



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 28

A. 2030

D. 2050

Directions: Study the	following questions carefully	and answers the questions given below:	
_	n has published the 2021 edit 021) titled 'Valuing Water'?	on of the United Nations World Water Developme	'n
A. UNICEF	B. UNESCO	C. FAO	
D. WFP	E. None of these		
2. Which of the follow	ving states has emerged as Ch	ampion State for Van Dhan Vikas Yojana?	
A. Tripura	B. Sikkim	C. Manipur	
D. Assam	E. None of these		
_		in R&D pact for the Industry Affiliate Program (IAP) i), of the Indian Institute of Science?	o
A. Applied Materials I		Question Bank	
B. Applied Materials Is	srael Ltd		
C. Metron Technology	/ Inc		
D. Varian Semiconduc	tor Equipment Associates		
E. None of these			
4. Which country is to	o conduct aerial radar surveys	of Himalayan glaciers to estimate thickness?	
A. Nepal	B. China	C. Tibet	
D. Pakistan	E. None of these		
_		to a net-zero emissions energy system' released systems is achievable by which year?	by



B. 2035

E. None of these

C. 2045

6. Khelo India Scheme h	as been extended to	·
A. 2022-23	В. 2023-24	C. 2024-25
D. 2025-26	E. None of these	
	tion by employees to	limit for tax exemption on interest earned on per annum in specified cases as against Rs
A. Rs 3 lakh	B. Rs 4 lakh	C. Rs 5 lakh
D. Rs 6 lakh	E. None of these	
8. Aquaculture tech firr programme for shrimp f		with which insurance company for an insurance
A. Alliance Insurance Bro	okers	
B. Aditya Birla Insurance	Brokers	
C. Howden Insurance Bro		
D. Mahindra Insurance B	Brokers	artkeeda
E. None of these		
Q India has been rankee	d at which palce on Internation	al Intellectual Property Index2
A. 39 th	B. 40 th	C. 41 st
D. 42 nd	E. None of these	C. 41
10. Which UT has achiented Mission?	eved 100% Functional House	hold Tap Connection coverage under Jal Jeevan
A. Delhi	B. Jammu and Kashmir	C. Andaman and Nicobar
D. Daman and Diu	E. None of these	
	Office for Project Services (U Centre's flagship Jal Jeevan Mis	NOPS) has entered into a partnership with which sion in Uttar Pradesh?
A. Finland	B. Greenland	C. Norway
D. Denmark	E. None of these	
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-	have agreed to recognize eand International Prelimination filed with them?		-	-
A. China	B. Malaysia	C. Thailand		
D. Japan	E. None of these			
13. Which of the following s	tates is to launch India's 'firs	Govt-run Ambulance N	Network' for ani	mals?
A. Himachal Pradesh	B. Andhra Pradesh	C. Uttar Pradesh		
D. Madhya Pradesh	E. None of these			
14. Who among the following	ng has launched a book titled	as "Bringing Governme	nts and People	Closer"?
A. M Venkaiah Naidu	B. Ram Nath Kovind	C. Rajnath Singh		
D. Narendra Modi	E. None of these			
15. Which of the following t	eams has won 2020–21 Road	Safety World Series?		
A. Pakistan Champions	B. Australia Supers	C. India Legends	da	
D. West Indies Wariers	E. None of these			
16. According to data release surged in F	ed by Reserve Bank of India	RBI), India's Software S	iervices Exports	has been
A. 9.1 percent	B. 9.3 percent	C. 9.2 percent		
D. 9.4 percent	E. None of these			
17. Which of the following called 'EMI @ Internet Bank	banks has launched an insta ing'?	nt EMI facility on its ir	nternet banking	platform
A. HDFC Bank	B. Yes Bank	C. ICICI Bank		
D. IDFC Bank	E. None of these			
18. Union Education Minister in which city?	er Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank	has inaugurated Shah	eed Bhagat Sing	h Smarak
A. Patna	B. Bhopal	C. New Delhi		
D. Kolkata	E. None of these			



19. Chief Minister of which state has launched e-Office, e-Heli Service, e-Aagman, e-Lahaul for Lahaul-Spiti district?

A. Madhya Pradesh B. Himachal Pradesh C. Tamil Nadu

D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

20. 'i-Learn' was launched in which state for Community Health Officers?

A. Rajasthan B. Jharkhand C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Nagaland 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
В	С	Α	Ε	D	D	С	Α	В	С	D	D	В	Α	С	В	С	Α	Ε	D

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Water's value

What: cannot be pegged to its price alone: UN report

When: published on 22nd March 2021

The real worth of water has often been neglected, leading to its wastage, misuse and misappropriation by certain interests, flagged the United Nations World Water Development report released March 22, 2020, the World Water Day.

The report noted an urgent need to change the way water is valued and grouped current methodologies and approaches to the valuation of water into five inter-related perspectives:

- 1. Valuing in situ water resources and ecosystems
- 2. Valuing water infrastructure for water storage, use, reuse or supply augmentation
- 3. Valuing water services, mainly drinking water, sanitation and related human health aspects
- 4. Valuing water as an input to production and socio-economic activity, such as food and agriculture, energy and industry, and business and employment
- 5. Other socio-cultural values of water, including recreational, cultural and spiritual attributes

It said the primary reason for limited successes in attaining water-related goals and targets was the absence of a full representation of the values of water. The tools and methodologies we have today for valuing water reduce it to only its economic value, it added. (Read more)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Manipur

What: emerged as Champion State for Van Dhan Vikas Yojana

When: published on 18th March 2021

Manipur has emerged as the champion state where the Van Dhan programme has emerged as a major source of employment for the local tribals.



Since the time that the programme was launched in the state in October 2019, 100 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras have been established. These constitute 1500 SHGs and are benefitting 30,000 tribal entrepreneurs, who are involved in the collection, processing, value-adding, packaging and marketing of value-added products from minor forest produce.

With an active cooperation and participation of the state government at every level, the Van DhanKendras of Manipur have turned out to be a model enterprise for the rest of the country. Since its inception as the nodal agency working in the area of tribal upliftment, TRIFED has been implementing several programmes and initiatives. The focus of these initiatives is to make India self-reliant under the Atmanirbhar Abhiyan. (Read more)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: IISc and Applied Materials India

What: Ink R&D Pact for Industry Affiliate Program

When: published on 23rd March 2021

IISc Bengaluru and Applied Materials India Private Limited, have signed an R&D pact for the Industry Affiliate Program (IAP) of the Centre for Nanoscience and Engineering (CeNSE), of the Indian Institute of Science. As part of the IAP, Applied Materials India is working closely with CeNSE to explore new applications and solutions in the field of advanced materials, said a statement from the company.

"We welcome Applied Materials India on board as an Industry affiliate. It is a win-win relationship given the emphasis of both parties on electronics manufacturing and futuristic technologies", added Prof. Srinivasan Raghavan, Chairperson, CeNSE, IISc.

Applied Materials India has forged an alliance with IISc for scientific research, which offers infrastructure to take solutions from 'Lab to Fab' and provide impetus to semiconductor technology and manufacturing in the country. The main goal of CeNSE is to carry out cutting-edge research and technological innovations and translate them with appropriate partners into successful commercial products and services. (Read more)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: to conduct aerial radar surveys of Himalayan glaciers to estimate thickness

When: published on 22nd March 2021

India is planning to conduct airborne radar surveys of Himalayan glaciers to estimate their thickness.

A pilot study will be conducted in the Lahaul-Spiti basin of Himachal Pradesh. Following this, similar studies will be conducted in Indus, Ganga and Brahmaputra sub-basins as well.



The development is significant given the importance of glaciers in India's river systems.

Significance:

The glaciers help sustain around 500 million people living downstream in the Indo-Gangetic plains.

The glaciers are also important from an energy security standpoint and have a strategic imperative.

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Net-Zero emissions in India's energy systems

What: achievable by 2050: TERI & Shell report

When: published on 23rd March 2021

Energy is at the heart of development and India has high aspirations as it strives to create a better life for its population of almost 1.4 billion people. But how can India accomplish this and make progress towards reaching a net-zero emissions economy by 2050 in support of broader well-being? To reach a net-zero emissions energy system by 2050, India needs a suitable policy and innovation driven context to deploy clean energy technologies on a massive scale. It requires more and faster deployment of large-scale solar, wind and hydro power to enable greater electrification across the country. It also requires the development of new fuels, such as liquid biofuels and biogas, as well as hydrogen produced from electrolysis. Energy efficiency must improve significantly, and carbon removals (from technology and nature-based solutions) will have a critical role in moving towards zero emissions. These are the key insights from a new scenario sketch by TERI and Shell, that has assessed India's technology and policy options if it were to accelerate its transition to a net zero emissions energy system by 2050. (Read more)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Khelo India Scheme

What: extended till 2025-26

When: published on 22nd March 2021

Khelo India Scheme has been extended to 2025-26, Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced in Rajya Sabha on Monday.

"The Ministry has decided to extend Khelo India scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Ministry has furnished an Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) memorandum to the Ministry of Finance for extension/continuation of the Khelo India Scheme from 2021-22 to 2025- 26," the Ministry said in a statement.

"An amount of Rs 8750 crore has been estimated as financial implication of the new Khelo India Scheme (2021-22 to 2025-26) in the EFC memorandum furnished to the Ministry of Finance. An



amount of Rs 657.71 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimate (B.E.) for the year 2021-22 under the Khelo India Scheme. (Read more)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: hikes PF threshold limit to Rs 5 lakh for earning tax-free interest

When: published on 24th March 2021

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday raised the limit for tax exemption on interest earned on provident fund contribution by employees to Rs 5 lakh per annum in specified cases as against Rs 2.5 lakh proposed in the budget.

In her Budget for 2021-22, Sitharaman had capped the tax-free interest earned on provident fund contribution by employees and employers together to a maximum of Rs 2.5 lakh in a year in an attempt to dissuade high earners from parking their surplus in what is supposed to be common man's retirement fund.

Replying to a discussion on the Finance Bill 2021 in Lok Sabha, the minister said the tax-free limit is now being amended to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh per annum. (Read more)

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8. Hints to Remember

Who: Aquaconnect

What: partners with Alliance Insurance Brokers for an insurance programme for shrimp farmers

When: published on 24th March 2021

Aquaculture tech firm Aquaconnect has partnered with insurance service provider Alliance Insurance Brokers for an insurance programme for shrimp farmers. This partnership will benefit 1.5 lakh shrimp farmers across India.

Under this partnership, Aquaconnect will provide risk management services to the insurance partners which include farm data collection, ground validation by aquaculture officers and AquaCRED dashboard support. The partnership aims at making comprehensive insurance available for shrimp farmers to mitigate weather and disease-related challenges. In addition to this, farmers will also get an Aquaconnect farm advisory app and options to buy high-quality inputs (feed, healthcare products & farm equipment) from the Aquaconnect platform. (Read more)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: India



What: ranks 40th on International Intellectual Property Index

When: published on 24th March 2021

India ranked 40 among 53 global economies on the latest annual edition of the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index released on Tuesday.

Released annually by the US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC), the Index evaluates Intellectual Property rights in 53 global economies from patent and copyright policies to commercialisation of IP assets and ratification of international treaties.

The overall global IP environment improved in 2020, with positive score increasing in 32 of the 53 economies measured by the IP Index. This is the ninth IP index released by the GIPC. (Read more)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Andaman & Nicobar

What: achieves 100% Functional Household Tap Connection coverage under Jal Jeevan Mission

When: published on 24th March 2021

Andaman and Nicobar Islands Lt. Governor Admiral D K Joshi declared that the UT achieved 100 percent Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) coverage in Islands. He said that in a function at Raj Niwas in Port Blair on World water day. With this, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands becomes the third state/UT in the country to achieve the target after Goa and Telangana under Jal Jeevan Mission.

The connections were provided at 266 villages located in 9 blocks in all the three districts. All the schools, Anganwadi centers and sub-centers have also been covered under this. The Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain said that this achievement is the result of contribution and co-ordination of various departments of A& N Administration working under the mission. He also informed that administration is also planning to transform Jal Shakti Mission into a People's Mission. Under the mission, the administration is planning to have a pond with a fish at every household in the islands besides water harvesting. (Read more)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: UNOPS

What: enters into partnership with Denmark to support Jal Jeevan Mission in UP

When: published on 22nd March 2021

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) on Monday entered into a partnership with Denmark to support the Centre's flagship Jal Jeevan Mission in Uttar Pradesh.

The purpose of the partnership is to provide strategic technical support to the mission, the Jal Shakti Ministry said in a statement.



UNOPS will focus on instituting scalable delivery models in 11 water-scarce districts of Uttar Pradesh's Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions, according to the priorities laid down in the mission's operational

guidelines.

Through coordination between UNOPS and the Embassy of Denmark, it will be ensured that the partnership and bilateral Indo-Danish cooperation on the Jal Jeevan Mission, mutually supports and reinforces each other in order to support the achievement of the mission's goals, it added. (Read

more)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Japan

What: agree for greater cooperation in patent verification

When: published on 20th March 2021

India and Japan have agreed to recognize each other's offices to act mutually as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA) for any international patent application filed with them.

The agreement was arrived at during the 4th review meeting between the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) last week under memorandum

of cooperation (MoC) on industrial property.

The first phase of the meeting was co-chaired by Guruprasad Mohapatra, secretary, DPIIT and Toshihide Kasutani, commissioner, JPO wherein the first year of the pilot Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme was reviewed. The second phase of the meeting was co-chaired by Ravinder, joint

secretary, DPIIT and Kasutani. (Read more)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh

What: to launch India's first govt-run ambulance network for animals

When: published on 23rd March 2021

To further boost the animal husbandry and veterinary sector in Andhra Pradesh, The Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Y.S Jagan Mohan Reddy, has now decided to set up mobile ambulance services for animals. The Chief Minister has made one of its main missions to help reach out to the distressed animals and provide them with proper animal healthcare.

The Animal Husbandry Department has been further directed to set up one Mobile Ambulance Veterinary Clinic at every assembly constituency. A total of 175 mobile ambulances (veterinary) clinics will be placed at Assembly Constituency Level on the lines of 108 Services for providing Veterinary services at the doorstep.



These mobile ambulances shall provide veterinary first aid services along with spot diagnosis and attending to emergency cases. One of the major facilities these ambulances will provide is the 'Hydraulic Lift' facility to lift animals and shift them to the nearest Government Veterinary Facility in case of emergency.

One veterinary doctor, One Para-veterinary worker, will be assigned to every ambulance. These ambulances will also have a 24/7 toll-free call center. (Read more)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu

What: launches book "Bringing Governments and People Closer"

When: published on 20th March 2021

The book "Bringing Governments and People Closer" A development practitioner's prescription was launched through virtual mode on March 20th, 2021 by the Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu.

The book was authored by Dr M Ramachandran, IAS (Retd), Chancellor, The ICFAI University, Dehradun The ICFAI Group has facilitated the book launch ceremony.

The chief guest, Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu in his address lauded the author for his commendable work of bringing out such an excellent book. He also underlined that the author with his rich experience as a distinguished civil servant in various capacities has rightly portrayed the need to bring governments closer to people and illustrated various ways through which the objective can be accomplished.

He has also expressed that, "Bringing the government and people closer is the need of the hour and specified that it is a timely reminder for introspection." (Read more)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Road Safety World Series: India Legends

What: Beat Sri Lanka Legends In Final To Clinch Title

When: published on 22nd March 2021

India Legends defeated Sri Lanka Legends by 14 runs in the final of Road Safety World Series to clinch the title on Sunday. Yusuf Pathan was the star of the day and he was adjudged player of the match for his all-round performance in the summit clash. Yusuf smashed an unbeaten 62 and picked up two wickets in his four-over spell to help his side win the inaugural Road Safety World Series T20 tournament. Sachin Tendulkar, captain of the India Legends, finished the tournament as the third-highest run-getter with 233 runs from seven matches.



India Legends, after being sent in to bat, put on a huge total of 181 for four from their allotted 20 overs. Yuvraj Singh continued his good form with the bat and scored 60 runs off just 41 balls, he smashed four sixes and four boundaries. (Read more)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: India's Software Services Exports

What: Surge 9.1% In FY20 Says RBI

When: published on 17th March 2021

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the data related to the 2019-20 round of its annual survey on exports of computer software and information technology enabled services. For the 2019-20 round of the survey, 6078 software export companies were contacted, of which 1475 companies responded, which included most of the large companies. The responding companies accounted for around 82.7% of the total software services exports during the year.

India's export of software services stood at US\$ 128.6 billion during 2019-20, registering 9.1% growth over the previous year. Exports of computer services and ITES/BPO services contributed 66.6 per cent and 33.4%, respectively, of the total software services exports.

Private limited companies accounted for more than half of the total export of software services. The USA was the major destination for software exports with 56.6% share. Europe had 27.6% share, nearly half of which was in the UK. (Read more)

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17. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Bank

What: launches instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform

When: published on 25th March 2021

ICICI Bank has recently launched an instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform called 'EMI @ Internet Banking'. The new facility aims to offer increased affordability to pre-approved customers, as it enables them to convert their high-value transactions up to Rs. 5 lakh into easy monthly instalments. The new EMI facility also aims to improve customer experience with the use of technology. With this, customers can now purchase gadgets or pay for their insurance premium or school fees in easy EMIs from their savings account using the internet banking platform.

ICICI Bank claims to be the first in the industry to introduce instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform. The Bank has tied up with BillDesk and Razorpay, both online payment gateway companies to offer this facility. Presently, the 'EMI @ Internet Banking' is made available for over 1000 merchants in categories like online shopping portals, insurance, travel, education- school fees and electronic



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chains. Going forward, ICICI is looking at partnering with more payment gateway companies, merchants in order to add categories under this facility. (Read more)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Education Minister

What: inaugurates Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak in New Delhi today

When: published on 23rd March 2021

The University of Delhi organized a programme to pay homage and commemorate 90 years of martyrdom of our national icons of the Indian National Movement -Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on 'Shaheed Diwas' in the Convention Hall of the Viceregal Lodge on 23rd March, 2021. Union Minister of Education , Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', graced the occasion virtually as the Chief Guest and Prof. P.C. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi presided over the function. On this occasion Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Education virtually.

To honour and value the sacrifices made by the National heroes and to drive out lessons of inspiration from their lives and times, the Government of India has declared 23rd March as 'Shaheed Diwas'. History holds important lessons for the humanity and commemorating such events remind ourselves of the price paid by our ancestors for the freedom we enjoy today. Only by understanding its value we can keep the flame of freedom ignited among the people. (Read more)

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19. Hints to Remember

Who: Himachal Pradesh CM

What: virtually launches e-Office, e-Heli Service, e-Aagman, e-Lahaul for Lahaul-Spiti district

When: published on 23rd March 2021

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur virtually launched e-Office, e-Heli Service, e-Aagman and e-Lahaul for Lahaul-Spiti district from Shimla today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that all these services would go a long way in providing people friendly services to the people of Lahaul-Spiti district on click of button.

He said that these initiatives were the best examples of optimum use of Information Technology for good governance.

Speaking on the occasion, Information Technology Minister Dr. Ram Lal Markanda said that Lahaul-Spiti would become the first district of the State in effective adopting of e-office in the State. (Read more)



20. Hints to Remember

Who: Nagaland Health Minister

What: launches 'i-Learn' for Community Health Officers

When: published on 23rd March 2021

Nagaland Health and Family Welfare Minister S Pangnyu Phom today launched i-Learn, a capacity building and performance tracking application for Community Health Officers, CHOs in the state at his office chamber in Kohima.

The state government launched i-Learn application in partnership with USAID-NISHTHA/Jgpiego which will cater across the 189 Health & Wellness centers in the state. i-Learn is a learning management system for CHOs with self facilitated learning for improving and learning new skills in clinical and non clinical areas.

Speaking at the launching programme, the Health Minister said, like any other states in the country, Nagaland has been impacted with COVID.







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