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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 22

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

**1. Which of the following states has won 11th Hockey India sub-junior women National Championship?**

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

**2. Who among the following has set a new national record in the men's 3000m steeplechase event in the ongoing Federation Cup?**

- A. Jinson Johnson                      B. Amit Pangha                      C. Neeraj Chopra  
D. Avinash Sable                      E. None of these

**3. American business and financial services company Moody's Analytics has projected India's GDP to grow by \_\_\_\_\_ in 2021.**

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

**4. India has been ranked at which place in World Happiness Report?**

- A. 131<sup>st</sup>                                      B. 144<sup>th</sup>                                      C. 139<sup>th</sup>  
D. 132<sup>nd</sup>                                      E. None of these

**5. The website of radio programme "Awaam Ki Baat" was launched in which state or UT, aimed at seeking public feedback to make the process of governance interactive, participative and people-centric?**

- A. Delhi                                      B. Jammu and Kashmir                      C. Chandigarh  
D. Himachal Pradesh                      E. None of these



6. State-run EESL arm Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) has launched the Gram Ujala programme under which high quality energy efficient LED bulbs will be given for \_\_\_\_\_ in certain villages of five states in the first phase.

- A. Rs 5 per piece                      B. Rs 2 per piece                      C. Rs 15 per piece  
D. Rs 10 per piece                      E. None of these

7. Which one is India's first elevated Urban Expressway that is going to be completed before Independence Day next year?

- A. Ayodhya Expressway              B. Kurukshetra Expressway      C. Rameshwaram Expressway  
D. Dwarka Expressway              E. None of these

8. Who among the following has co-edited the book "Battle Ready for 21st Century"?

- A. A K Singh                              B. B K Rawat                              C. N K Sharma  
D. A L Badhuaria                      E. None of these

9. Name the person who was audio cassette tape inventor, passed away recently.

- A. Roger Mudd                              B. Mark Pavelich                              C. Lou Ottens  
D. Lance Waldroup                      E. None of these

10. In an attempt to push back the Chinese Navy's rapidly-expanding People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN), the Indian Navy is all set to commission \_\_\_\_\_, which is capable of tracking nuclear missiles and satellites from a distance.

- A. INS Dhruv                              B. INS Viraat                              C. INS Vikrant  
D. INS Vishal                              E. None of these

11. Who among the following has won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2020 for her poetry collection When God is a Traveller in English?

- A. Arundhati Subramaniam      B. Meena Alexander                      C. Arundhati Roy  
D. Meena Kandasamy              E. None of these



**12. Which of the following companies has recently been named as India's 10 most promising share trading platforms of 2020?**

- A. HDFC securities
- B. Reliance Securities
- C. Reliance Capital
- D. Angel Broking
- E. None of these

**13. Which of the following banks has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary to manage its credit card business?**

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. IDFC Bank
- E. None of these

**14. According to property consultancy Knight Frank's Global House Price Index, India has slipped to which position in home price appreciation?**

- A. 56<sup>th</sup>
- B. 57<sup>th</sup>
- C. 58<sup>th</sup>
- D. 59<sup>th</sup>
- E. None of these

**15. Moudud Ahmed passed away at 81, was former Prime Minister of which country?**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Oman
- E. None of these

**16. Who among the following has been presented with International Woman of Courage 2021 Award?**

- A. Gowsalya Shankar
- B. Swati Shankar
- C. Ritika Shankar
- D. Mithi Shankar
- E. None of these

**17. Name the person who was the principal advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has resigned.**

- A. Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- B. Pramod Kumar Mishra
- C. Nripendra Misra
- D. Amarjeet Sinha
- E. None of these

**18. Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar has been given eight-year bans for anti-corruption breaches by ICC. Both are from which of the following countries?**

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Pakistan
- C. UAE
- D. South Africa
- E. None of these



**19. Which of the following companies has become a part of the World Economic Forum's Global Lighthouse Network?**

- A. Reliance Power                      B. Tata Power                      C. ReNew Power  
D. Vikram Solar Power                E. None of these

**20. Delhi Technological University has partnered which company to set up innovation lab?**

- A. Amazon                                B. Samsung                            C. Videocon  
D. LG                                        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	D	B	C	B	D	D	A	C	A	A	B	E	A	B	A	A	C	C	B

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Haryana

**What:** wins 11th Hockey India sub-junior women National Championship

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Haryana defeated Jharkhand 4-3 in a shootout to clinch the 11th Hockey India sub-junior women National Championship 2021 title after the final ended 0-0 on Thursday.

The first half ended goalless in a closely contested final between two high-scoring sides. The deadlock continued in the second half with neither Haryana nor Jharkhand coming close to scoring.

Then, Haryana Captain Nidhi starred in the shootout, denying Edlin Bage and Sweety Dungdung, and Nisha Minj's attempts on goal. [\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Federation Cup: Avinash Sable

**What:** sets new national record in men's 3000m steeplechase

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Athlete Avinash Sable on Wednesday set a new national record in the men's 3000m steeplechase event in the ongoing Federation Cup.

The 26-year-old Avinash recorded a timing of 8:20.20 and hence he ended up breaking his own record which he set in 2019.

"#TOPSAthlete #AvinashSable has set a new national record in men's 3000m steeplechase with timing of 8:20.20 at the Federation Cup in Patiala. The #Tokyo2020 bound runner broke his own record of 8:21.37 set in 2019. #JeetengeOlympics #GemsofSAI," SAI Media tweeted. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Rating agency Moody's projects India's GDP

**What:** to grow by 12 % this year

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

American business and financial services company Moody's Analytics has projected India's GDP to grow by 12% in 2021. In an earlier estimate last November, it had said India's GDP will grow at 9% in the calendar year.

In an updated projection released yesterday it said India's near-term prospects have turned more favourable following a stronger than expected December quarter, when GDP grew by 0.4% over the year following a 7.5% contraction in the September quarter. Domestic and external demand has been on the mend since the easing of restrictions, which has led to improved manufacturing output in recent months.

Battered by the coronavirus pandemic, Indian economy is officially projected to contract 8% in FY21, in its worst show in more than four decades. However, most professional forecasters have

projected double-digit growth for India in FY22, considered mostly a statistical rebound than a V-shaped recovery. ([Read more](#))

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** ranks 139th in World Happiness report 2021; Finland tops the list

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India has secured the 139th spot out of 149 countries in the UN World Happiness Report 2021. India ranked 140th in 2019 and 144th in 2020.

The focus of this year's World Happiness Report was two-fold, says the report.

"Our aim was twofold, first to focus on the effects of COVID-19 on the structure and quality of people's lives, and second to describe and evaluate how governments all over the world have dealt with the pandemic. In particular, we try to explain why some countries have done so much better than others," the official website read. ([Read more](#))

### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** LG

**What:** launches website of "Awaam Ki Baat" radio programme in J-K



**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday launched the website of radio programme "Awaam Ki Baat", aimed at seeking public feedback to make the process of governance interactive, participative and people-centric, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha said the 30-minute "Awaam Ki Baat" programme, starting from April and to be aired every third Sunday of the month, is a leap towards strengthening the concept of Jan Bhagidari by inviting people's participation.

It will give voice to the people and a vision to the administration that is symbolic of the collective aspirations of the masses, he added. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Gram Ujala scheme

**What:** to offer LED bulbs for Rs 10 per piece in rural areas

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021

State-run EESL arm Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) on Friday launched the Gram Ujala programme under which high quality energy efficient LED bulbs will be given for Rs 10 per piece in certain villages of five states in the first phase.

In the first phase of this programme, 15 million LED bulbs will be distributed across villages of Aarah (Bihar), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh), Nagpur (Maharashtra), and villages in western Gujarat. The programme will be financed entirely through carbon credits and will be the first such programme in India.

"CESL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL), unveiled GRAM UJALA programme today," CESL said in a statement. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to remember

**Who:** Dwarka Expressway, India's first elevated Urban Expressway,

**What:** to be completed before Independence Day next year

**When:** published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Friday that he is hopeful that the construction work on Rs 8,662-crore Dwarka Expressway will be completed before 15 August 2022. The 29-km expressway, which connects Dwarka in Delhi to Gurugram, is being constructed under the Bharatmala Project. Gadkari said it will be the first-ever elevated Urban Expressway in India.

The construction of this Expressway will also immensely help to reduce air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region. On Thursday, Gadkari made an inspectional visit to Dwarka Expressway. "He reviewed the





progress of India's First Grade Separated Urban Expressway, Dwarka Expressway," an official statement said. Note that the Expressway is being built in four packages and the total length of it is 29 kilometres out of which 18.9-kilometre length falls in Haryana while the remaining 10.1-kilometre length is in Delhi. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** "Battle Ready For 21st Century"

**What:** Released At Centre For Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

"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) .

The book 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](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Audio cassette tape inventor Lou Ottens

**What:** dies aged 94

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

Lou Ottens, the Dutch engineer credited with inventing the audio cassette tape, has died aged 94.

An estimated 100 billion cassette tapes have been sold around the world since they were introduced in the 1960s.

Ottens' invention transformed the way people listened to music, and there has even been a resurgence of the cassette in recent years.

The engineer died in his hometown of Duizel last weekend, his family announced on Tuesday.

Ottens became head of Philips' product development department in 1960, where he and his team developed the cassette tape. ([Read more](#))



## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** Commissions 15,000-tonne Ocean Surveillance Ship INS Dhruv Amid Face Off With China

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

In an attempt to pushback the Chinese Navy's rapidly-expanding People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN), the Indian Navy is all set to commission INS Dhruv (codenamed VC 1118) ship, which is capable of tracking nuclear missiles and satellites from a distance. This ocean surveillance ship is also equipped with game changer active electronically scanned array (AESA) radars that can help India collect accurate data, not just about an enemy nation's missile range and capabilities, but will also track India's own strategic missiles that are in the trial stage.

According to sources aware of the development, the sophisticated surveillance system needs 14MW power to fire up and this power will be generated by INS Dhruv itself. This highly classified project is currently being given the final touches in Vizag before the commissioning. The sources further informed that that INS Dhruv has gone through a series of tests and sea trials starting 2018 and now after being delayed by months due to the pandemic, it is now ready to be commissioned. ([Read more](#))

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Poet Arundhathi Subramaniam

**What:** among 20 winners of 2020 Sahitya Akademi Award

**When:** published on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Poet Arundhathi Subramaniam is among the 20 writers to receive the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2020, reported PTI. The National Academy of Letters announced the names on Friday at its annual "Festival of Letters" event.

Subramaniam won the award for her poetry collection When God is a Traveller in English.

The 2020 winners' list includes seven books of poetry, four novels, five short stories, two plays, and one each of memoirs and epic poetry in 20 Indian languages. The awards for Malayalam, Nepali, Odia and Rajasthani will be announced later, said the Akademi. ([Read more](#))

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Reliance Securities

**What:** named as India's 10 most promising share trading platforms of 2020

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Reliance Securities (RSEC) has been recognised as India's top 10 most promising share trading platforms of 2020. Despite the challenges of last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, RSEC emerged as one of the fastest-growing financial services business in India, enhancing its retail customer base to over 1 million, increasing its financial investment & savings offerings and widening its pan-India presence across 3500+ touch-points and 60+ branches.

Commenting on the honour, Lav Chaturvedi, ED & CEO, Reliance Securities, said, "Reliance Securities was able to grow transactions by 25-30 per cent at a pan-India level despite the challenges of working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. This was possible owing to our single-window Systematic Digital Engagements (SDE) growth model, which is core to our consumer engagements across all categories of our services and offerings, along with our 'phygital' presence, which helped us widen our reach across a wider customer base and geography." ([Read more](#))

### 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PNB

**What:** sets-up subsidiary to manage credit card business

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary to manage its credit card business, the bank said on Wednesday.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of the bank namely PNB Cards & Services Ltd has been incorporated on March 16, 2021, by the Registrar of Companies, Delhi, it said in a regulatory filing. The subsidiary will undertake the non-financial support services related to credit card business of the bank.

The authorised capital of the company is Rs 25 crore and the paid-up capital is Rs 15 crore, PNB said.

The number of outstanding credit cards at the end of December 2020 of PNB stood at over 4.3 crore (43,402,879), according to the RBI data. ([Read more](#))

### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** slips to 56th position in home price appreciation: Knight Frank

**When:** published on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India has moved down 13 spots in the latest global home price index, finishing last at 56th rank in the quarter ended December 2020, according to property consultancy Knight Frank's Global House Price Index.

India, which was at the 43rd rank in Q4 2019, saw a decline of 3.6% year-on-year (YoY) in home prices, leading to the drop in global position, the report showed. ([Read more](#))



## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bangladesh former PM Moudud Ahmed

**What:** passes away at 81

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Bangladesh erstwhile prime minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed died on Tuesday in Singapore. He was 81.

Barrister Abdullah Al Mahmud, a junior lawyer in Barrister Moudud Ahmed's chambers, confirmed it on Tuesday evening.

Moudud, who was member of the BNP's standing committee, breathed his last at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore, where he was undergoing treatment since February 1.

Last year, Moudud was admitted to the Apollo Hospital Dhaka after suffering a heart attack. He also complained of chest pain and respiratory problems. Earlier, the BNP leader was admitted to various hospitals in the capital for the treatment of some illness.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed was born on 24 May 1940 in Kompaniganj Upazila of Noakhali district in the Bengal Presidency of British India (now Bangladesh). ([Read more](#))

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Gowsalya Shankar

**What:** presented with International Woman of Courage 2021 Award

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The U.S. Consulate honoured Tamil Nadu-based anti-caste activist and human rights defender Gowsalya Shankar with the International Woman of Courage (IWOC) Award in the city on Thursday.

The IWOC Award Certificate of Nomination was handed over to her by U.S. Consul General in Chennai Judith Ravin at an event 'Courageous Women Inspire a Better World' held in the city on Thursday. Ms. Gowsalya was U.S. Mission India's nominee for the 2021 U.S. Secretary of State's IWOC Award, which honours women who have demonstrated exceptional courage, strength, and leadership in acting to improve the lives of others. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Modi's Principal Advisor P.K. Sinha

**What:** Resigns

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021



P.K. Sinha, the principal advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has resigned, sources said on Tuesday.

Sinha, a retired IAS officer of 1977 batch, was appointed as principal advisor to the Prime Minister in September 2019, after a brief stint as an officer on special duty (OSD).

Sinha was made OSD to the prime minister in August 2019, after he had served four years as cabinet secretary.

The Print reported, citing sources, that there is a possibility that Sinha could be considered by the Modi government for a constitutional post, such as lieutenant governor of Delhi or Puducherry. It added that he resigned citing "personal reasons". ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** UAE players Shaiman Anwar and Mohammad Naveed

**What:** given eight-year bans for anti-corruption breaches

**When:** published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar, the UAE players who the ICC had found guilty of offences relating to attempted match-fixing during the 2019 T20 World Cup qualifying tournament, have been banned from all cricket for eight years each by the game's governing body. The bans have been backdated to October 16, 2019, when they were provisionally suspended. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Renew Power

**What:** becomes part of WEF Global Lighthouse Network

**When:** published on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Renewable energy firm ReNew Power on Monday said it has become a part of the World Economic Forum's Global Lighthouse Network. "ReNew Power has been named to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Lighthouse Network, which recognises companies using new technologies to achieve environmentally sustainable, community supportive, profitable growth," the company said in a statement.

The WEF specifically noted the company's recent investments in digital analytics and machine learning to increase the power yield and decrease the downtime of its solar and wind generation assets.

According to the statement, ReNew Power is one of the two Indian companies to be recognised by the Global Lighthouse Network this year. ([Read more](#))



## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Delhi Technological University

**What:** partners Samsung to set up innovation lab

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

Samsung India on Thursday launched a Samsung Innovation Lab at Delhi Technological University (DTU) that will focus on collaborative research and training. At the lab, students and faculty at DTU will work on advanced technology training as well as joint research collaborations on domains such as application framework, multimedia, health and security, thereby making students industry-ready, a statement said.

Samsung engineers and DTU students will also work on innovative sustainable research projects to solve real-life problems that can benefit society. Collaborative research projects will be open to BTech, MTech and PhD students at DTU, They will receive certificates for their contribution at the end of each project. ([Read more](#))



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