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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 29

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

1. Which of the following two states have signed agreement with Centre for Ken-Betwa river interlinking project?

- A. Gujarat and Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
- E. None of these

2. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Services Commission (IARCSC). IARCSC is based in which country?

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

3. Which edition of the National Film Awards was conferred recently?

- A. 67<sup>th</sup>
- B. 68<sup>th</sup>
- C. 69<sup>th</sup>
- D. 66<sup>th</sup>
- E. None of these

4. Which of the following companies has become the first Company globally to be certified with highest level of verification – L3, by UN-backed Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) ecolabel?

- A. Heritage Foods
- B. Britannia Industries
- C. LT Foods
- D. REI Agro Limited
- E. None of these

5. India has supplied two Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHCs) each weighing 100 tons to which country?

- A. Iraq
- B. Syria
- C. Iran
- D. Oman
- E. None of these



6. India has slipped 13 places to \_\_\_\_\_ position in global home price index.

- A. 55<sup>th</sup>                                      B. 56<sup>th</sup>                                      C. 57<sup>th</sup>  
D. 58<sup>th</sup>                                      E. None of these

7. Which of the following states has launched Sankalp campaign on covid appropriate behavior?

- A. Andhra Pradesh                      B. Uttar Pradesh                      C. Himachal Pradesh  
D. Arunachal Pradesh                      E. None of these

8. Fruit growers in which state have started an innovative 'movement' to promote fresh fruit cakes as a healthier option, instead of the traditional bakery-made cakes, to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions?

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

9. International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 24                                      B. March 25                                      C. March 26  
D. March 23                                      E. None of these

10. International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 24                                      B. March 23                                      C. March 26  
D. March 25                                      E. None of these

11. International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 24                                      B. March 25                                      C. March 26  
D. March 27                                      E. None of these

12. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as "Names of the Women"?

- A. Shakti Bhatt                                      B. Aravind Adiga                                      C. Jeet Thayil  
D. Musharraf Ali Farooqi                                      E. None of these



**13. Who among the following is the author of the book “Escaped: True Stories of Indian Fugitives in London”?**

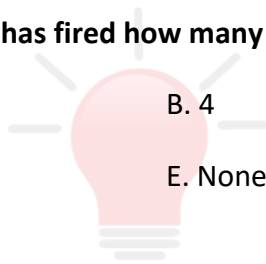
- A. Danish Khan
- B. Ruhi Khan
- C. Mona Singh
- D. A and B
- E. B and C

**14. Which department has launched a Climate Data Service Portal with data of over 100 years which can be accessed by the public?**

- A. India Meteorological Department
- B. Joint Typhoon Warning Center
- C. Indian Institute Of Tropical Meteorology
- D. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- E. None of these

**15. North Korea has fired how many Ballistic Missiles in Sea, as per the recent report?**

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 2
- E. None of these



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**16. L&T-built Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) ICGS Vajra was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at which place by General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff?**

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

**17. Which company has signed a share purchase agreement for acquisition of 100 per cent stake in an SPV holding 50 MW operating solar project of the Toronto-headquartered SkyPower Global?**

- A. Reliance Industries Limited
- B. Asian Paints Limited
- C. Adani Green Energy Limited
- D. Suzlon Energy Limited
- E. None of these



**18. The government of India has decided dilute what percent of stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd via an offer for sale to raise nearly Rs 750 crore?**

- A. 12 per cent                      B. 15 per cent                      C. 17 per cent  
D. 20 per cent                      E. None of these

**19. The Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) has divested what percent of its equity holding in the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) to National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)?**

- A. 25 percent                      B. 28 percent                      C. 26 percent  
D. 27 percent                      E. None of these

**20. Denis Sassou Nguesso has been re-elected as the President of which country?**

- A. Zambia                      B. Angola                      C. Tanzania  
D. Congo                      E. None of these



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**Correct answer:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
C	B	A	C	C	B	E	D	B	D	A	C	D	A	D	D	C	B	C	D

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** UP, MP

**What:** sign agreement with Centre for Ken-Betwa river interlinking project

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on Monday signed a memorandum of agreement with the Union Jal Shakti Ministry to implement the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project.

The agreement was signed on the occasion of World Water Day and during the virtual launch of the 'Catch the Rain Campaign', according to a Uttar Pradesh government statement.

The project's purpose is to carry water from surplus regions to drought-prone and water-scarce areas through interlinking of rivers, it said. [\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Cabinet

**What:** approves signing of an MoU between Union Public Service Commission, India and Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Services Commission, Afghanistan

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), India and Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Services Commission (IARCSC), Afghanistan.

The MoU will strengthen the relationship between IARCSC and UPSC. It will facilitate sharing of experience and expertise of both the parties in the area of recruitment. [\(Read more\)](#)

**3. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** 67<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards

**What:** was announced



**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

"This is my second National award and first as a director. We are very happy and very grateful to the jury" says filmmaker Vivek Wagh on his documentary (Non-feature) bagging a National Film Award for the Best Investigative film.

The 67<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards were announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> March in New Delhi, with honours for films from the year 2019. ([Read more](#))

#### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** LT Foods

**What:** becomes first company to be certified by UN-backed Sustainable Rice Platform

**When:** published on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

LT Foods Limited has become the first Company globally to be certified with highest level of verification – L3, by UN-backed Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) ecolabel. This will enable the Company to use Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) verified logo on the packs of Rice produced by verified 1,000+ farmers growing sustainable rice.

LT Foods works with farmers to grow sustainable & residue free basmati rice as per the SRP standards under its Agri Program. "Preferred by Nature", the first verification body accredited by SRP, audited 1000+ paddy farmers associated with LT Foods in the states of Haryana and Punjab covering 4700 hectares of land.

Commenting on the occasion, Managing Director & CEO Ashwani Kumar Arora said, "We are delighted to receive the L3 verification from SRP. LT Foods resolutely follows Sustainable Farming Practices that benefits farmers, saves resources and elevates the socio economic conditions of the farming communities. ([Read more](#))

#### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** supplied two Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHCs) each weighing 100 tons to Iran

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

India supplied two Mobile Harbour Cranes (MHCs) each weighing 100 tons to Iran yesterday. In a tweet, Indian Embassy in Iran said it is part of India's continued commitment towards development of phase-I of Shahid Beheshti port in Chabahar.

This is the second such consignment of equipment shipped to the strategic port at Chah Bahar. India had earlier supplied two 140-ton MHCs in January this year. Shipping Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said, the step is continuing with India's commitment to develop Chabahar Port. ([Read more](#))



## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** slips 13 places to 56<sup>th</sup> position in global home price index

**When:** published on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

In the latest global home price index, India has slipped 13 spots, to rank 56<sup>th</sup> globally, when it comes to home price appreciation. International property consultancy, Knight Frank, in its 'Global House Price Index Q4 2020', cited that India has seen a decline of 3.6% year-on-year (YoY), which led to the slip. Note that for the purposes of research, the consultancy tracks the prices of homes in 56 countries. India, in Q4 2020, therefore, remains the weakest contender among nations. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Madhya Pradesh

**What:** launches Sankalp campaign on covid appropriate behavior

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Madhya Pradesh is launching a state wide Sankalp or resolution campaign from today for a week to create awareness on covid appropriate behaviour. State continues to register high covid positivity rate. AIR Bhopal Correspondent reports that sirens will be played at 11 am and 7 pm in the state. The public will stop at their place and take a 2-minute resolution for the use of masks and maintaining social distancing.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh on Monday recorded 1,342 covid positive cases while 754 patients recovered from infection. Indore and Bhopal continues to report highest number of covid cases. The active caseload in both two cities is more than 2,000. Out of the total cases of covid in the state, about half of the cases are from these two cities. Indore is reporting 27 percent of the total covid cases in the state while share of Bhopal is 25 percent. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Maharashtra farmers

**What:** start fresh fruit cake 'movement' to sustain during pandemic

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

Fruit growers in rural Maharashtra have started an innovative 'movement' to promote fresh fruit cakes as a healthier option, instead of the traditional bakery-made cakes, to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions.





According to farmers and agrarian experts, the aim of this 'spontaneous' movement, which is gaining popularity on social media, is to encourage farmers and their families to increase the intake of fruits in their diet and to find a new way of selling their produce in the times of COVID-19.

As part of the movement, farmers, their families and various organisations of cultivators are encouraging cakes made locally using fruits like watermelon, muskmelon, grapes, orange, pineapple and banana while celebrating special events. ([Read more](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members

**What:** was observed on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

March 25 is the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members. This date is the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a journalist who died while working for the UN.

The UN promotes the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members to encourage governments to do more in their power to protect UN personnel in their jobs.

The day is also a moment to remember UN personnel who have been abducted whilst doing their job, such as journalist Alec Collett. Collett worked for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East when he was abducted by armed gunman in on March 25, 1985. His body was found in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley in 2009 and eventually returned to his family. ([Read more](#))

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2021

**What:** was observed on 25<sup>th</sup> March

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is on March 25 each year. It honors the lives of those who died as a result of slavery or experienced the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade. It is also an occasion to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice.

Various events are held on the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. These include memorial services and vigils for those who died in slavery, as a result of the slave trade, or from campaigning to end of slavery. In addition, African-American inspired music is performed and exhibitions of art and poetry inspired during the slave trade era are opened.

This day is also an occasion to educate the public, especially young people, about the effects of racism, slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. Educational events are held in schools, colleges and universities. ([Read more](#))



## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

**What:** was observed on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The United Nations (UN) holds a special day to promote a human rights issue on March 24 each year. This day is called the “International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims”.

**The UN holds various global activities to promote this event. It also encourages governments and people worldwide to observe this international day by:**

Honoring victims of human rights violations and promote the importance of the right to truth and justice.

Paying tribute to those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all.

Recognizing the important work and values of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, of El Salvador, who was assassinated on March 24, 1980, after denouncing human rights violations and defending the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposing violence. ([Read more](#))

## 12. Hints to remember

**Who:** “Names of the Women”

**What:** a New Book by Jeet Thayil

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Here’s an Easter trivia question for you. Mary Magdalene was Jesus’s companion and is mentioned a dozen times in the New Testament. But what was her line of work? If you answered “prostitution”, as I did, then I’m afraid nul points.

I was so surprised to have my assumptions overturned by Jeet Thayil’s new novel, Names of the Women, that I went to double-check. And in my annotated copy of the Bible, I found: “Occupation: We are not told, but she seems to have been wealthy.” ([Read more](#))

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** New book

**What:** chronicles Indian fugitives who escaped to UK

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021



A new book on some high-profile, as well as lesser-known Indian extradition cases, attempts to decode why the UK is considered a safe haven for those wanting to escape the law in India.

'Escaped: True stories of Indian fugitives in London', released worldwide on Monday, tracks 12 cases involving alleged offenders wanted in India to stand trial for offences ranging from loan defaults to murder.

The book, by London-based journalists and researchers Danish and Ruhi Khan, includes a recap of the more recent cases involving former Kingfisher Airlines boss Vijay Mallya and diamond merchant Nirav Modi, wanted in India on fraud and money laundering charges, as well as some historic ones including those of former Indian Naval officer Ravi Shankaran and musician Nadeem Saifi. ([Read more](#))

#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** IMD

**What:** launches Climate Data Service Portal with data of over 100 years

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday launched a Climate Data Service Portal with data of over 100 years which can be accessed by the public. The Climate Data Services Portal has been developed by IMD, Pune with user-friendly platforms for climate data management and supply to the users. It complements fully automated climate data management processes from real-time data acquisition to expeditious data dissemination.

The IMD has meteorological data since 1900. The major components of the portal are real-time monitoring of weather observations recorded by IMD observatories, encapsulated IMD Metadata Portal, other reports and dashboards, online access to meteorological data through data supply portal. ([Read more](#))

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** North Korea

**What:** fires 2 Ballistic Missiles in Sea

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

North Korea launched at least two projectiles suspected by Japan to be ballistic missiles on Thursday, officials in Seoul, Tokyo and Washington said, the first such test reported since US President Joe Biden took office in January.

North Korea's ballistic missiles are banned under United Nations Security Council Resolutions, and if the launch is confirmed it would represent a new challenge to Biden's efforts to engage with Pyongyang, which have so far been rebuffed. ([Read more](#))



## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ICGS Vajra

**What:** commissioned to the Indian Coast Guard

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

L&T-built Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) ICGS Vajra was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) by General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff, at Chennai in the presence of Director General K Natarajan, Director General, ICG; JD Patil, Whole Time Director (Defence & Smart Technologies) and Member of the L&T Board.

ICGS Vajra is the sixth vessel in the series of seven OPVs being built by L&T under a Ministry of Defence contract signed in the year 2015. Like the five OPVs in the series, ICGS Vajra was also delivered ahead of the contractual schedule. The seventh OPV ICGS Vighraha, was launched in Oct 2020 and is being readied for sea trials, says a company press release. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Adani Green Energy Limited

**What:** to acquire SkyPower Global's 50 MW Solar Asset in Telangana

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

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) on Saturday announced that it has signed a share purchase agreement for acquisition of 100 per cent stake in an SPV holding 50 MW operating solar project of the Toronto-headquartered SkyPower Global.

The project is located in Telangana and was commissioned in October 2017 and has a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Southern Power Distribution Company in the state.

With this acquisition, AGEL shall increase its operating renewable capacity of 3,395 MW with a total renewable portfolio of 14,865 MW. The closing of the transaction is subject to customary approvals and conditions. ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Govt

**What:** to sell 15% stake in Rail Vikas Nigam via OFS

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The government on Tuesday said it will dilute 15 per cent stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd via an offer for sale to raise nearly Rs 750 crore.



The issue will open on Wednesday for non-retail investors, and on Thursday for retail investors.

"Offer for Sale in RVNL opens tomorrow for Non Retail investors. Retail investors can bid on Thursday. Govt. would divest 10% equity with a 5% Green Shoe option," Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said in a tweet. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NSE

**What:** becomes co-promoter in IGX, buys 26% stake in gas trading hub

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

The Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) has divested 26 per cent of its equity holding in the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) to National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).

The transaction was through NSE's wholly owned subsidiary NSE Investments. According to officials, NSE became a co-promoter and the second largest shareholder on the IGX gas-trading platform with the stake buy.

IEX, an electricity trading platform, said that it separately shed a 5 per cent equity holding to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

IEX, which set up the IGX natural gas trading hub, had earlier sold 5 per cent stake each to GAIL (India), Adani Total Gas, and Torrent Gas. After the latest sale, IEX now has 54 per cent share holding remaining in IGX. This makes NSE and IEX the two promoters and the rest equity shareholders in the platform. ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of Republic of Congo

**What:** Re-elected with 88% vote

**When:** published on published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Denis Sassou Nguesso has been re-elected president of the Republic of the Congo with 88.57 percent of the vote, according to provisional results.

The 77-year-old has been in power for an accumulated 36 years, first taking the helm in 1979 and then again in 1997 after losing the country's first multiparty elections in 1992.

His victory, announced on Tuesday by the interior minister citing figures from the electoral commission, was widely expected after a March 20 ballot boycotted by the main opposition.



The Pan-African Union for Social Democracy (UPADS) said in January it would not to field a candidate in Sunday's vote, arguing the conditions were not conducive for holding elections and that it would only lead to more divisions in the country. ([Read more](#))





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