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March GA Quiz 21

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

1. 14th World Sleep Day was observed on which of the following date?

- A. 18th March 2021 B. 20th March 2021 C. 19th March 2021
D. 17th March 2021 E. None of these

2. Dilip Gandhi passed away recently, was a/an _____ .

- A. Sports person B. Actor C. Politician
D. Writer E. None of these

3. Who among the following has become the first Indian paddler to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games after a dominant win over Pakistan's Muhammad Rameez at the Asian Olympic Qualification tournament in Doha?

- A. Sharath Kamal Achanta B. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran C. Manav Thakkar
D. Harmeet Desai E. None of these

4. Indian Naval Landing Craft Utility (LCU) L58, the eighth and last ship of the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mark IV Class, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at which place?

- A. Swaraj Dweep B. Neill Island C. Silvassa
D. Port Blair E. None of these

5. Which firm has handed over the indigenously made checkout system to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its ambitious 'Gaganyaan' mission?

- A. Data Patterns India Pvt Ltd
B. Data Protection in India
C. Infoserve India Pvt Ltd.
D. Tech Data Advanced Solutions
E. None of these



6. Samia Suluhu Hassan has recently become the first woman president of which country?

- A. Tanzania B. Uganda C. Ethiopia
D. Zambia E. None of these

7. Name the person who has been appointed as the Director-General (DG) of National Security Guard (NSG).

- A. M A Ganapathy B. G B Srinath C. L K Balakrishnan
D. M L Madhuban E. None of these

8. Name the person who has been appointed as the DG of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

- A. Sandeep Singh Kataria B. Kuldiep Singh C. Mukesh Barman
D. Mahipal Singh E. None of these

9. UNCTAD has expected India's GDP to be grown at what percent in 2021?

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

10. As per the Bloomberg, what is India's position in 'Market-cap' Among World's Top 10 Nations?

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

11. Which country is building World's Largest Floating Solar Farms?

- A. Switzerland B. Maldives C. Malaysia
D. India E. None of these

12. As per the recent studies, which country has world's most dangerous roads?

- A. Bangladesh B. Brazil C. South Africa
D. India E. None of these



13. Which UN body has launched 'Sahi Disha' campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods and entrepreneurship in rural India?

- A. United Nations Development Programme
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. United Nations Capital Development Fund
- D. UNICEF
- E. None of these

14. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and which firm have announced new initiatives to strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India, by empowering school students with cloud computing skills, and enabling entrepreneurs to build innovative education technology (EdTech) solutions on the cloud?

- A. Microsoft Azure
- B. Amazon Web Services
- C. Microsoft Corporation
- D. Oracle Corporation
- E. None of these

15. India and which country have launched the USIAI Initiative during the launch ceremony organized by IUSSTF?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. United States
- C. South Africa
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. None of these

16. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah paid a 2-day visit to India from March 17-18, 2021 at the invitation of Dr S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India. He is the Foreign Minister of which country?

- A. Kuwait
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Brazil
- E. None of these

17. APEDA has signed memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which firm for ensuring cooperation in range of areas focussing on harnessing exports potential of agricultural and processed food products manufactured by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)?

- A. National Small Industries Corporation Ltd
- B. Small Industries Development Bank of India
- C. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- E. None of these



18. Passage Exercise (PASSEX) was undertaken by India and which country?

- A. Sweden B. Syria C. Bahrain
D. South Africa E. None of these

19. International Day Of Happiness 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 20 B. March 19 C. March 18
D. March 17 E. None of these

20. Who among the following has claimed an “overwhelming” victory in national elections in the Netherlands, vowing to use a fourth term in office to rebuild the country after the coronavirus pandemic?

- A. Geert Wilders B. Hugo de Jonge C. Mark Rutte
D. Wopke Hoekstra E. None of these



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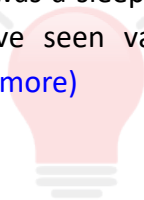
1. Hints to Remember

Who: 14th World Sleep Day

What: was observed on 19th March 2021

World Sleep Society will celebrate World Sleep Day® on Friday, March 19, 2021. The slogan for the 14th annual World Sleep Day is 'Regular Sleep, Healthy Future.' World Sleep Day is a call to all sleep professionals to advocate and educate the world about the importance of sleep for achieving an optimal quality of life and improve global health.

This year, I have the honor to co-chair this important event with Professor Fang Han, MD of The Sleep Center, Peking University People's Hospital in Beijing, China. I have participated in World Sleep Society since I was a sleep medicine fellow at Louisiana State University in Shreveport. For the past 13 years I have seen various slogans highlighting the different aspects of sleep (view past slogans). [\(Read more\)](#)



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Ahmednagar MP Dilip Gandhi

What: dies of Covid at 69

When: published on 18th March 2021

Former Union minister Dilip Gandhi, who is also a former MP from Ahmednagar, died of Covid-19 at a private hospital in New Delhi early on Wednesday. He was 69. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Gandhi was in Delhi for some personal work. On Tuesday, he had tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to a private hospital, where he was put on ventilator support. He died at 3 am on Wednesday, said BJP leaders.

Gandhi had represented the Ahmednagar seat in Lok Sabha for three consecutive terms. He was first elected in 1999. He served as minister for state in the Union Shipping Ministry in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Sharath Kamal

What: becomes first Indian paddler to qualify for Tokyo Olympics

When: published on 18th March 2021

The seasoned Achanta Sharath Kamal on Thursday became the first Indian paddler to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games after a dominant win over Pakistan's Muhammad Rameez at the Asian Olympic Qualification tournament in Doha.

The veteran Indian thrashed Rameez 11-4, 11-1, 11-5, 11-4 in little over 22 minutes in the second men's singles round-robin match in the South Asia group.

Kamal had lost his opening match 9-11, 13-15, 11-5, 11-7, 12-10, 9-11, 8-11 to compatriot Gnansekaran Sathiyan.

The win over Rameez ensured at least a second-place finish for Kamal and it was enough to secure a spot in the delayed Games, scheduled to begin in July. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian naval Landing Craft Utility L58

What: commissioned at Port Blair

When: published on 18th March 2021

Indian Naval Landing Craft Utility (LCU) L58, the eighth and last ship of the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mark IV Class, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Thursday.

Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) Lieutenant General Manoj Pande was the Chief Guest and Chairman and Managing Director, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) Rear Admiral Vipin Kumar Saxena, IN (Retd) was present for the event.

According to a press statement from the Ministry of Defence, Commander Krishan K Yadav read the Commissioning Warrant as the first Commanding Officer of the ship. The ship is manned by a motivated team of five officers and 50 sailors. Indigenously designed and built by GRSE, Kolkata, the ship's commissioning has added one more feather in the cap of the nation's 'Make in India' & 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' programme in the field of warship design and construction. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Data Patterns

What: delivers indigenous checkout system to ISRO



When: published on 18th March 2021

Data Patterns India Pvt Ltd has handed over the indigenously made checkout system to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its ambitious 'Gaganyaan' mission, the city-based company said on Thursday.

The checkout system developed by Data Patterns would be utilised to carry out the health checks of all the cable harness assemblies used in the crew module of India's first human space flight programme. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Samia Suluhu Hassan

What: Becomes Tanzania's First Woman President

When: published on 19th March 2021

Friday marked a new chapter of leadership in Tanzania as the first-ever female president, Samia Suluhu Hassan, took the oath of office.

The inauguration was witnessed by members of the cabinet and former presidents at the statehouse in Dar es Salaam.

The 61-year-old Hassan was Magufuli's vice president, first elected with him in 2015 and re-elected last year. She will serve out the remaining four years of the late Magufuli's term, which ends in October 2025.

Some Tanzanian citizens say Hassan's new leadership could bring about positive changes to the country. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: IPS officers MA Ganapathy, Kuldiep Singh

What: to head NSG, CRPF

When: published on 17th March 2021

The government has appointed senior IPS officers MA Ganapathy and Kuldiep Singh as Directors General (DGs) of National Security Guard (NSG) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), respectively.

Ganapathy, a 1986 batch Indian Police Service officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, is currently DG, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. He has been appointed the DG, NSG, from the date of joining the post and up to February 29, 2024, date of his superannuation, the Department of Personnel and Training said in an order issued on Tuesday night.



Singh, a 1986 batch IPS officer of the West Bengal cadre, at present the Special DG, CRPF, replaces AP Maheshwari, who retired. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Kuldiep Singh, 1986 batch IPS officer of West Bengal cadre

What: has been appointed as the DG of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

When: published on 17th March 2021

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9. Hints to Remember

Who: UNCTAD

What: expects India's GDP to be Contracted 6.9% in 2020 and Grow 5% in 2021

When: published on 19th March 2021

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on Thursday said India's Covid-19 stimulus fell short of initial announcements, leading to a lower than expected economic performance in 2020.

In its Trade and Development 2020 update, it said the relief measures adopted by India were not only much smaller in scale, but also centred on easing supply side constraints and providing liquidity support rather than aggregate demand support. UNCTAD expects India's GDP to have contracted 6.9% in 2020 and grow 5% in 2021, attributing the stronger recovery projected for 2021 to the deeper-than-expected downturn in 2020.

“Moreover, restrictions to people's movement not only severely affected incomes and consumption, they also proved largely unsuccessful in containing the spread of the virus,” the UN agency said in its report titled ‘Out of the frying pan... into the fire’. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: is at 8th position in 'Market-cap' Among World's Top 10 Nations: Bloomberg

When: published on 17th March 2021

Indian stocks gained most among the world's top 10 countries by market value this financial year, as per Bloomberg data. India's aggregate market capitalisation rose 88% in dollar terms while aggregate market capitalisation of the US and China rose 67% and 52% respectively, from April 2020 so far. However, India remained at the eighth position with \$2.8 trillion market capitalisation. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Singapore

What: is Building World's Largest Floating Solar Farms

When: published on 14th March 2021

It may be one of the world's smallest countries, but the island-state of Singapore has a big emissions problem.

In fact the nation is one of the biggest carbon dioxide emitters per capita, and the densely populated nature of the city makes it hard to find the necessary space for green initiatives.

So Singapore has turned to the water to house the solar panels needed to generate more renewable energy. Among the plans is the biggest solar farm in Southeast Asia, covering an area the size of 45 football pitches with more than 122,000 solar panels. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: South Africa

What: has world's most dangerous roads; India in fourth place: Study

When: published on 19th March 2021

South Africa has been ranked as the world's most dangerous country to drive in while India came in at fourth place, according to a research study undertaken by international driver education company Zutobi.

Among the list of 56 countries in the study, Thailand came in second position and the US took up third spot.

The safest roads in the world can be found in Norway, with its Scandinavian neighbour Sweden having the third safest roads while Japan took second place, according to the study. ([Read more](#))



13. Hints to Remember

Who: UNDP

What: launches 'Sahi Disha' campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods in rural India

When: published on 18th March 2021

The UNDP has launched 'Sahi Disha' campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods and entrepreneurship in rural India.

The campaign highlights issues and hurdles that impact the opportunities for women in rural India to access jobs and livelihoods and establish enterprises that can help them become more self-reliant, the UNDP said in a statement.

The Disha initiative, a five-year collaboration between UNDP and the IKEA Foundation, enabled one million women through skilling and counselling services to access job and livelihood opportunities across five states -- Delhi NCR, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: AIM and AWS

What: sign Sol to support Ed Tech Startups

When: published on 18th March 2021

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and Amazon Web Services (AWS) today announced new initiatives to strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India, by empowering school students with cloud computing skills, and enabling entrepreneurs to build innovative education technology (EdTech) solutions on the cloud.

A Statement of Intent (Sol) was signed between NITI Aayog and Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL), which undertakes the resale and marketing of AWS Cloud services in India.

As per the Sol, AIM will leverage AWS Educate, Amazon's global program that provides resources for students and educators to accelerate cloud-related learning. This program will introduce the fundamentals of cloud computing such as cloud storage, virtual compute power, web hosting, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and virtual reality (VR), to students at more than 7000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in India. AWS will also conduct Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) for the personnel in-charge at the ATLs, and provide resources and tools at each ATL to expedite student learning, and enable them to create and build solutions on the cloud. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India-US

What: launched U.S. India Artificial Intelligence (USIAI) Initiative



When: published on 19th March 2021

USIAI will serve as a platform to discuss opportunities, challenges, and barriers for bilateral AI research and development collaboration, enable AI innovation, help share ideas for developing an AI workforce, and recommend modes and mechanisms for catalysing partnerships, the statement added.

Speaking at the curtain raiser of the launch ceremony organised by IUSSTF on March 17, DST secretary Ashutosh Sharma emphasised the necessity to scale up the S&T relationship between India and the United States to solve problems of both countries and overcome barriers for growth.

Sharma said research, technology in artificial intelligence is being promoted and implemented in the country through a network of 25 technology hubs working as a triple helix set up under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS). He also pointed out the recent policies to liberalise India's geospatial policies. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Overview of Kuwait Foreign Minister's

What: 2-day visit to India

When: published on 18th March 2021

Foreign Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar today reviewed all aspects of India-Kuwait bilateral relationship and discussed regional developments.

They also explored ways and means to impart further dynamism in the traditional and friendly ties between the two countries.

Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser was on a two day visit to India.

The Foreign Minister of Kuwait also handed over a letter to Dr Jaishankar from Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser thanked India for supplying Kuwait with 2 lakh doses of Made in India Covishield vaccines last month. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: APEDA

What: signs MoUs with NSIC for harnessing the exports potential of MSMEs

When: published on 19th March 2021



The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) on 17th March 2021 signed memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC) for ensuring cooperation in range of areas focussing on harnessing exports potential of agricultural and processed food products manufactured by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

According to the MoU, the key areas of cooperation include facilitating APEDA registered members getting assistance under all the NSCI schemes. The MoU also envisages ensuring sustainability and growth of MSMEs by addressing issues such as technology, skill, quality products and market access.

The collaborations between APEDA, which functions under Ministry of Commerce and NSIC, which operates under Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprise, also support promotion of green & sustainable manufacturing technology for the MSME clusters so as to enable units to switch to sustainable and green production processes and products. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Expanding Footprints, Indian Navy

What: Holds Naval Drills With Bahrain In The Persian Gulf

When: published on 19th March 2021

The Indian Navy and the Royal Bahrain Naval Force carried out the Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Persian Gulf as part of 'Operation Sankalp' on Wednesday (March 17).

A passage exercise refers to a drill held by two navies to ensure that both are able to communicate and cooperate in times of war or humanitarian relief. The Indian Navy carries out such exercises at regular intervals with units of friendly foreign navies. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day Of Happiness 2021

What: was observed on 20th March 2021

The International Day of Happiness is observed every year all over the world on March 20 to highlight the importance of happiness in the diurnal lives of people. The theme of International Day of Happiness for this year is "Happiness For All, Forever" which implies the significance of happiness for people all over the world. The day recognises happiness as the most important need in any human's life and links it to the overall well-being of humans. The day also aims to establish the important role that happiness must play while setting public policy objectives as through the day happiness is intrinsically related to equitable economic growth which will thereby lead to sustainable development and overall well-being of all people. ([Read more](#))



20. Hints to Remember

Who: Netherlands election: Mark Rutte

What: claims fourth term with 'overwhelming' victory

When: published on 18th March 2021

Mark Rutte has claimed an “overwhelming” victory in national elections in the Netherlands, vowing to use a fourth term in office to rebuild the country after the coronavirus pandemic.

Following a dull campaign fought during the pandemic and seen as a referendum on the government’s performance during the crisis, exit polls suggested the VVD had won 35 of the Dutch parliaments 150 seats, two more than in the previous election.

“The voters of the Netherlands have given my party an overwhelming vote of confidence,” a smiling Rutte told reporters in parliament. ([Read more](#))





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