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March GA Quiz 2

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

1. India is all set to emerge as World's 3rd Biggest Civil Aviation Market by which year, as per the recent report?

- A. 2023
B. 2024
C. 2025
D. 2022
E. None of these

2. By 2023, which city will be home to India's first undersea tunnel, part of the city's Rs 12,000 crore Coastal Road project?

- A. Chennai
B. Kochi
C. Mumbai
D. Cuttack
E. None of these

3. Which of the following countries has recently held 1st Sherpas meeting after assuming 2021 BRICS Chairship?

- A. China
B. South Africa
C. Russia
D. India
E. None of these

4. Who among the following has recently inaugurated the second Khelo India Winter Games in Gulmarg and said that the event is a step towards making Jammu and Kashmir a hub of winter sports?

- A. Narendra Modi
B. Amit Shah
C. Yogi Adityanath
D. N. Chandrababu Naidu
E. None of these

5. CM of which state has recently announced 4 Welfare Schemes on the 644th Birth Anniversary of Guru Ravidas?

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

6. Who among the following has been appointed the new chief secretary of Bihar, replacing Deepak Kumar?

- A. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
B. Arun Kumar Singh
C. Ankit Kumar Rawat
D. Arjun Kumar Sharma
E. None of these

7. Which of the following states has recently launched 'Gharoki Paachan, Chelik Naam' scheme?

- A. Haryana
B. Himachal Pradesh
C. Punjab
D. Jharkhand
E. None of these

8. World Civil Defence Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 2
B. February 28
C. March 1
D. February 27
E. None of these



9. Zero Discrimination Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 2 B. February 28 C. March 1
D. February 27 E. None of these

10. Rare Disease Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. February 29 B. February 28 C. February 27
D. February 26 E. None of these

11. National Science Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. February 27 B. March 1 C. February 28
D. March 2 E. None of these

12. Which company has acquired additional equity stake in its investee company skyTran Inc. ("skyTran") for a consideration of USD 26.76 million increasing its shareholding to 54.46% on a fully diluted basis?

- A. Birla B. Reliance C. Tata
D. Airtel E. None of these

13. Who among the following has defeated 2017 world champion V Kaladzinskay to win the gold medal at the Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament?

- A. Babita Kumari B. Bajrang Punia C. Ritu Phogat
D. Vinesh Phogat E. None of these

14. Which of the following countries has launched 'Arktika-M' 1st satellite to monitor Climate change in Arctic?

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

15. Who among the following has appointed as Assistant Secretary-General and head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- A. Ligia Noronha B. Geeta Menon C. Renu Khatur
D. Neeli Khurana E. None of these

16. Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India announced that the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved a _____ extension in the reappointment of Pramod Chandra Mody as Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

- A. 3 months B. 6 months C. 9 months
D. 12 months E. None of these

17. Which insurance company has launched a portal for 5 crore small and medium enterprises below the insurance class?

- A. Alliance Insurance B. National Insurance Company
C. New India Assurance D. The Oriental Insurance Company
E. None of these



18. IAF has recently gifted 1971 war helicopter to which country?

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

19. Who among the following inaugurated Bhabhatron-II, an advanced digital cobalt therapy machine at the Joseph Ravoahangy Andrianavalona Hospital (HJRA) in Antananarivo in the presence of Public Health Professor Jean Louis Hanitrana Rakotovo and Indian Ambassador Abhay Kumar?

- A. Didier Ratsiraka
- B. Andry Rajoelina
- C. Marc Ravalomanana
- D. Hery Rajaonarimampianina
- E. None of these

20. On 27th February India and which country have issued a joint statement to strictly observe the 2003 Ceasefire agreement along the Line of Control (LoC)?

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. China
- D. Pakistan
- 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
B	C	D	A	D	B	E	C	C	B	C	B	D	C	A	A	A	B	B	D

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: published on 27th February 2021

During the India Aircraft Leasing Summit-2021, Minister of State (I/C) for Civil Aviation, Hardeep Singh Puri stated that India is set to emerge as World's 3rd Biggest Civil Aviation Market in overall terms by 2024. Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman was the Chief Guest & Hardeep S Puri was the Guest of Honour at the summit.

The India Aircraft Leasing Summit 2021 was held at Vigyan Bhavan Convention Centre, New Delhi on February 26, 2021. It was held in both physical & virtual modes.

The theme of the summit was 'Rupee Raftaar'.

Organizers – Ministry of Civil Aviation & IFSC (International Financial Services Centres) Authority in collaboration with GIFT (Gujarat International Finance Tec)- City & FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry).

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Mumbai's undersea tunnel: From unique ventilation system

What: to earthquake resistant, key features of project

When: published on 25th February 2021

By 2023, Mumbai will be home to India's first undersea tunnel, part of the city's Rs 12,000 crore Coastal Road project.

The Coastal Road project is an under construction 22.2-kilometre freeway that would run along Mumbai's western coastline connecting Marine Lines in the south to Kandivali in the north.

Here are some key features of the tunnel:

The 2.07 kilometre tunnel, which will have two lanes, will be 10 to 70 metres deep sub-surface. These lanes will be bored between Priyadarshini Park and Chhota Chowpatty at Marine Drive.

A civic official told The Times of India that the tunnels, having a circumference of 11 metres each, would be earthquake-resistant and have a life span of more than 120 years. The tunnels will have



three lanes on each side and will get a coat of reflective paint to ensure adequate lighting. "In case of disaster, 13 cross tunnels would be opened up. Of the 13, seven cross tunnels would be for vehicles and six for human movement," said the official. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: holds 1st Sherpas meeting after assuming 2021 BRICS Chairship

When: published on 25th February 2021

According to the MEA release, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched India's BRICS 2021 website at the BRICS Secretariat at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan on February 19.

Chinese President Xi Jinping may visit India later this year, extending the support to India in hosting this year's summit. Speaking about Xi's possible attendance at the summit and whether the LAC standoff would affect both countries multilateral cooperation, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said BRICS had become an influential grouping and Beijing supported New Delhi's efforts as host.

Wenbin's statement comes a day after India and China 'positively appraised' the smooth completion of disengagement of frontline troops in the Pangong Lake area and agreed to continue their communication and push for a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector. According to the India-China Joint Statement, the two sides had a "candid and in-depth" exchange of views on other issues along the LAC in the Western Sector. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: Inaugurates Khelo India Winter Games In Gulmarg, Says J&K To Be Winter Sports Hub

When: published on 26th February 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the second Khelo India Winter Games in Gulmarg and said that the event is a step towards making Jammu and Kashmir a hub of winter sports.

Athletes from 27 states and Union Territories are competing in the Games which will conclude on March 2.

"This is a step towards making India's presence felt in the international winter games arena and also make Jammu and Kashmir a hub of winter sports," he said in a virtual address.

"These games in Gulmarg show that Jammu and Kashmir is eager to reach new heights of peace and development. These Games will strengthen the resolve for 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat'. [\(Read more\)](#)



5. Hints to Remember

Who: Haryana CM

What: announces 4 Welfare Schemes on the 644th Birth Anniversary of Guru Ravidas

When: published on 27th February 2021

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced four public welfare schemes during a state-level programme organised on the occasion of the 644th birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas at his Chandigarh residence on Saturday.

Under the Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana, one lakh poorest families of the state would be targeted.

“Every possible effort will be made to increase the family income of such families to at least Rs 8,000 to Rs 9,000 per month. For this, the state government will emphasise on the skill development of members of such families, providing employment opportunities to the unemployed members and also providing financial assistance,” said the Chief Minister. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Arun Kumar Singh

What: takes charge as Bihar chief secretary

When: published on 28th February 2021

Arun Kumar Singh, a 1985-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, Sunday was appointed the new chief secretary of Bihar, replacing Deepak Kumar.

Kumar, a 1984-batch officer, was due to retire on February 29, 2020 but, the central government had granted him extension twice for two terms of six months each on the state government's recommendation.

Kumar had assumed charge as chief secretary of Bihar from May 31, 2018 following the retirement of Anjani Kumar Singh, who is currently the advisor to the chief minister(CM) Nitish Kumar.

The state government had to appoint Arun Kumar Singh after the Centre, which beached the convention by granting six month extension for successive terms, declined giving fresh extension to Deepak Kumar. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Uttarakhand CM

What: launches 'Gharoki Paachan, Chelik Naam' scheme in Nainital



When: published on 27th February 2021

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Saturday launched "Gharoki Paachan, Chelik Naam" (daughter's name is a home's identity) programme and development schemes worth Rs 42 crore in Nainital.

Nainital MP Ajay Bhatt, along with various other officials, was present to welcome the chief minister in the town.

During a programme organised at TRC Dhartaal, Rawat launched "Gharoki Paachan, Chelik Naam" (daughter's name is a home's identity) scheme.

This scheme has been launched in Nainital and will be extended to entire Uttarakhand in the coming weeks.

Rawat said the government is working towards women empowerment and 32,000 women groups of the state are being linked with self-employment to make them self-reliant.

The chief minister also expressed concern about revitalising the catchment area of Sukhatal Lake. He said the lake will be revitalised and will undergo beautification. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: World Civil Defence Day 2021

What: was observed on March 1

World Civil Defence Day is observed on March 1 annually, across the world. This day was integrated by the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO) in 1990. Civil Defence Day symbolizes honour and prestige and signifies the importance of civil protection.

The International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO) is an intergovernmental organisation that contributes to the development and safety of citizens while safeguarding infrastructure and the surroundings. Civil protection, civil defence and civil safety define ICDO. The International Civil Defence Organisation has a total of 59 member states and conducts as many training programs as possible to intensify the human resources of the civil defence cadre of its member states. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Zero Discrimination Day 2021

What: was observed on 1st March

Zero discrimination Day is commemorated on March 1 every year by the United Nations and other international institutions. Know the theme, history, significance, and celebration of Zero Discrimination Day 2021. Zero Discrimination Day 2021 aims at highlighting the urgent need to take action to end the inequalities surrounding income, sex, age, health status, occupation, disability,



sexual orientation, drug use, gender identity, race, class, ethnicity and religion that are prevalent around the world. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Rare Disease Day 2021

What: was observed on 28th February 2021

Rare Disease Day is annually observed across the globe on the last day of February every year to create awareness to the general public regarding the rare disease and their effects on the lives of the affected people. The International Rare Disease Day is organised by EURORDIS.

The Rare Disease Day 2021 falls on 28th February 2021 which also marks the 14th Rare Disease Day.

The rare disease day was launched by EURORDIS and its Council of National Alliances in 2008.

The first Rare Disease Day was celebrated on 29th February 2008.

11. Hints to Remember

Who: National Science Day 2021

What: was observed on 28th February 2021

National Science Day is celebrated every year on February 28. This day recalls the notable invention "Raman Effect" by India's greatest scientist C V Raman. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for this discovery. Since that day, February 28 is being commemorated as National Science Day to recall the great discovery of CV Raman.

The theme for National Science Day 2021 is "Future of STI: Impacts on Education, Skills, and Work". The National Science Day 2021 aims to motivate the students to gain hands-on experience in the field of science. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Reliance

What: Acquires Majority Equity Stake In SkyTran Inc

When: published on 1st March 2021

Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited ("RSBVL"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited, announced that it has acquired additional equity stake in its investee company skyTran Inc. ("skyTran") for a consideration of USD 26.76 million increasing its shareholding to 54.46% on a fully diluted basis.



skyTran is a technology company incorporated under the laws of Delaware, United States of America (USA) in 2011. skyTran has developed breakthrough passive magnetic levitation & propulsion technology for implementing personal transportation systems aimed at solving the problem of traffic congestion globally. The technology has been developed by skyTran to create Smart Mobility Solutions. The proposed skyTran transportation systems would consist of computer-controlled passenger pods running on its state-of-the-art, patented Passive Magnetic Levitation technology and would use cutting edge IT, Telecom, IoT and Advanced Materials technologies to transport passengers in a fast, safe, green, and economical manner. It is also supported by notable global venture capital investors such as Innovation Endeavors. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Vinesh Phogat

What: beats Vanesa Kaladzinskaya to win gold in Ukraine wrestling event

When: published on 28th February 2021

India's star wrestler Vinesh Phogat defeated 2017 world champion V Kaladzinskaya to win the gold medal at the Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament.

Up against the world number seven Belarusian, it was not an easy bout for the world number three Indian as the two grapplers kept testing each other with consistent attacks in the sea-saw battle in which Vinesh prevailed.

Vinesh opened up a 4-0 lead in the 53kg final with a throw which she initiated with a left-leg attack but Kaladzinskaya made it 4-4 with her brilliant move.

Vinesh took the break leading 6-4, adding to her score with a takedown, 10 seconds before the break. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia

What: Launches First Arktika-M Satellite To Monitor Arctic Region

When: published on 1st March 2021

Russia, on February 27, launched its first satellite that is aimed at monitoring the Arctic region's climate and environment. As per a statement by the country's Space Agency Roscosmos, the satellite 'Arktika-M' was launched at 9:55 am (Russian time) from Baikonur Cosmodrome, a space port leased to Russia in Kazakhstan. The satellite was carried by Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket and entered the earth's atmosphere at 12:14 pm.

"The creation of a satellite system in highly elliptical orbits is necessary for information collection to solve operational meteorology and hydrology problems, and monitoring the climate and environment



in the Arctic region,” ROSCOSMOS said while stressing on the mission’s importance. However, observers and experts highlighted that Moscow was eyeing the Northern Sea Route and that the mission was a direct investment in the region. Additionally, they also warned against Russian expansion in the Arctic’s energy-rich areas, which have been exposed by increasing global warming and melting ice craps.[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian economist Ligia Noronha

What: appointed UN Assistant Secretary-General

When: published on 27th February 2021

UN chief Antonio Guterres has appointed leading Indian economist Ligia Noronha as Assistant Secretary-General and head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Noronha will succeed fellow Indian and development economist Satya Tripathi to whom Secretary-General Guterres is “grateful for his leadership and dedicated service during his tenure,” according to a statement here on Thursday.

Noronha is an economist with over 30 years of international experience in the field of sustainable development. She has worked since 2014 as Director of UNEP's Economy Division based in Nairobi, leading UNEP's work on climate mitigation and energy transitions; on inclusive green economies, sustainable consumption and production, as well as on trade and sustainable finance, and the nexus of environment, pollution and health, the statement said.[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: CBDT Chairman Pramod Chandra Mody

What: gets further extension for three months

When: published on 1st March 2021

The re-appointment of Pramod Chandra Mody as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has been extended for a further period of three months, said the Department of Personnel and Training, the Government of India on Sunday.

Mody is a 1982-batch Indian Revenue Service officer, was appointed as the CBDT chief in February 2019.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved an extension for a period of three months with effect from March 1, 2021, to May 31, 2021, the order said.[\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: Alliance Insurance

What: launches insurance portal, 5 crore SMEs will benefit

When: published on 28th February 2021

Recently Alliance Insurance has launched a portal for 5 crore small and medium enterprises below the insurance class. The new platform as SMEIureure will benefit micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), small store and enterprise house owners amongst monetary emergency.

Under SMEIureure, prospects will be capable to handle all insurance associated issues, from shopping for, protecting, to insurance claims. SMEs in India have been severely affected by the corona virus epidemic and nationwide lockdown. The objective of this new insurance portal is to assist the SME sector handle the chance. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: IAF

What: gifts 1971 war helicopter to Bangladesh: Golden Jubilee of 1971 war

When: published on 27th February 2021

Commemorating 50 years of defeating Pakistan in the 1971 war, Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief RKS Bhadauria gifted a legacy Alouette III helicopter to Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) and got a legacy F-86 Sabre aircraft as a return gift from Dhaka.

"To mark the Golden Jubilee of 1971 War of Liberation, IAF chief RKS Bhadauria gifted a legacy Alouette III helicopter to the Bangladesh Air Force. Bangladesh Air Force chief too gifted an F-86 Sabre aircraft that had been restored by BAF after the 1971 war. Both legacy aircraft will find a place of pride in museums on both sides," IAF stated in a tweet.

The exchange of aircraft took place in Dhaka during the four day trip of Bhadauria to Bangladesh where he visited different airbases and interacted with the top military leadership of that country. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Madagascar President

What: Inaugurates Advanced Digital Cobalt Therapy Machine Donated By India

When: published on 26th February 2021

Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina on Friday inaugurated Bhabhatron-II, an advanced digital cobalt therapy machine at the Joseph Ravoahangy Andrianavalona Hospital (HJRA) in Antananarivo in the presence of Public Health Professor Jean Louis Hanitrana Rakotovoao and Indian Ambassador Abhay Kumar.



Speaking at the inauguration, Ambassador Abhay Kumar said, "Cancer is a major health problem affecting a large number of people globally. Bhabhatron is a telecobalt machine made in India for cancer treatment by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Mumbai."

"During the visit of Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind to Madagascar in March 2018, an announcement was made regarding the donation of Bhabhatron to Madagascar," he added.

According to an official release, Madagascar is one of the few select countries which have received the Bhabhatron-II radiotherapy machine from India. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: India and Pakistan

What: issued a joint statement to strictly observe the 2003 Ceasefire agreement along the Line of Control (LoC).

When: published on 27th February 2021

In an unexpected development, India and Pakistan militaries have agreed to "strictly" observe all agreements and adhere to ceasefire along the Line of Control from midnight of February 24 – which is the first such understanding since the 2003 ceasefire violations pact.

For the first time in recent times, India's ministry of defence and Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations have issued a joint statement after the talks between the director-general of military operations (DGMOs) held a discussion over their hotline.

"The two sides reviewed the situation along the Line of Control and all other sectors in a free, frank and cordial atmosphere," said the statement.

Further, the statement noted that the two DGMOs "agreed to address each other's core issues and concerns which have propensity to disturb peace and lead to violence" in the interest of "achieving mutually beneficial and sustainable peace along the borders". [\(Read more\)](#)





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