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March GA Quiz 31

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

1. Laxmipriya Mohapatra passed away, was a/an _____ .

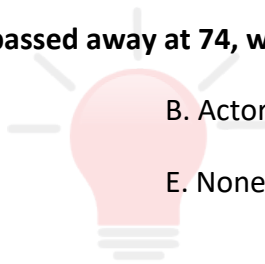
- A. Classical Dancer B. Marathi Actor C. Scientist
D. Economist E. None of these

2. The 2021 World Theatre Day was observed on which date?

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

3. Anil Dharker passed away at 74, was a/an _____ .

- A. Musician B. Actor C. Author
D. Singer E. None of these



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4. Which shipyard company has delivered MV 'Sindhu', a 500 pax passenger-cum-150 MT Cargo Vessel built indigenously for Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A. Cochin Shipyard B. Goa Shipyard C. Hindustan Shipyard
D. Garden Reach Shipbuilder E. None of these

5. Which country has test-fired Nuclear-capable Shaheen-1A Ballistic Missile?

- A. Iran B. Saudi Arabia C. Pakistan
D. Afghanistan E. None of these

6. Which country has celebrated 50 years of independence?

- A. Sri Lank B. Pakistan C. Bhutan
D. Bangladesh E. None of these



7. Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh inaugurated the 'Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre at which place of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Gwalior B. Khajuraho C. Bhopal
D. Orchha E. None of these

8. Who among the following has launched 'Tribal TB Initiative' in pursuit of TB Mukht Bharat?

- A. Prakash Javadekar B. Ramesh Pokhriyal C. Narendra Modi
D. Harsh Vardhan E. None of these

9. Which city has got the 'World's First Mobile Water from Air Kiosk and Water Knowledge Centre'?

- A. Hyderabad B. Vijayawada C. Amaravati
D. Visakhapatnam E. None of these

10. 'Dekho Apna Pradesh' was launched by which state's CM?

- A. Assam B. Tripura C. Sikkim
D. Manipur E. None of these

11. The Affordable Rental Housing and Complexes (ARHC) scheme was inaugurated in which state?

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

12. Who among the following is the author of the book titled "1232 km: The Long Journey Home"?

- A. Ajit Anjum B. Rahul Bagga C. Vinod Kapri
D. Ravi Kishan E. None of these

13. Which of the following cities will host AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022?

- A. Mumbai B. Ahmedabad C. Bhubaneswar
D. All of the above E. None of these



14. New bacterial strains were found in different locations on the International Space Station (ISS). The new species is named "Methylobacterium ajmalii" to honour which person?

- A. Mohammad Ali Jauhar B. Mukhtar Ahmed Ansari C. Abul Kalam Azad
D. Ajmal Khan E. None of these

15. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

- A. Pratyush Verma B. Saurbah Garg C. Vivek Jain
D. Manish Agarwal E. None of these

16. Which company has launched D2R Finance to provide instant liquidity for SMEs?

- A. PhonePe B. BharatPe C. Paytm
D. Google Pay E. None of these

17. Which bank joined with IIFL Securities to launch 'KBL Smart Trade'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh B. Kerala Bank C. Karnataka Bank
D. Tamil Nadu Bank E. None of these

18. Which country has finalised loans and a grant totalling around \$2.11 billion for several key infrastructure projects, including for the fourth phase of the Delhi Metro?

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

19. Tata Motors and which bank have joined forces to offer innovative financial solutions to commercial vehicle customers?

- A. Punjab National Bank B. State Bank of India C. Syndicate Bank
D. Bank of India E. None of these



20. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with CNB Logitech worth _____ per annum for monitoring, tracking, and optimise the movement of as many as 50 lakh containers in foreign trade.

A. Rs 100 crore

B. Rs 200 crore

C. Rs 300 crore

D. Rs 400 crore

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
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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Odissi dancer Laxmipriya Mohapatra

What: passes away at 86; CM Naveen Patnaik pays tributes, announces state funeral

When: published on 22nd March 2021

Noted Odissi dancer Laxmipriya Mohapatra, the wife of legendary classical dancer Kelucharan Mohapatra, has died due to old age-related ailments, family sources said on 21 March. She was 86.

Mohapatra, who hailed from Khurda, died at her residence in Bhubaneswar around 11.20 pm on 20 March, they said. She is survived by her son Ratikanta Mohapatra and daughter-in-law Sujata Mohapatra, who are also Odissi dance gurus.

Starting her dancing career at an early age at the Annapurna Theatre A in Puri in 1947, Laxmipriya came in contact with Kelucharan Mohapatra at the Annapurna Theatre B in Cuttack. Though he was an expert in the Odissi and Gotipua (a dance considered the precursor of Odissi) dance forms, Kelucharan was then performing as a tabla player in the theatre. They got married in 1947. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: World Theatre Day 2021

What: was observed on 27th March 2021

World Theatre Day is observed on March 27. The International Theatre Institute (ITI) - the world's largest performing arts body - first observed World Theatre Day in 1962. Several institutions organise events to commemorate this day. On this day, ITI, on its official website, uploads performance videos from their various centres across the world.

The aim of World Theatre Day is to create awareness about the medium and also highlight the contributions of stalwarts who've made the stage their oyster. The ITI Conference was held in Helsinki in Finland, and the second one in Vienna.

To mark the day, each year an outstanding figure from the field of theatre or a person "outstanding in heart and spirit" from some other field is invited to share her/his reflections and understanding on this art form. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Noted journalist and author Anil Dharker

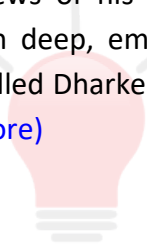
What: passes away at 74

When: published on 26th March 2021

Noted journalist and author Anil Dharker passed away in Mumbai today. He was 74. He was undergoing treatment for a heart ailment. Anil Dharker was the founder and director of the Mumbai International Literary Festival.

In his five-decade-long illustrious career, Dharker had been a columnist and writer, an architect, a member of the advisory committee of the film certification board and more. Dharker had been the editor of a variety of publications, starting with 'Debonair', 'Mid-Day'; 'The Independent' and 'The Illustrated Weekly of India'. He was a columnist for The Indian Express newspaper and has authored 'The Romance Of Salt', a book on Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March. Dharker had also worked as a TV show producer and anchor. He was also a member of the Advisory Boards of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Children's Film Society of India.

Following the news of his demise, columnist Bachi Karkaria tweeted that no other Indian Litfest curator had such deep, emotional commitment or drive as Dharker. Fellow author and columnist Shobhaa De recalled Dharker as an elegant mind, a stylish writer, and a loyal friend who will be sorely missed. [\(Read more\)](#)



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4. Hints to Remember

Who: Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

What: delivers crucial Passenger-cum-Cargo Vessel-'MV Sindhu' for Andaman

When: published on 28th March 2021

Cochin Shipyard Ltd. has delivered MV 'Sindhu', a 500 pax passenger-cum-150 MT Cargo Vessel built indigenously for Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Protocol signing & handing over ceremony was held on board the vessel at Cochin Shipyard last evening. The world-class ship will prove to be a boon in Shipping Service for the far-flung Islands.

The Protocol documents were signed by Capt. Ashutosh Pandey, Director of Shipping Services (DSS), representing A&N Administration and Mr Sivakumar A, General Manager (Ship Building for CSL in the presence of Mr Madhu S Nair, CMD CSL, Directors, Employees and others.

The basic design of the vessel has been developed using world-renowned Naval Architects Knud E Hansen of Denmark collaborating with M/s Smart Engineering and Design Solution, Kochi with the detailed production engineering design of CSL bringing international technology under 'Make in India' ambit. [\(Read more\)](#)



5. Hints to Remember

Who: Pakistan

What: test-fires Nuclear-capable Shaheen-1A Ballistic Missile

When: published on 26th March 2021

Pakistan on Friday successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of 900 kilometres, its army said.

The test of Shaheen-1A surface to surface ballistic missile, was aimed at re-validating various design and technical parameters of the weapon system including advanced navigation system, the media wing of the Pakistani army - the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said in a statement.

The army's media wing said that the missile has a range of 900 kilometers. Shaheen 1-A with its sophisticated and advanced guidance system is a highly accurate missile system.

The launch was witnessed by senior officials from Strategic Plans Division, strategic forces, scientists and engineers of strategic organisations. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Bangladesh

What: celebrates 50 years of independence

When: published on 26th March 2021

It's been 50 years since Bangladesh first began the fight for independence, which resulted in it breaking away from Pakistan to become a separate country.

Before this the area that is now Bangladesh was known as East Pakistan.

In March 1971 the liberation war started, which lasted for nine months and ended with Bangladesh officially having its status as an independent nation recognised on 16 Dec 1971. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Khajuraho

What: adds another tourist attraction to its name with the newly inaugurated Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre

When: published on 28th March 2021

Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh inaugurated the 'Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre



at Khajuraho developed under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.

Usha Thakur, Minister for Tourism and Culture, Madhya Pradesh, Vishnu Dutt Sharma, Member of Parliament, Khajuraho Constituency, Shri Virendra Kumar, Member of Parliament, Tikamgarh, Pushpendra Singh Chandel, Member of Parliament, Hamirpur, Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism), Gol; Shri Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary (Tourism & Culture), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Rupinder Brar, Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Gol and other dignitaries and officials of Government of India and State Government of Madhya Pradesh also graced the occasion. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: launches 'Tribal TB Initiative' in pursuit of TB Mukht Bharat

When: published on 26th March 2021

Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan today launched 'Tribal TB Initiative' in pursuit of TB Mukht Bharat. Speaking on the occasion, he said that government accords top priority to ensuring Universal Access to free treatment and care for TB across the country.

The Minister said, over ten crore tribal population is living with a huge diversity in their population dynamics. He said, the government has already increased the Budget allocation for TB in India a four-fold in the last five years. Dr Harsh Vardhan said, the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and district of Badgam in Jammu and Kashmir have been declared TB Free on World TB Day this year. During the function, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda was also present. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Smart City Visakhapatnam

What: gets the 'World's First Mobile Water from Air Kiosk and Water Knowledge Centre'

When: published on 23rd March 2021

Maithri Aquatech, a company formed under the 'Make in India' initiative has set up the 'World's First Mobile Water from Air Kiosk and Water Knowledge Centre' in the smart city of Visakhapatnam.

This initiative is supported by GVMC (Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation) and project SEWAH (Sustainable Enterprises for Water and Health) - an alliance between USAID and SWN (Safe Water Network). USAID has partnered with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the Jal Jeevan program.



The kiosk will provide clean, mineral-enriched potable water harvested from the air by making use of MaithriAquatech's own MEGHDOOT solution as a source to generate water with no dependency on scarce groundwater as well as surface water resources.

In addition to supplying clean water, the kiosk will also function as a Water Knowledge Resource Centre (WRKC) by creating awareness and imparting necessary information to members of the local underserved communities as well as nearby schools on the benefits of good water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) practices. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu

What: launched 'Dekho Apna Pradesh'

When: published on 22nd March 2021

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu launched 'Dekho Apna Pradesh', a brainchild of Khandu conceptualized in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Dekho Apna Desh' campaign, is an attempt to promote tourism within the state to heal the damage caused to the sector by the COVID 19 pandemic

He flagged off the 'Dekho Apna Pradesh' campaign in presence of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Tourism Minister Nakap Nalo here from the D K Convention Centre.

As Arunachal Pradesh is geographically a big state, Khandu claimed that not many of its residents must have visited places other than their work place or residency. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: UP cabinet

What: approves scheme offering affordable rental housing for urban migrants, poor

When: published on 26th March 2021

The Uttar Pradesh government will start a scheme offering affordable rental housing for poor people living in cities and a proposal to this effect was approved by the state cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, an official release issued here on Friday said.

Under the Affordable Rental Housing and Complexes (ARHC) scheme, urban migrants/poor labourers, those belonging to economically weaker sections, low income groups including factory workers, educational institutions, people associated with hospitality and students will be the beneficiaries.

Preference will be given to people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, widows, working women, divyang and minorities, which will be subject to the provisions made by the state government, the release said. ([Read more](#))



12. Hints to Remember

Who: HarperCollins India

What: To Publish Vinod Kapri's True Account Of The Migrant Exodus- 1232 Km: The Long Journey Home

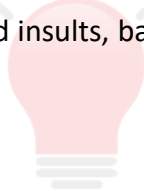
When: published on 26th March 2021

As the nation marks the first anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic-induced lockdown, HarperCollins India is proud to announce the upcoming publication of journalist turned filmmaker, Vinod Kapri's compelling book, 1232 km: A Long Journey Home, a true account of human grief, grit, and gumption, which will release in May 2021.

The 2020 nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 left millions of migrant labourers without jobs, food, and home. Desperate and helpless, most took to the road, embarking on a long, often fatal journey home.

1232 km is about one such journey that seven migrants from Bihar-Ritesh, Ashish, Ram Babu, Sonu, Krishna, Sandeep, and Mukesh-undertook on their bicycles that lasted for seven days and seven nights. Accompanying them was National Award-winning filmmaker Vinod Kapri.

This book is the account of their journey on road from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh to Saharsa in Bihar, spanning 1232 kilometres. It is a story of courage as well as the desperation of the seven men braving police's lathis and insults, battling hunger and exhaustion to reach their destination-their home. ([Read more](#))



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13. Hints to Remember

Who: Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Bhubaneswar

What: to host AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022

When: published on 26th March 2021

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 Local Organising Committee (LOC) on Friday confirmed the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad's TransStadia and the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar will stage the continent's premier women's national team competition.

The three stadiums and host cities will provide the ultimate backdrop for some of the finest players in Asian and world women's football from January 20 to February 6, 2022.

AFC General Secretary Dato' Windsor John, in a statement, said: "Women's football in Asia is world-class, and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the LOC have selected exceptional venues that will deliver a true spectacle befitting the stature of the tournament. ([Read more](#))



14. Hints to Remember

Who: New bacteria found on International Space Station

What: named after Indian scientist Ajmal Khan

When: published on 25th March 2021

The Discovery of a novel bacterial strain aboard the International Space Station (ISS) suggests the possibility of astronauts growing their own vegetables while in space, says a new study by researchers based at the University of Hyderabad (UoH) and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory(JPL), among other institutions.

The new bacterial strains discovered from different locations aboard the ISS flights may help in creating the "fuel" to help plants withstand such stressful situations. The findings of the study were published in a recent issue of the journal Frontiers in Microbiology.

Genetic analyses revealed them to be closely related to *Methylobacterium indicum*.

The researchers named the novel species as *Methylobacterium ajmalii*, in honour of the renowned Indian biodiversity scientist, Dr Ajmal Khan, a former professor at Annamalai University in Tamil Nadu.

The genome analysis of *Methylobacterium ajmalii* strains revealed the presence of genes that are involved in promoting plant growth. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Saurabh Garg

What: appointed UIDAI CEO, Sanjeev Kumar to be AAI chief

When: published on 26th March 2021

Senior bureaucrat Saurabh Garg has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre on Thursday.

Garg is at present serving in his cadre state Odisha. He is a 1991 batch IAS officer.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Garg as the CEO, UIDAI in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

Sanjeev Kumar, a 1991 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), it said. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: BharatPe



What: unveils instant liquidity facility for SME

When: published on 26th March 2021

BharatPe on Friday launched a new lending product that would be offering instant liquidity to distributors, wholesalers, traders and dealers. This product would focus on small and medium enterprises.

Named as Distributor to Retailer (D2R) Finance, it would offer collateral-free loans of up to Rs 50 lakh for a period of seven days to 30 days. In its official communiqué, BharatPe stated that it already facilitated D2R loans of Rs. 50 crores in the first month of unveiling and it is aiming to facilitate disbursements of around Rs. 2500 crores through this new product in the next fiscal year (FY22).

“BharatPe has already facilitated D2R loans of Rs 50 crore in the first month of launch and aims to facilitate disbursement of Rs 2,500 crore via this new product in the next fiscal year 2021-22,” it said in a statement. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnataka Bank

What: joined with IIFL Securities to launch 'KBL Smart Trade'

When: published on 27th March 2021

Karnataka Bank and IIFL Securities Limited, a broking and advisory firm, have joined hands to introduce KBL Smart Trade, a facility under which all Karnataka Bank customers can access IIFL Securities Demat and Trading account solution for their capital market needs.

The bank's customers from any location can now open paperless, online trading account instantly in minutes with IIFL Securities under KBL Smart Trade. It is a two-in-one account facility wherein Demat and Trading account features are clubbed, and a one-stop shop for smart investors in capital market. Further, the bank will be benefited by way of enriched customer engagement and retention resulting in augmented Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) funds to the bank. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Japan

What: to provide loans and grant of 233 billion yen for infra projects in India

When: published on 26th March 2021

Japan on Friday finalised loans and a grant totalling around 233 billion yen (\$2.11 billion) for several key infrastructure projects, including for the fourth phase of the Delhi Metro.

The financial assistance included a grant of 4.01 billion yen for a project for the improvement of power supply in strategically located Andaman and Nicobar Islands, according to the Japanese Embassy here.



It said notes on the loans and the grant were exchanged between CS Mohapatra, additional secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry, and Japanese Ambassador Satoshi Suzuki.

The grant of 4.01 billion yen is Japan's first ever official development assistance (ODA) to a project in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Tata Motors and State Bank of India

What: join forces to offer innovative financial solutions to commercial vehicle customers

When: published on 26th March 2021

Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, has inked a three-year MoU with the State Bank of India (SBI), the country's leading public sector bank, to offer unique financial assistance for the purchase of Tata Motors' range of small and light commercial vehicles. In addition to inducing employment, this collaboration will also stir demand for Tata Motors' BS6 range of vehicles. Through this partnership, the two business entities will exercise SBI's Contactless Lending Platform technology to ensure uniformity, transparency and a reduced turnaround time in the loan approval process.

On the occasion, Mr. Girish Wagh, President, Commercial Vehicles Business Unit, Tata Motors said, "Extending our earnest commitment to bring profitable value propositions to our customers, we are delighted to join hands with the largest bank in the country, the State Bank of India. With a pan-India reach and more than 22,000 branches, SBI has an extensive network across the country, and through this partnership we hope to strengthen our reach, especially in rural areas, aiding employment as well as providing unique and innovative financial assistance to our customers. We remain confident that through our collaboration, we will leverage our common strengths, and continue to serve our customers with dedication and zeal." ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust

What: Signs ₹ 100 Crore Agreement With CNB Logitech: Here's Why

When: published on 26th March 2021

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with CNB Logitech worth ₹ 100 crore per annum for monitoring, tracking, and optimise the movement of as many as 50 lakh containers in foreign trade. According to Invest India, around 95 per cent of the country's merchandise trade is handled by the maritime transport. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust situated in Maharashtra is the country's largest port and it handles 55 per cent of the country's cargo across all major ports.



The ₹ 100 crore agreement signed between the two companies will facilitate the country's foreign trade policy through a more efficient movement of containers. Additionally, CNB Logitech is a firm that utilizes machine learning, artificial intelligence technologies, and network-based processes in order to automate the container terminals, as well as port operations. ([Read more](#))





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