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March GA Quiz 19

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

1. A team of botanists has recently stumbled upon a new rattlepod species in the Sadasivakona grove area of which state?

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

2. Which of the following companies is going to acquire a 70 per cent stake in Ireland-based Perigord Asset Holdings Ltd for around Rs 182 crore and plans to buy the remaining 30 per cent shareholding over a period of four years?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services B. Infosys
C. Tech Mahindra D. HCL Technologies E. None of these

3. Who among the following was inducted as one of the board members of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)?

- A. Sunil Gavaskar B. Kapil Dev C. Anil Kumble
D. Mohammad Azharuddin E. None of these

4. Who among the following has won the 2021 Pritzker Architecture Prize?

- A. Anne Lacaton B. El Zurdo C. Jean-Philippe Vassal
D. A and C E. B and C

5. Who among the following has become the World's Biggest Wealth Gainer in 2021, ahead of Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, and Tesla CEO, Elon Musk?

- A. Mukesh Ambani B. Shiv Nadar C. Gautam Adani
D. Ratan Naval Tata E. None of these



6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has slapped a monetary penalty of what amount on State Bank of India (SBI) for deficiencies in regulatory compliance?

- A. Rs 2 crore B. Rs 4 crore C. Rs 6 crore
D. Rs 8 crore E. None of these

7. Which bank has been awarded the mandate for the first SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) linked ECB deal by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)?

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

8. Which is the most polluted capital city in the world?

- A. Dhaka B. Beijing C. Karachi
D. New Delhi E. None of these

9. TRIFED has exchanged MoU with _____ for design development as well as skill development programmes for tribal artisans and craftspersons.

- A. Craft Village B. Indian Craft Village C. Arts & Crafts Village
D. Global Arts Village E. None of these

10. Which company has signed an initial pact with the National Productivity Council (NPC) to explore business opportunities in consultancy services?

- A. Tata Power B. Reliance Power C. PTC India
D. Multi Commodity Exchange E. None of these

11. Which edition of India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting was held virtually on 16th March, 2021?

- A. 5th B. 6th C. 7th
D. 8th E. None of these



12. With 56,000 dollar-millionaire households, which state leads the country in wealth creation?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Gujarat C. Tamil Nadu
D. Maharashtra E. None of these

13. Which country has joined the elite club of nations that possess nuclear missile tracking vessels with the country's Navy commissioning its highly secretive Ocean Surveillance Ship, codenamed VC-11184?

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

14. Jammu and Kashmir Government has approved to establish Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation to develop 850 MW HEP on which river?

- A. Beas River B. Tawi River C. Chenab River
D. Tista River E. None of these

15. Ordnance Factories Day in India was observed on which of the following dates?

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

16. Global Recycling Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 17 B. March 18 C. March 16
D. March 15 E. None of these

17. Who among the following has released the new book, "Battle Ready for 21st Century"?

- A. Manoj Mukund Naravane B. Ajit Doval C. Karambir Singh
D. Bipin Rawat E. None of these

18. A new book titled 'Saving Us' by the new chief scientist at the Nature Conservancy is releasing this year. Who among the following is author of the book?

- A. Michael E. Mann B. Greta Thunberg C. Katharine Hayhoe
D. Judith Curry E. None of these



19. John Magufuli passed away at 61, was president of which country?

A. Sweden

B. Tanzania

C. Iran

D. Iraq

E. None of these

20. Rawalpindi's KRL Stadium renamed after which player?

A. Shoaib Akhtar

B. Babar Azam

C. Wasim Akram

D. Shahid Afridi

E. None of these



Correct answer:

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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: The discovery, in the southern Eastern ghats,

What: is featured in international journal 'Phytotaxa'

When: published on 16th March 2021

A team of botanists has recently stumbled upon a new rattlepod species in the Sadasivakona grove area of Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh, which is part of the southern Eastern ghats. The discovery has been published in the latest edition of the noted international journal 'Phytotaxa'.

During their field study, botanists P. Sivaramakrishna and P. Yugandhar from Sri Venkateswara University and Lalji Singh, Scientist-E from the Botanical Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar regional centre, came across the species growing in the pasture lands in Sadasivakona.

After a critical investigation from July 2018 to November 2020, they found it to be a new species. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Tech Mahindra

What: to buy 70% stake in Perigord Asset Holdings for Rs 182 crore

When: published on 15th March 2021

Tech Mahindra will acquire a 70 per cent stake in Ireland-based Perigord Asset Holdings Ltd for around Rs 182 crore and plans to buy the remaining 30 per cent shareholding over a period of four years.

In a statement on Monday, Tech Mahindra said the acquisition will help in augmenting its expertise in the global pharmaceutical, healthcare and life science sectors.

The company will purchase the 70 per cent stake in the Irish firm upfront for around Rs 182 crore and acquire the remaining shareholding in a phased manner, as per a regulatory filing.

According to the filing, Tech Mahindra will acquire the remaining 30 per cent stake in the company over a period of next four years at a valuation linked to the latter's financial performance. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Kapil Dev

What: inducted as PGTI board member

When: published on 15th March 2021

Legendary cricketer Kapil Dev was on Monday inducted as one of the board members of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the sports body said.

Dev, who captained India to World Cup glory in 1983, said he would work for the development of golf in the country.

"I thank PGTI for allowing me to be a part of their board. I am extremely happy to be a part of PGTI and will do my best to promote golf as a sport that is doing well and has the potential to become one of the most coveted tours in sports," Dev said in a PGTI release.[\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal

What: win 2021 Pritzker Prize

When: published on 18th March 2021

The Paris-based duo of Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal have been awarded the 2021 Pritzker Architecture Prize, with judges praising their modernism and their modesty.

Lacaton and Vassal, who formed their practice in 1987, have worked on private and social housing, cultural and academic institutions, public spaces, and urban developments in Europe and West Africa.

The Pritzker Prize jury commended their use of outside space, apparent in their refurbishment of La Tour Bois le Prêtre (Paris, 2011), a 17-storey, 96-unit city housing project originally built in the early 1960s, and Latapie House (Floirac, 1993), which created a garden and enhanced natural light in the building's interior.[\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to remember

Who: Gautam Adani

What: beats Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos with biggest wealth surge

When: published on 12th March 2021

Indian tycoon Gautam Adani has added more billions to his wealth than any one else in the world this year on the back of investor excitement around his ports-to-power plants conglomerate.



The net worth of Adani, a first-generation entrepreneur who rarely speaks publicly, has jumped \$16.2 billion in 2021 to \$50 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. This has made him the year's biggest wealth gainer, beating even Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, who have tussled in 2021 for the title of world's richest. Shares of all Adani group stocks, except one, have rallied at least 50% this year.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: imposes Rs 2 crore penalty on SBI for regulatory violations

When: published on 16th March 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has slapped a monetary penalty of Rs 2 crore on State Bank of India (SBI) for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.

The penalty is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers, the central bank said in a release.

"The RBI has, by an order dated March 15, 2021, imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2 crore on State Bank of India for contravention of provisions of section 10 (1) (b) (ii) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act) and specific directions of RBI issued to the bank on payment of remuneration to employees in the form of commission," it said.

The statutory inspection of SBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2017, and March 31, 2018, and the Risk Assessment Reports pertaining thereto, and examination of the correspondence with the bank regarding payment of remuneration to its employees in the form of commission had revealed contravention of the provisions of the Act and specific directions issued by RBI.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI and IOCL

What: ink the first SOFR linked deal in the ECB market

When: published on 17th March 2021

Country's largest commercial bank, State Bank of India (SBI) has been awarded the mandate for the first SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) linked ECB deal by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). SOFR is an identified replacement for USD LIBOR which is expected to be phased out at the end of 2021. The sunset has been triggered by the decision of Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in UK not to compel contributing banks for LIBOR calculation after December 2021.

On this occasion, Deputy Managing Director (International Banking Group), Shri C Venkat Nageswar, said, "It is the first SOFR deal in the ECB space and the transaction demonstrates SBI's position as a



leader in aligning its systems and processes to embrace Alternate Reference Rates (ARRs). IOCL, the largest public sector Oil Marketing Company in India, by availing the first SOFR linked ECB, will set the pace for smooth transition by Indian Corporates to ARR mechanism.”([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: third-most polluted country; Delhi most polluted capital city: Report

When: published on 17th March 2021

India is the third-most polluted country in the world. Delhi is the most polluted capital city in the world. Thirty-seven of the forty most polluted cities in the world are in South Asia.

These are the findings of the 2020 World Air Quality Report released by IQAir. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: TRIFED

What: exchanges MoU with Craft Village for design development as well as skill development programmes for tribal artisans and craftspersons

When: published on 17th March 2021

TRIFED is continuing to forge partnerships with different organizations to create synergies together, as a part of its ongoing efforts to improve the lives and livelihoods of the tribals and work towards tribal empowerment. In this context, TRIFED has tied up with Craft Village-by ZEPHYR, an established organization that works for the training and promotion of Craft Sector.

TRIFED and Craft Village entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) yesterday. The MoU was exchanged between Ms. Iti Tyagi, Founder, Craft Village and Shri Anupam Trivedi, Executive Director, TRIFED in the presence of Shri Pravir Krishna, Managing Director, TRIFED and senior officials of both organisations. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: PTC India

What: inks pact with NPC to explore biz opportunities in consultancy services

When: published on 17th March 2021

Power trading solutions provider PTC India on Tuesday said it has signed an initial pact with the National Productivity Council (NPC) to explore business opportunities in consultancy services. PTC and



NPC have agreed to jointly explore and develop business opportunities for consultancy/project management services in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, productivity enhancements, quality assurances, optimization of technology, etc within India and overseas, PTC said in a statement.

NPC is an organization under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

PTC has also been actively providing consultancy services to various clients, it said adding that the company has maintained its leadership position in power trading since inception.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: 6th India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum Meeting

What: Held and Chaired by Smriti Zubin Irani

When: published on 16th March 2021

The Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting was held virtually on 16th March, 2021. Led by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, the event witnessed participation of Ministers and officials responsible for Women Affairs of IBSA Countries.

The India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Trilateral Cooperation Forum is a unique platform which brings together India, Brazil and South Africa, three large democracies and major economies from three different continents. All three partners are developing pluralistic, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious nations.

IBSA is committed to inclusive sustainable development, in pursuit of the well-being for their citizens and those from the other developing nations. The principles, norms and values underpinning the IBSA Dialogue Forum are participatory democracy, respect for human rights, the Rule of Law and the strengthening of multilateralism. IBSA lays efforts in the South-South cooperation beyond the conventional areas of exchange of experts and training.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Maharashtra

What: has 56,000 millionaire households; highest in India

When: published 16th March 2021

With 56,000 dollar-millionaire households, Maharashtra leads the country in wealth creation followed by Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Gujarat, says a report.

These states together account for 46 per cent of the 4.12-lakh millionaire households in the country.

According to a wealth report by Hurun India, known for its annual rich list, there were 4.12 lakh dollar-millionaire households last year in the country, which has been one of the fastest wealth-creating economies producing the third-most number of billionaires annually.



A household having an annual income of more than USD 1 million is considered as a dollar-millionaire household.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: Becomes 5th Country In The World To Have Nuclear Missile Tracking Vessel

When: published on 16th March 2021

India has joined the elite club of nations that possess nuclear missile tracking vessels with the country's Navy commissioning its highly secretive Ocean Surveillance Ship, codenamed VC-11184.

This is expected to boost India's ballistic missile defense capability and electronic warfare in the maritime domain, according to reports.

While the actual commissioning ceremony was held in October last year, the information was not made public, The Economic Times reported. It said the commissioning was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, "but all tests and trials were completed in 2020 to ensure it is ready to enter service".[\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: J&K Govt

What: approved to establish Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation to develop 850 MW HEP on Chenab River

When: published on 18th March 2021

The J&K Administrative Council (AC), which met in Srinagar under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, on Tuesday approved the incorporation of the Joint Venture Company (JVC) under the name Ratle Hydro-electric Power Corporation to implement the 850 MW Ratle Hydro-Electric Project (HEP) on river Chenab at Drabshala in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The proposed JVC will have authorised capital of Rs 1,600 Crore with an initial paid-up capital of Rs 100 Crore, out of which the Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDCL) will contribute Rs 49 crore as initial equity.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to execute the project, was signed between the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, JKSPDCL and NHPC on 03.01.2021 in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor.[\(Read more\)](#)



15. Hints to Remember

Who: Ordnance Factories Day in India

What: was observed on 18th March 2021

18th March is celebrated as the Ordnance Factories' Day which is celebrated by displaying the rifles, guns, artillery, ammunition etc. in exhibitions all over India. The Day is regarded as an event to confirm the dedication of the Ordnance Board to the nation, by means of ensuring high-quality products for the armed forces of India. The production of India's oldest Ordnance Factory, which is at Cossipore of Kolkata, was started in 18th of March, 1802. OFB is the 37th largest defence equipment manufacturer in the world, 2nd largest in Asia, and the largest in India. It is an umbrella body for the ordnance factories and related institutions, and is currently a subordinate office of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

The IOFs play a vital role in the production, testing, logistics, research, development, and marketing of a comprehensive product range in the area of land, sea and air systems. It is the need of every country to have proper arms and ammunition for the security of the citizens. Popularly known as the Fourth Arm of Defence, the Ordnance Factories Board is one of the four arms of defence in the country, along with the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy. The history of Ordnance Factory and this day has its roots stuck deep into the times of the British Rule in India. In 1775, East India Company founded the Ordnance Board at Fort William in Calcutta. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Global Recycling Day 2021

What: was observed on 18th March 2021

Today is Global Recycling Day. The day assumes even more significance amid the pandemic as recycling items has taken a big hit and people are using more disposable things for safety. According to a report in news agency Reuters, "From Wuhan to New York, demand for face shields, gloves, takeaway food containers and bubble wrap for online shopping has surged. Since most of that cannot be recycled, so has the waste." Recyclers across the world are losing out, says the report. Global Recycling Day is an opportunity to spread awareness about the importance of recycling in ensuring a healthy future of our precious planet and saying "Thank You" to the Recycle Heroes. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Book Titled "Battle Ready

What: for 21st Century" Released at Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)

When: published on 17th March 2021



A book titled “Battle Ready for 21st Century” co-edited by Lt Gen AK Singh, Distinguished Fellow CLAWS and Brig Narender Kumar, Visiting Fellow CLAWS was released by Gen Bipin Rawat, CDS and Gen Deepak Kapoor, Former Chief of the Army Staff at Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) on 17 March 2021.

The book “Battle Ready for the 21st Century” has endeavoured to postulate and define emerging areas of conflict, desired capabilities and doctrinal issues that need careful examination. The authors with hands-on experience and domain specialisation have endeavoured to define and suggest the ways and means necessary to secure India from emerging security challenges on land, air, sea, space, cyber domain and even cognitive domain. The book is dwelling on future conflicts that India may face and need to build capabilities to dissuade and prevent accidental wars. The foreword is written by former Naval Chief Admiral Arun Prakash. Former Chief of the Army Staff Gen NC Vij and Prof Gautam Sen have commented on the book for empirically identifying future security challenges and the need for building capabilities.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe

What: to release her book in September

When: published on 19th March 2021

A new book titled 'Saving Us' by the new chief scientist at the Nature Conservancy is releasing this year.

Katharine Hayhoe hopes her book will convince people that the ongoing climate disasters are serious and to motivate them to act accordingly.

“So why aren’t we taking climate change seriously? The missing piece of the puzzle is communication,” Hayhoe said in a statement. “Because it’s so scary and so contentious, we don’t talk about it. And if we don’t talk about it, why would we care? In this book, I want to give people the tools to have constructive conversations about why these issues are relevant to all of us, and how we can work together for change.”[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Tanzanian President John Magufuli

What: Dies Aged 61 Of "Heart Condition"

When: published on 18th March 2021

Tanzanian President John Magufuli died Wednesday aged 61 from a heart condition, his vice president said, after more than five years of divisive, authoritarian rule capped by his refusal to take Covid-19 seriously.



Magufuli, popularly nicknamed the "Bulldozer", had been missing from public view for almost three weeks, fuelling wild rumours of his ill health, with opposition leaders claiming he had contracted the virus.

"It is with deep regret that I inform you that today on the 17th of March, 2021 at 6:00 pm we lost our brave leader, the President of the Republic of Tanzania, John Pombe Magufuli," said vice-president Samia Suluhu Hassan.[\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Shoaib Akhtar 'lost for words' as he expresses gratitude after KRL Stadium

What: gets renamed after him

When: published on 14th March 2021

Rawalpindi Express Shoaib Akhtar is often seen sharing his views on various aspects of the gentlemen's game and remains critical of Pakistan's performances on the 22-yard cricket strip across formats. On Saturday (March 13), the former speedster was honoured after Rawalpindi's historic KRL Stadium was renamed after him for his heroics at the international level.

Akhtar made a name for himself and his birthplace with his stunning performances on the cricket pitch during his illustrious career, spanning from 1997-2011. The former pacer represented Pakistan in 46 Tests, 163 ODIs and 15 T20Is to return with a total of 444 international scalps.

Akhtar shared the news of the KRL Stadium being renamed after him on his official Twitter handle and expressed his gratitude.

The 45-year-old tweeted, "Humbled and honoured to share that the historic KRL Stadium in Rawalpindi has been renamed as Shoaib Akhtar Stadium. I am rarely ever lost for words but today I am! I truly have no words to thank everyone for the love & respect I have received over the years."[\(Read more\)](#)





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