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March GA Quiz 5

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

1. Who among the following has been posthumously awarded 'Critics Best Actor' for his performance in Dil Bechara?

- A. Sushant Singh Rajput B. Irrfan Khan C. Rishi Kapoor
D. Soumitra Chatterjee E. None of these

2. Post harvest services-focused agritech firm Arya has partnered with which bank to help farmers access financial services for collateral management and warehousing requirements?

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

3. Which company has entered into a pact with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to explore the feasibility of a debt capital platform for the MSMEs?

- A. Hindustan Unilever B. ITC Limited C. Godrej Consumer Products
D. National Stock Exchange of India Limited E. None of these

4. Which of the following banks has recently joined tied up with JPMorgan to use the US bank's blockchain technology to speed up overseas transactions?

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

5. Which of the following countries is to develop the West Container Terminal (WCT) with India's and Japan's assistance, almost a month after saying the two countries could not build the East Container Terminal because of opposition by workers' unions against "foreign involvement"?

- A. Pakistan B. Bangladesh C. Sri Lanka
D. Myanmar E. None of these

6. Education budgets were cut by what percent of low and lower-middle income countries after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic while only 33 per cent of high and upper-middle income countries did so, according to a report by the World Bank?

- A. 70 percent B. 60 percent C. 65 Percent
D. 75 Percent E. None of these

7. Which edition of Agartala International Book Fair has begun in Tripura?

- A. 38th B. 39th C. 37th
D. 36th E. None of these



8. The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Symposium on Sustainable Development of Dams and River Basins held in which city?

- A. Faridabad B. Ghaziabad C. New Delhi
D. Bhopal E. None of these

9. India and which country have agreed to jointly work in the area of marine spatial planning (MSP)?

- A. Germany B. Sweden C. Canada
D. Norway E. None of these

10. Who among the following has inaugurated a four day Global Investors meet: India Pharma 2021 & India Medical Devices 2021?

- A. Jagdish Shettar B. Ananth Kumar C. Karthik Gowda
D. D. V. Sadananda Gowda E. None of these

11. Government of India (GoI), _____ and United Nations (UN) based Better Than Cash Alliance have recently hosted 'Merchant Digitization Summit 2021: Towards AatmaNirbhar (Self Reliance) Bharat with special focus on Himalayan Regions, North East Regions and Aspirational Districts of India'.

- A. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
B. Confederation of Indian Industry
C. Food Corporation of India
D. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
E. None of these

12. The World Customs Organisation has recognised Central Revenues Control Laboratory CRCL, as a regional customs laboratory for Asia Pacific. The laboratory is located in which city?

- A. New Delhi B. Noida C. Mumbai
D. Jaipur E. None of these

13. The 2021 National Security Day was observed on which of the following dates?

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

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

15. India has recently commemorated Chabahar Day on which date?

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

16. As per Confederation of Indian Industry's IGBC ratings, Indian Railways' Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) has become the first railway station in which state to be awarded with Gold certification?



- A. Jharkhand B. Chhattisgarh C. Maharashtra
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these

17. Who among the following has assumed the additional charge of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) director general (DG).

- A. Mahipal Singh B. Ram Lal Sharma C. Kuldiep Singh
D. Kunal Kumar Verma E. None of these

18. Who among the following has recently appointed as the Chairperson of AIBA's champions and veterans committee?

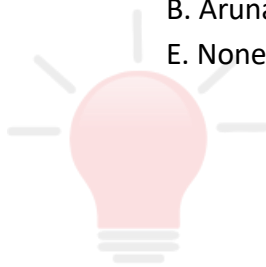
- A. Sakshi Malik B. Mary Kom C. Vinesh Phogat
D. Saina Nehwal E. None of these

19. Senior diplomat Manpreet Vohra has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to which country?

- A. New Zealand B. Canada C. Australia
D. Maldives E. None of these

20. Udaipur Science Centre has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Assam B. Arunachal Pradesh C. Manipur
D. Tripura 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
A	C	D	B	C	C	B	C	D	D	A	A	C	A	D	C	C	B	C	D

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021

What: announced

When: published on 24th February 2021

The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards 2021 were announced, to honour the best in Indian cinema, television, music, and OTT. Late actor Sushant Singh Rajput was posthumously awarded 'Critics Best Actor' for his performance in Dil Bechara.

The winner of the Award for 2021 are as follows:

Best Actor (Female): Deepika Padukone, Chhapaak

Best Actor (Male): Akshay Kumar, Laxmii

Critic's Best Actress: Kiara Advani, Guilty

Critic's Best Actor: Late Sushant Singh Rajput, Dil Bechara

Best Film: Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior

Best International Feature Film: Parasite Most Versatile Actor – Kay Kay Menon

Best Director: Anurag Basu, Ludo

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Vikrant Massey, Chhapaak

Best Actress in Supporting Role: Radhika Madan, Angrezi Medium

Best Actor in Comic Role: Kunal Kemmu, Lootcase

Best Actor (Web Series): Bobby Deol, Aashram

Best Actress (Web Series): Sushmita Sen, Aarya

Best Web Series: Scam (1992)

Album of the Year: Titliyaan

Best Television Series: Kundali Bhagya

Photographer of the Year: Daboo Ratnani



Style Diva of the Year: Divya Khosla Kumar

Best Actress in Television Series: Surbhi Chandna

Best Actor in Television Series: Dheeraj Dhoopar

Performer of the Year: Nora Fatehi

Outstanding Contribution to Film Industry: Dharmendra

Outstanding Contribution to Literature in Indian Cinema: Chetan Bhagat

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Agritech firm Arya

What: partners with Canara Bank to offer farm loans

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Post harvest services-focused agritech firm Arya has partnered with Canara Bank to help farmers access financial services for collateral management and warehousing requirements.

The partnership, a statement said, aims to support and extend financial services to farmers, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), processors and depositors stocking their agri-produce in warehouses managed by Arya across India.

“Our goal has always been to create an integrated platform that offers everything in an agriculture supply chain. But rural lending has been one big obstacle for us as an industry and through this partnership, we will be able to give zero paperwork, instant credits, robust solutions, and much more to our farmers, FPOs, processors and depositors,” Prasanna Rao, co-founder and CEO of Arya, said. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: NSE

What: joins hands with SIDBI for debt capital platform for MSMEs

When: published on 2nd March 2021

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Tuesday said it has entered into a pact with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to explore the feasibility of a debt capital platform for the MSMEs.

The entities signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for co-operation in various ongoing micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)-related initiatives of the two institutions, the NSE said in a statement.



SIDBI Deputy Managing Director V Satya Venkata Rao said, "Keeping in view the large and diversified MSME sector in the country, there is a continuous need for various institutions to co-ordinate and co-operate with each other for the benefit of MSME sector."

According to him, both the institutions run several programmes for MSMEs, and the co-operation will help increase the impact and reach of these programmes. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: State Bank of India

What: joins JPMorgan's blockchain-based payment network

When: published on 23rd February 2021

State Bank of India has tied up with JPMorgan to use the US bank's blockchain technology to speed up overseas transactions.

The tie up is expected to reduce SBI customers' transaction costs and time taken for payments, sources said. Time taken to resolve cross-border payments-related inquiries can be reduced to a few hours from up to a fortnight, they said. This will help cross-border payments reach beneficiaries faster and using limited steps. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Sri Lanka

What: to develop WCT at Colombo Port with India, Japan

When: published on 2nd March 2021

Sri Lanka on Tuesday said it will develop the West Container Terminal (WCT) at the Colombo Port with India's and Japan's assistance, almost a month after saying the two countries could not build the East Container Terminal because of opposition by workers' unions against "foreign involvement".

The Sri Lankan cabinet on Monday gave the green signal to the development of WCT by "parties nominated" by the two countries. India's Adani Ports was one of the partners to develop the ECT. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: 65% low, lower-middle income countries

What: slashed education budgets after COVID-19 outbreak: Report

When: published on 28th February 2021



Education budgets were cut by 65 per cent of low and lower-middle income countries after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic while only 33 per cent of high and upper-middle income countries did so, according to a report by the World Bank. The report, compiled in collaboration with UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report, said the current levels of government spending in low and lower-middle income countries fall short of those required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"In order to understand the short-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education budgets, information was collected for a sample of 29 countries across all regions. The sample represents about 54 per cent of the world's school and university aged population. The information collected was then verified with World Bank country teams," the report said. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: 39th Agartala International Book Fair

What: begins in Tripura

When: published on 27th February 2021

In Tripura, the 39th Agartala International Book Fair with the theme "Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura" has begun at Agartala.

State Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the fair yesterday evening in presence of Bangladesh Assistant High Commissioner Md. Jobayed Hossain and other state cabinet ministers and MLAs.

While addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said a book fair helps in building a positive mindset among people and that ensures a positive approach for overall progress in society. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Symposium on Sustainable Development of Dams & River Basins

What: held in New Delhi

When: published on 24th February 2021

The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Symposium on Sustainable Development of Dams & River Basins was inaugurated by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister for Jal Shakti as Chief Guest and Shri R.K. Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India presided over the Opening Ceremony today.

Other dignitaries including Shri Alok Kumar Secretary Ministry of Power, Shri Pankaj Kumar Secretary Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Prakash S. Mhaske Chairperson Central Electricity Authority, and Shri S K Halidar, Chairman Central Water Commission.



International Commission on Large Dams(INCOLD) in collaboration with Central Water Commission (CWC), Dam Rehabilitation Improvement Project (DRIP) and National Hydrology Project (NHP) is organising Symposium on “Sustainable Development of Dams and River Basins” under the aegis of ICOLD at New Delhi as Hybrid event from 24th - 27th February 2021. More than 300 delegates from across the country and abroad will participate in the Symposium.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: India and Norway

What: have agreed to jointly work in the area of marine spatial planning (MSP)

When: published on 4th March 2021

India and Norway have agreed to jointly work in the area of marine spatial planning (MSP). This is a part of the Indo-Norway Integrated Ocean Initiative taken up under a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries in 2019.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt. of India, will implement the programme through its National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR). MSP is globally identified as a tool for sustainable and integrated ocean management. In its primary phase, NCCR will develop a marine spatial planning framework for Puducherry and Lakshadweep.

These sites have been chosen for the pilot project in view of their setups with unique growth opportunities for multiple sectors such as industries, fisheries, and tourism. The Government of India's initial investments for undertaking the studies and planning are estimated to be around Rs. 8-10 crores per annum. The framework developed for the two sites will be replicated in other coastal regions of the country in due course.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to remember

Who: D V Sadananda Gowda

What: inaugurates a four day Global Investors meet: India Pharma 2021 & India Medical Devices 2021

When: published on 25th February 2021

Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Shri D V Sadananda Gowda inaugurated a four day Global Investors meet: India Pharma 2021 & India Medical Devices 2021 organized by FICCI along with Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, and Invest India. Minister of Railways, Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution Shri Piyush Goyal was virtually present on the occasion. Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh L Mandaviya, also graced the occasion. EY-FICCI report titled 'Indian Pharmaceutical Industry 2021: future is now' was also launched during the event. Speaking on the occasion Shri DV Sadananda Gowda commended India's capabilities as a global and reliable supplier of drugs and



medical devices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Citing the recent UNCTAD report, he also pointed out India's positive FDI growth even with a decline in FDI of 42% globally. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Government of India, FICCI, and UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance

What: come together for responsible merchant digitization in the North East, Himalayan Regions and Aspirational Districts

When: published on 2nd March 2021

The Government of India, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance today hosted Merchant Digitization Summit 2021: Towards AatmaNirbhar (Self Reliance) Bharat with special focus on Himalayan Regions, North East Regions and Aspirational Districts of India. The Summit brought together leaders from the public and private sectors for the Responsible Merchant Digitization Summit to accelerate responsible digitization of merchants in India's North-Eastern and Himalayan regions, and Aspirational districts. Empowering women merchants who play critical roles in their communities is one of the priorities to help achieve the mission of Digital India. This Summit is part of the series of Learning Exchange amongst all States and Union Territories under which DEA had also co-organized the webinar titled "Unlocking the value of Fintech in promoting Digital Payments" on December 9, 2020. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: The World Customs Organisation

What: today recognised Central Revenues Control Laboratory CRCL, New Delhi as a regional customs laboratory for Asia Pacific

When: published on 2nd March 2021

The World Customs Organisation today recognised Central Revenues Control Laboratory CRCL, New Delhi as a regional customs laboratory for Asia Pacific. The CRCL is working under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, CBIC.

In a virtual signing ceremony Secretary General WCO Kunio Mikuriya and Chairman CBIC M. Ajit Kumar signed a Memorandum of Understanding on this behalf.

Established in 1939, CRCL is the headquarters of 14 Revenue Laboratories, including 2 laboratories working at Government Opium and Alkaloid Works, Ghazipur and Neemuch. These laboratories have been upgraded extensively in the past 3 years and new state-of-art equipment costing about 80 crore rupees have been installed. With the introduction of instrument based testing, Revenue Laboratories are, now, facilitating faster clearances, without compromising on law enforcement and thereby playing a vital role in trade facilitation. ([Read more](#))



13. Hints to Remember

Who: National Security Day

What: was observed on 4th March

In India, March 4 is celebrated as National Security Day (Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas) every year, in the honor of the Indian Security Forces.

The day aims to show gratitude to all the security forces, including policemen, para-military forces, commandos, guards, army officers, and other persons involved in security, who sacrifice their life in maintaining the peace and security of the people of the country.

4 March also marks the day when National Security Council (NSC) of India was established, in 1966 by the Ministry of Labour under the Government of India

The first National Security Day (NSD) was held in 1972.

14. Hints to Remember

Who: National Safety Day

What: was observed on 4th March 2021

National Safety Day is observed to celebrate the base and foundation of the National Safety Council on March 4 every year. The National Safety Council is a non-profit and self-financing organisation running at the national level. It aims to raise awareness about safety protocols and measures that need to be undertaken seriously to avoid any type of accidents or mishappenings.

National Safety Day 2021 objective is to rejuvenate the commitment of the citizens to work safely and to ensure the integration and running of a safe and healthy lifestyle and work environment. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: commemorated Chabahar Day on 4th March

When: published on 4th March 2021

The Ministry of External Affairs announced that India will commemorate 'Chabahar Day' on Thursday (March 4) on the margin of Maritime India Summit 2021. Ministers from over six countries, namely Afghanistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan will take part in the virtual meet.

Transport minister of Afghanistan Qudratullah Zaki, Armenia's Infrastructure minister Suren Papikyan, Iran's Minister of Roads Mohammad Eslami, Russia's Deputy Minister of Industry Oleg N Ryazantsev, Uzbekistan's Deputy Minister of Transport Choriyev Jasurbek Ergashevich and India's Minister of State



for ports Mansukh Mandaviya will be present at the virtual meet which will be addressed by S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of india. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Railways CSMT

What: becomes first station in Maharashtra to get IGBC Gold Certification

When: published on 4th March 2021

As per Confederation of Indian Industry's IGBC ratings, Indian Railways' Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) becomes the first railway station in the state of Maharashtra to be awarded with Gold certification. Central Railways claimed it has implemented various green initiatives across the zone with the installation of solar panels, plantation, passenger-friendly initiatives at many railway stations, LED bulbs, lights, etc. Besides, Mumbai Railway Division has put in concerted efforts in implementing multiple green and passenger-friendly initiatives across its railway stations, especially at CSMT. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Kuldiep Singh takes additional

What: charge as CRPF DG, says force has been deployed in poll-bound states

When: published on 1st March 2021

IPS officer Kuldiep Singh has assumed the additional charge of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) director general (DG).

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), it has given an additional charge of DG CRPF to Kuldiep Singh who is a 1986 batch officer from the West Bengal cadre.

Singh, who has a long experience in one of the poll-bound state --West Bengal, said that forces have already been dispatched to election-bound states and he is getting daily updates.

On his first day, he held a meeting with all CRPF top officers and took a review of all activities and operations. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Mary Kom

What: appointed as Chairperson of AIBA's champions & veterans committee



When: published on 3rd March 2021

Six-time world champion pugilist Mary Kom has been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) champions and veterans committee.

AIBA President Umar Kremlev said this in a letter to the 2012 Olympic bronze-medallist. Mary Kom was elected by the Board of Directors of AIBA.

The Committee, formed in December last year, consists of most respected worldwide boxing veterans and champions who have achieved significant results and who are ready to share their experience. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Manpreet Vohra

What: Appointed India's High Commissioner To Australia

When: published on 1st March 2021

Senior diplomat Manpreet Vohra has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Australia, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

Mr Vohra, a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is presently Ambassador of India to Mexico.

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the MEA said.

Mr Vohra's appointment comes at a time India-Australia ties are at an upswing and the two countries are stepping up cooperation particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Udaipur Science Centre

What: inaugurated at Udaipur in Tripura

When: published on 2nd March 2021

The Udaipur Science Centre, at Udaipur, Tripura was dedicated to the people by the Governor of Tripura, Shri Ramesh Bais on 28th February 2021. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism, Govt. of India Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, and the Minister for Agriculture, Transport and Tourism of Tripura Shri Pranajit Singha Roy, were the Guests of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor apprised the audience on the importance of National Science Day, which is celebrated every year on the 28th of February. He also highlighted that Science Centres play a vital role in developing a scientific temper in the society and inculcating a culture of Innovation



among masses, particularly among students. He also appreciated the role of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and Ministry of Culture for the spread of scientific awareness. [\(Read more\)](#)





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