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March GA Quiz 4

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

1. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched how many online services which aimed at empowering women and providing better childcare facilities?

- A. Three
B. Four
C. Six
D. Five
E. None of these

2. Who among the following has virtually launched “Sugamya Bharat App” and a handbook entitled “Access – The Photo Digest”?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
B. Ravi Shankar Prasad
C. Thawar Chand Gehlot
D. Vijay Sampla
E. None of these

3. Who among the following has recently inaugurated the second edition of Global Bio-India-2021 in New Delhi through virtual mode?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
B. Ravi Shankar Prasad
C. Thawar Chand Gehlot
D. Harsh Vardhan
E. None of these

4. Who among the following has recently launched the real-time monitoring system for toll plazas across national highways?

- A. Nitin Gadkari
B. Rajnath Singh
C. Piyush Goyal
D. Amit Shah
E. None of these

5. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as “Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis”?

- A. Anindya Dutta
B. Manisha Verma
C. Ankita Rahman
D. Manika Singh
E. None of these

6. The International Astronomical Union (IAU), an organisation that assigns official names and designations to celestial bodies, has recently confirmed the discovery of how many new asteroids by Indian students as part of a global science programme?

- A. 20
B. 15
C. 18
D. 22
E. None of these

7. ISRO has successfully launched which country’s Amazonia 1 satellite?

- A. Japan
B. Brazil
C. Canada
D. Iran
E. None of these

8. Who among the following was given additional charge of the department of revenue?

- A. Mayank Thakur
B. Tarun Bajaj
C. Ankit Rawat
D. Dinesh Singh Parmar
E. None of these



9. Who among the following took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Western Naval Command on 28 Feb 2021 at Mumbai?

- A. Anil Kumar Chawla B. Ajit Kumar P C. Atul Kumar Jain
D. R. Hari Kumar E. None of these

10. Who among the following has recently won silver medal at 72nd Strandja Memorial Cup?

- A. Ravi Shankar B. Rahul Yadav C. Deepak Kumar
D. Ankit Tarun E. None of these

11. Which of the following banks has recently signed a corporate agency agreement with SBI General Insurance to retail its insurance products to bank customers?

- A. Bank of India B. Bank of Baroda C. Indian Overseas Bank
D. Syndicate Bank E. None of these

12. Which insurance company has launched a health policy offering up to 100 per cent return of the premium if the customer did not make a claim in earlier years?

- A. Aditya Birla Insurance B. SBI Insurance C. HDFC Insurance
D. ICICI Insurance E. None of these

13. Which company has partnered with Govt. of Goa to provide Free Skill Training to Youth?

- A. TCS B. Wipro C. IBM
D. Infosys E. None of these

14. Which State Government has launched 1st of its kind Engineering Research & Development Policy 2021?

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

15. Which state has presented the Annual Budget for the year 2021-22 with an outlay of INR 2,41,375 Crore?

- A. Rajasthan B. Bihar C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Kerala E. None of these

16. World Hearing Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 1 B. March 4 C. March 2
D. March 3 E. None of these

17. World Wildlife Day 2021 was observed which dates?

- A. March 3 B. March 2 C. March 1
D. March 4 E. None of these

18. Which of the following UTs/States has topped medals tally at Khelo India Winter National Games in Gulmarg?

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



19. Which company has integrated with Co-WIN portal to Locate COVID-19 Vaccination Centres?

- A. MapmyIndia B. Myntra C. Upstream Commerce Ltd.
D. PhonePe E. None of these

20. Which company has completed the acquisition of 99.22 per cent equity shares in C&S Electric Ltd from the company's promoters for Rs 2,100 crore?

- A. Arçelik B. Siemens C. Robert Bosch
D. Miele 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: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik

What: launched 5 new Online Services of Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department under 5-T initiatives

When: published on 25th February 2021

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 5 new Online Services of Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department under 5-T initiatives, today through Video Conference. These online services are e-Kalika, Mo Chhatua App, e- Manadeya Portal, Mamata App and Mo Sisu Portal.

Chief Minister said that State Government has been giving priority on empowerment of women and welfare of children since last 20 years and for this, starting from reservation for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions to empowerment of 70 Lakh women have been effected through Mission Shakti Programme. Odisha is the only State in the entire country to introduce Nutrition budget, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

Chief Minister further said that starting from Anganwadi to Women Self Help Groups, Crèches, Hostels for working women, Destitute Home and Child Care Institutions have been working to provide all sort of services to mothers and children. 5 online services launched today will be successful in providing qualitative services to beneficiaries in the changed situation, he said. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister Thaawar Chand Gehlot

What: launches 'Sugamya Bharat' App and handbook 'Access - The Photo Digest'

When: published on 2nd March 2021

Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot launched the 'Sugamya Bharat' App and a handbook titled 'Access - The Photo Digest' through a video conference in New Delhi today. The App and the handbook have been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Gehlot said that the Prime Minister envisioned a mobile application wherein the issues related to accessibility being faced by Divyangjan and others can be crowdsourced through Jan-Bhagidaari. The Minister said, the crowd sourcing will serve a two-fold purpose. It will generate sensitisation about the



need for accessibility and bring in a perceptible change in accessible features being provided. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: inaugurates the three-day Global Bio India 2021

When: published on 2nd March 2021

The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan today inaugurated the second edition of Global Bio-India-2021 in New Delhi through virtual mode. The 3-day event will showcase the strength and opportunities of the India's biotechnology sector at national level and to the global community. The three day event being held from 1st to 3rd March 2021 has been organized on a digital platform. The theme for this year is "Transforming lives" with the tag line "Biosciences to Bio-economy".

Being one of the largest biotechnology stakeholder conglomerates, this event is being co-organised by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India along with its Public Sector Undertaking, and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) in partnership with industry association Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE) and Invest India. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Nitin Gadkari

What: launches real-time monitoring system for toll plazas

When: published on 2nd March 2021

Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched the real-time monitoring system for toll plazas across national highways. Through the live monitoring system, toll plazas will be able to measure the length of the traffic queue and waiting time on a real-time basis and, accordingly, come up with responses to reduce bottlenecks and improve efficiency of mandatory FASTag usage.

Apart from measuring the 'Daily Congestion Index' for each plaza, the live monitoring system will also provide details in real-time of peak-hour traffic at toll plazas. This would allow officials at the respective toll plazas to concentrate more on traffic management at that specific time daily.

According to a tweet on NHA's official handle, "The live monitoring system for toll plazas will be used to measure queue length and waiting time on a real-time basis in a bid to provide an immediate response, reduce bottlenecks and improve the efficiency of mandatory FASTag usage. ([Read more](#))



5. Hints to Remember

Who: “Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis”

What: by Anindya Dutta

When: published on 1st March 2021

The banker-turned-author Anindya Dutta has come out with his new book titled “Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis”, which is about the history of Indian tennis.

The book revolves around pre-Independence tennis and early players like Ramanathan Krishnan and Vijay Amritraj.

Westland Sport is the publisher of the book.

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Students

What: Discover 18 New Asteroids as Part of a Global Science Programme

When: published on 1st March 2021

The International Astronomical Union (IAU), an organisation that assigns official names and designations to celestial bodies, has recently confirmed the discovery of 18 new asteroids by Indian students as part of a global science programme.

The International Asteroid Discovery Project was conducted by STEM and Space, an organisation working towards the learning of astronomy and space science in India, along with the International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC) as part of a NASA citizen science project.

Over the last two years, 150 students from all around India participated in this two-month-long campaign to find asteroids, making this the largest asteroid discovery project in India, Mila Mitra, Co-founder and Academic Head of STEM and Space, told PTI.

In the project, the students from India, and across the globe analysed the high-quality astronomical data provided by IASC — an online scientific program for kids to discover. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: ISRO

What: successfully launches Brazil’s Amazonia 1 satellite, along with 18 other passenger satellites

When: published on 28th February 2021



India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C51 (PSLV-C51) rocket loaded with 19 satellites from Brazil, USA and India lifted off from the rocket port at Sriharikota successfully at the precise timing at 10.24 this morning.

After four stages of separation, the rocket launched Brazil's 637 kilogram Amazonia 1 satellite, its primary passenger.

Later after a gap of more than an hour it launched the remaining 18 passenger satellites. This is the first commercial mission of New space India limited.

Amazonia-1 is the optical earth observation satellite of National Institute for Space Research (INPE).[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj

What: to hold additional charge of the department of revenue

When: published on 28th February 2021

Tarun Bajaj, secretary, economic affairs, was given additional charge of the department of revenue. As per an order from the appointments committee of the cabinet on Saturday, the development came as finance secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey will retire on February 28.

"The competent authority has approved the assignment of additional charge of the post of secretary, department of revenue to Tarun Bajaj, secretary, department of economic affairs upon superannuation of Pandey," an order issued by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet said. This committee is headed by the Prime Minister.

Bajaj will hold the additional charge "till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders," the statement added. A 1988-batch IAS officer, Bajaj was appointed as the economic affairs secretary on May 1, 2020. He was serving as an additional secretary in Prime Minister's Office.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar

What: Takes Over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Naval Command

When: published on 28th February 2021

Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Western Naval Command on 28 Feb 2021 at Mumbai. He succeeds Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, who retires upon superannuation, after an illustrious career, spanning forty years, in the Indian Navy.



At a ceremony held at the Command Post of Headquarters, Western Naval Command, the outgoing and incoming Commanders-in-Chief were accorded a Guard of Honour after which the formal handing-taking over took place with the handing over of the baton to the new Commander-in-Chief. On assuming command Vice Admiral Hari Kumar laid a wreath at the Gaurav Stambh monument.

Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 1983. He specialised in Gunnery and has commanded five ships including a Destroyer and the aircraft carrier INS Viraat. He has held important staff appointments both ashore and afloat and has also been Naval Advisor to Government of Seychelles. On promotion to flag rank he has held the appointments of Commandant of Naval War College at Goa, Flag Officer Sea Training, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, Chief of Staff at Western Naval Command and Chief of Personnel at NHQ. The Flag Officer is a recipient of the Vishist Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Param Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished service. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Boxing: Deepak Kumar

What: wins silver medal at 72nd Strandja Memorial Cup

When: published on 28th February 2021

2019 Asian Games silver medallist Deepak Kumar (52kg) had to be content with the silver medal after losing the final face-off in a split decision against two-times European Champion and Bulgaria's Daniel Asenov in the men's flyweight final bout at the 72nd Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria on Saturday.

Deepak, who has been in terrific form as evidenced by his scintillating 4-1 victory against the reigning Olympic champion and World Champion, Shakhobidin Zoirov from Uzbekistan in the semis on Friday fell short in the final against the determined local boy Daniel Asenov, who won the bout 3-2. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: IOB

What: signs corporate agency pact with SBI General Insurance

When: published on 26th February 2021

Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has signed a corporate agency agreement with SBI General Insurance to retail its insurance products to bank customers, a top official said on Friday. Indian Overseas Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement for distribution of non-life offerings with SBI General Insurance to offer a range of general insurance solutions and innovative products to the customers of the bank. "we are delighted to partner with one of the leading players in general insurance businesses-SBI General Insurance. We will efficiently nurture it to be a long running mutually



beneficial relationship", the bank's Managing Director Partha Pratim Sengupta said. The tie-up would help expand the bouquet of insurance product to customers, Gupta, who is also the CEO, said. The partnership would improve penetration in urban, tier II and III markets and also create awareness about personal lines of insurance to customers, Sengupta said. Indian Overseas Bank has over 3,200 branches across the country and also has a presence overseas.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

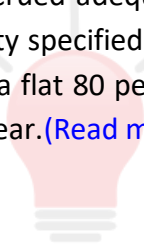
Who: Private health insurers

What: offering 80-100% discounts on renewal premia

When: published on 28th February 2021

Private health insurers are encouraging their customers to lead healthy and active lives by offering steep discounts on the renewal premia between 80 and 100 per cent, along with a host of other rewards and benefits. Most health insurance provides no-claim bonus for claim-free years but that usually ranges from 25 per cent to 50 per cent.

While Aditya Birla Health Insurance is offering up to 100 per cent return of the premium if the customer has accrued adequate number of 'Activ Dayz' (one Activ Day means 10,000 steps a day, or any fitness activity specified by the insurer), another firm Future Generali earlier this month launched a policy offering a flat 80 per cent discount on renewal if the customer did not make any claim in the previous policy year.[\(Read more\)](#)



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13. Hints to Remember

Who: IBM

What: partners with Govt. of Goa to provide Free Skill Training to Youth

When: published on 3rd March 2021

The state government has collaborated with IBM to provide free skills training to the youth. The collaboration aims to upskill 10,000 learners across 10 institutions over one year in the state.

"The collaboration with IBM will provide a much desirable platform for accessing and availing digital content, personalised coaching and experiential learning," said chief minister Pramod Sawant said.

IBM will work with the director of technical education, Goa.[\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnataka Government

What: launched 1st of its kind Engineering Research & Development Policy 2021



When: published on 3rd March 2021

The Karnataka government on Tuesday launched the 'Karnataka Engineering Research & Development (Engineering R&D) Policy 2021' as a measure to leverage the sector's potential, create jobs and improve the state's contribution in the space through strategic interventions and bridging the gap between academia and industry. Bengaluru accounts for 34% of all the multinational corporations (MNC) in the country and nearly 50% of the fortune 500 companies have a presence in India's IT capital.

"The ER&D sector in the country is the fastest growing industry with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.8%. Meanwhile, the global Engineering Research and Development industry is expected to reach spending of \$2 trillion by 2025. Considering this scenario, this policy aims to prepare the state to make use of the future opportunities emanating from this sector," said CN Ashwatha Narayana, Karnataka's deputy chief minister and in-charge of IT/BT, science and technology portfolios. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Rs 2.41 lakh crore budget

What: presented in MP Assembly; no increase in taxes

When: published on 2nd March 2021

Madhya Pradesh Finance Minister Jagdish Devda on Tuesday presented a budget of Rs 2.41 lakh crore for 2021-22 in the Assembly with no additional tax burden.

The revenue receipts in 2020-21 are expected to fall by more than five per cent due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. On the other hand, overall revenue increase in the next fiscal is estimated at 33 per cent, he said.

The budget aims at implementation of government schemes in a mission mode for an "Aatmanirbhar (self-reliant) Madhya Pradesh", and effort was made to ensure people's participation to reflect their expectations, Devda said. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: World Hearing Day 2021

What: was observed on March 3

World Hearing Day 2021 marks the launch of the World Report on Hearing, presenting a global call for action to address hearing loss and ear diseases across the life course.

The theme of the World Hearing Day is Hearing care for ALL! Screen. Rehabilitate. Communicate



The World Hearing Day 2021 and the World Report on Hearing present a global call for action to address hearing loss and ear diseases across the life course. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: World Wildlife Day 2021

What: was observed on 3rd March

World Wildlife Day is observed on 3 March in order to celebrate the flora and fauna of the world and also raise awareness about them.

It was decided by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 December, 2013 at its 68th session that the World Wildlife Day will be celebrated on 3 March. The reason this date was selected for the occasion was that the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed on 3 March, 1973. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: J&K

What: tops medals tally at Khelo India Winter National Games in Gulmarg

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir topped the medals tally in the second edition of Khelo India Winter National Games. J&K won 11 gold, 18 silver and 5 bronze medals. The five-day mega sports event which began on 26th of February, concluded in the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in the north Kashmir's Baramulla district yesterday.

The event was e-inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In his address, Mr Modi had said that the second edition of Khelo India winter games is a major step towards making Jammu and Kashmir a hub of the winter games. In the event, more than 1,000 athletes from 27 states and union territories took part. The event was organised by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council and the Winter Games Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

19. Hints to Remember

Who: MapmyIndia

What: gets CoWin app integration to help find nearby Covid-19 vaccination centres

When: published on 2nd March 2021

MapmyIndia has integrated with India's official vaccination registration website, cowin.gov.in. The second phase of Covid-19 vaccine started on Monday and registrations are now open via the Aarogya



Setu app and the official website. Now, in order to make it easy for registered citizens to find nearby vaccine centres across the country, MapmyIndia app has been integrated with the portal.

“To make the critical vaccination effort seamless, MapmyIndia has put all the vaccination centres across India on MapmyIndia’s maps. Users can use the MapmyIndia App (mapmyindia.com/move) and Maps portal (maps.mapmyindia.com) to search and find nearby vaccine centres and get directions to them,” Rohan Verma, CEO & Executive Director, MapmyIndia said in the press release. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Siemens

What: buys 99.22% stake in C&S Electric for Rs 2,100 crore

When: published on 1st March 2021

Siemens Ltd on Monday said it has completed the acquisition of 99.22 per cent equity shares in C&S Electric Ltd from the company's promoters for Rs 2,100 crore. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) had given its approval for the deal on August 20, 2020, Siemens Ltd said in a BSE filing.

According to the company, it has "acquired 99.22 per cent (approximately) equity shares of C&S Electric Ltd ('C&S') from its promoters, for an aggregate consideration of INR 21,000,000,000 (twenty-one thousand million) on a cash-free/ debt-free basis."

Siemens Ltd is the flagship listed company of Siemens AG in India. [\(Read more\)](#)





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