorating fiscal outlook and the economy heading for its first full-year contraction in more than four decades. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: ranked highest in workplace satisfaction compared with Asia Pacific compeers: JLL HPI Index

When: published on 12th March 2021



High performers or those with access to a high impact work environment thrive in a hybrid work model enabled by a wide range of sophisticated spaces, technology tools and work practices. With nearly 81 percent of high performers practising flexible working including flexible hours and work-from-home, India leads in this aspect in comparison with other APAC countries, according to the HPI Index launched by JLL.

Compared with other APAC countries surveyed, India ranked highest in workplace satisfaction at 98 percent followed by China at 97 percent.

The Asia Pacific HPI results are based on a study of 1,500 employees in five countries across the region. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: downgraded to 'electoral autocracy', says Swedish institute

When: published on 11th March 2021

An independent research institute based at University of Gothenburg in Sweden has branded India as an “electoral autocracy” in its latest Democracy Report 2021 – just days after the “Freedom House” of the United States downgraded it from a “Free Country” to a “Partly Free Country”.

The V-Dem Institute stated in its annual report that India, which was the largest democracy in the world, turned into an “electoral autocracy”.

“A major change is that India — formerly the world’s largest democracy with 1.37 billion inhabitants — turned into an electoral autocracy,” it stated, adding, “With this, electoral and closed autocracies are home to 68 per cent of the world’s population.” [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Navy

What: deploys women officers on warships after 23 years

When: published on 8th March 2021

On International Women's Day, the Indian Navy said it has deployed four women officers onboard its warships after over three decades.

“Four Indian Navy women officers have been deployed on warships in recent times. Two of them are posted on the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya while two are deployed onboard the Indian naval tanker ship INS Shakti,” spokesperson of Indian Navy said on Monday.

The last time women officers were posted on warships was in 1998. The decision was, however, reviewed after issues came up during the brief posting. [\(Read more\)](#)



16. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: addresses the inaugural session of Techbharat 2021 – the e-conclave bringing together stakeholders from HealthTech & Edutech sectors

When: published on 6th March 2021

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan addressed the inaugural session of TechBharat 2021, today. Laghu Udyog Bharati and IMS Foundation have organized the 2nd edition of the conclave bringing together stakeholders from the HealthTech & Edutech sector on a virtual platform. Techbharat is facilitating interactions & deliberations between thousands of domestic & global participants, including policy makers, government representatives, industry members, investors & start-ups to nurture resourceful partnerships and boost growth in the sectors.

In his address Dr Harsh Vardhan said: “The funding for the healthcare sector needs to be stepped up greatly and it has to be ensured that there is equity in the delivery of healthcare. A radical improvement in government facilities for the poor, rather than only glitzy hospitals for the well-heeled along with the recent moves to lower prices of essential drugs and health equipment are steps in the right direction.”([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: After Strawberry and Jaggery Festival, Kalanamak Rice Festival

What: to be held in UP

When: published on 13th March 2021

After the grand success of the Strawberry Festival in Jhansi and the Jaggery Festival in Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh state government is organising a three-day 'Kalanamak Rice Festival' in Siddharthnagar district from March 13.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in his sustained efforts of creating new income opportunities for the farmers, has stressed on promoting the localised production and providing them with a market.

The chief minister will inaugurate the festival virtually at 11.30 am today.

Kala Namak Rice, grown in this region, is One District One Product (ODOP) of some Eastern UP districts. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Concession Agreement

What: Signed for Development of Sewage Treatment Plants in Moradabad, UP

When: published on 15th March 2021



A tripartite Concession Agreement was signed here today between the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and M/s. GA Infra Private Limited-Lahoti Buildcon Limited for development of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) for Moradabad on Hybrid Annuity PPP mode. The contract was awarded at a total cost of INR 99.68 Crores. Director General, NMCG, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Mishra graced the occasion and representatives from UP Jal Nigam and the concessionaire were also present.

The project aims to eliminate flow of untreated sewage from Moradabad city into the River Ganga thereby reducing pollution load in the river. NMCG approved the project for construction of the 25 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), among other works such as developing Interception & Diversion (I&D) structures, I&D network laying, Sewage Pumping Stations including Operation and Maintenance for 15 years etc. for Sewerage Zone II of Moradabad. This project also aims to take care of the existing sewerage problems in the town and the resultant sewage pollution in the Ram Ganga. The lending for these projects is already offered by SBI Capital. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: National Vaccination Day 2021

What: was observed on 16th March 2021

Vaccination is the most important part of a family and public health. It prevents the spread of contagious, dangerous, and deadly diseases. According to the World Health Organisation, vaccination is a proven tool for controlling and eliminating life-threatening infectious diseases.

However, to make the entire nation aware of the importance of vaccination every year National Vaccination Day is observed. National Vaccination Day is also known as National Immunization Day. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Jahnvi Barua

What: Released her 3rd Novel Titled "Undertow"

When: published on 5th March 2021

Jahnvi Barua, Bengaluru based author has released her 3rd Novel titled "Undertow". The story of the novel is set in Assam which touches on various themes like home, family, self-love and others. The book was published by Penguin Viking.

The book portrays the story of Loya, a 25-year-old who is on a journey to discover herself.

Loya leaves her home in Bengaluru and sets off to Assam to study Asian elephants (Elephas Maximus) and to connect with her grandfather Torun Ram Goswami.

The book features the bond between mother-daughter and the complexity of human nature.





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