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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 9

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

#### 1. Which UT's administration has launched ANMOL app under national health mission?

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

#### 2. MG George passed way recently, was the chairman of which group of company?

- A. Muthoot Group B. Bajaj Finserv C. Life Insurance Corporation
- D. Bandhan Bank E. None of these

#### 3. Nandkumar Singh Chauhan passed away recently, was a/an \_

A. Writer

D. Musician

E. None of these

**B.** Politician

#### 4. Which mobile company has regained IPL Title Sponsorship?

- A. OPPO B. Samsung C. Vivo
- D. Micromax E. None of these

# 5. Which of the following banks will divest stake in joint venture entity ASREC (India) Ltd as part of asset monetisation exercise?

C. Actor

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

# 6. Which company has signed cricketer Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador for its product Candid Powder?

A. Cadila Healthcare B. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

C. Lupin Limited D. Glenmark Pharma E. None of these



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# 7. Who among the following took over the chairmanship of the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)?

A. M K ChaddaB. G R ChintalaC. K L ReddyD. L P ManoharE. None of these

8. Government has constituted a National Committee to commemorate 75 years of Independence day. Who among the following is head of the Committee?

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

9. Which firm has recently entered into Joint Venture agreement with Frontier Agriculture Platforms Private Limited (FAPL) to drive innovation in agriculture markets?

- A. BSE Institute Limited B. MET Institute Limited C. Sharekhan Education Limited
- D. ITM Institute Limted E. None of these

10. Which private sector bank is set to launch credit cards in coming months and remains bullish about growth opportunities on the retail portfolio?

A. ICICI Bank B. Bandhan Bank C. HDFC Bank

D. Federal Bank E. None of these

**11.** India has extended a grant of what amount of Nepali Rupees to Nepal to build a new school building in the Rupandehi district of the country under the Nepal-Bharat Maitri Development Partnership?

- A. 44.17 million B. 45.17 million C. 46.17 million
- D. 47.17 million E. None of these

# 12. Which brand has joined with Yono-State Bank of India to introduce a new smart wearable fitness band with digital payment components under its sub-brand Reflex?

- A. Ray-Ban B. Woodland C. Rolex
- D. Fastrack E. None of these



# 13. As per the LinkedIn's Study, what percent of women in India missed out on raise, promotion because of their gender?

A. 75 percentB. 80 percentC. 70 percentD. 90 percentE. None of these

A. USD 50 B. USD 60 C. USD 70

D. USD 80 E. None of these

15. Who among the following has recently participated in Sri Lankan Air Force's 70th anniversary celebrations along with IAF jets?

- A. Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- B. Birender Singh Dhanoa
- C. Manoj Mukund Naravane
- D. Asha Bhadauria
- E. None of these



# 16. Which of the following IITs has recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding MoU) with the Indian Army's Northern Command?

A. IIT Delhi

B. IIT Jammu

C. IIT Kanpur

D. IIT Patna E. None of these

17. Which country is to send a consignment of 1 lakh tablets of Hydroxychloroquine and 1,000 metric tonnes of rice to drought-hit Madagascar in East Africa?

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

# 18. On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, India and which country have agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas such as elderly care, infection control, digitalization, non-communicable diseases, and start-ups?

- A. Canada B. Israel C. Sweden
- D. Jordan E. None of these

### 19. Denmark is going to set up Centre of Excellence for dairy sector in which state?

- A. Haryana B. Rajasthan C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh E. None of these

20. Which of the following state governments has recently approved a proposal of the General Administration Department for creation of a new department namely, the Department of Mission Shakti, to strengthen women self-Help groups (SHGs)?

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



#### 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: J-K administration

What: launches ANMOL app under national health mission

When: published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Jammu and Kashmir administration distributed tablets among auxiliary nursing midwives (ANMs) and launched an application under the national health mission for identification and tracking of beneficiaries.

The ANMOL application will empower ANMs and frontline health workers in carrying out their day-today work efficiently and effectively, officials said.

Financial Commissioner of Health and Medical Education Atal Dulloo launched the application and distributed tablets among ANMs at an event here.

Dulloo appealed to them to use all the facilities available in the application to ensure the benefits of the National Health Mission (NHM) reach the people.(Read more)

#### 2. Hints to Remember

Who: Muthoot Finance chief MG George

What: dies aged 71, falls to death from 4th floor of house in Delhi

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The chairman of the Muthoot Finance company MG George Muthoot passed away on Friday evening after reportedly falling from the fourth floor of his house in Delhi.

He was largely credited for making the Muthoot Finance a pan-India and the largest gold loan NBFC and he played a pivotal role in taking Muthoot Finance to new heights, expanding its reach across the country and even overseas especially to the Middle East.(Read more)



Who: BJP Lok Sabha MP Nandkumar Singh Chauhan

What: dies at 69

What: published on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Bharatiya Janata Party Lok Sabha MP Nandkumar Singh Chauhan died at a hospital in Gurugram on Tuesday morning, reported the Hindustan Times. He was 69.

Chauhan had tested positive for the coronavirus on January 11 and was undergoing treatment. He was airlifted to Gurugram's Medanta Hospital last month in a serious condition, according to PTI. Nandkumar Singh Chauhan was on ventilator support for the past few days. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had earlier visited the Khandwa MP during his time.(Read more)

### 4. Hints to Remember

Who: VIVO

What: regains IPL Title Sponsorship

When: published on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Vivo has returned as IPL's title sponsor for the 2021 edition after its deal with the BCCI had been suspended for the 2020 edition - "Vivo is back with us," IPL chairman Brijesh Patel announced during his opening address ahead of the 2021 auction in Chennai on Thursday.

The Chinese mobile and technology company had been replaced by Indian online gaming platform Dream11 ahead of last year's tournament, following a public outcry over the tournament's association with the corporate in the aftermath of military clashes at the India-China border in June 2020.

Vivo had bagged the title sponsorship rights for the period of 2017-2022 for approximately US\$ 341 million, an extension of their two-year association since 2015. The BCCI had suspended the contract with a one-line statement in August 2020, which read: "The BCCI and Vivo Mobile India Pvt Ltd have decided to suspend their partnership for Indian Premier League in 2020." (Read more)

### 5. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Bank

What: to divest stake in asset reconstruction JV ASREC India

When: published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

State-owned Indian Bank on Friday said it will divest stake in joint venture entity ASREC (India) Ltd as part of asset monetisation exercise. The bank holds a 38.26 per cent stake in ASREC (India) Ltd.



As part of the monetisation of the bank's non-core assets, the board of directors of the bank in its meeting held on March 5, 2021, accorded in-principle approval for partial/full divestment of the bank's stake in joint venture ASREC (India) Ltd, Indian Bank said in a regulatory filing.

ASREC is an asset reconstruction company in which Bank of India, Union Bank of India, LIC and Deutsche Bank are the shareholders.(Read more)

#### 6. Hints to Remember

Who: Glenmark Pharma

What: signs Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador for Candid Powder

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Drug major Glenmark Pharma on Friday said it has signed cricketer Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador for its product Candid Powder.

Sharma has "officially signed on to represent Glenmark's Candid Powder, a legacy brand of the company's consumer care division", the company said in a statement.

Sharma will be the official face of the brand as part of its 360 degree communication.

Glenmark said Candid Powder brand is a market leader in its category, with a market share of 64 per cent in the medicated powder category.(Read more)

#### 7. Hints to Remember

Who: NABARD chairman G R Chintala

What: takes over chairmanship of APRACA

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Chairman G R Chintala on Friday took over the chairmanship of the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA).

Chintala is succeeding Bank of Ceylon CEO DPK Gunasekera in office.

Speaking to ANI, Chinatala said, "APRACA is a body of 24 nations with close to 88 members. It is an international organisation, which does a lot of information exchange, takes capacity building initiatives, and creates new institutions. The last chairmanship India got was in 1999, which is almost 19 years back. This is a very big thing for the nation and proud day for an institution to head the international body." (Read more)

Who: Govt

What: constitutes National Committee to commemorate 75 yrs of Independence Day

When: published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Government has constituted a National Committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate 75 years of Independence day which falls on 15th August 2022 in a befitting manner at national and international level in the form of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The committee has 259 members.

A National Implementation Committee under the chairmanship of Home Minister had earlier been constituted for the commemoration, to guide the policies and programs to be undertaken by various Ministries of Government of India under the India 75 commemoration. A Committee of Secretaries has also been set up for this purpose.

The celebrations are proposed to be launched 75 weeks prior to 15th August 2022 i.e. on 12 March, 2021, which is the 91st anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha led by Mahatma Gandhi.(Read more)

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#### 9. Hints to Remember

Who: BSE

What: inks Joint Venture with Frontier Agriculture Platforms Private Limited

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

BSE Investments Limited (BSEIL), a wholly owned subsidiary of BSE, on Friday entered into Joint Venture agreement with Frontier Agriculture Platforms Private Limited (FAPL) to drive innovation in agriculture markets.

As part of this joint venture, FAPL picks 40 per cent equity stake in BSE E-Agricultural Markets Limited (BEAM).

The objective of this Joint Venture is to explore scope and opportunities available in the agricultural commodities trading space, driven by a strong impetus given by the government to bring in transparency and efficiency in this space.

This collaboration is part of BSE Group's commitment to broaden access to agricultural markets for investors and companies, in line with Prime Minister's vision to create a "single market" for agriculture commodities. As a result of this Joint Venture, FAPL will support BEAM with market linkages, connecting with stakeholders and domain knowledge.(Read more)

Who: Federal Bank

What: to launch credit cards in next few months

When: published on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Federal Bank is set to launch credit cards in coming months and remains bullish about growth opportunities on the retail portfolio.

"We are in the process of getting into credit cards. In a couple of months from now, we will be there," said Shalini Warrier, Executive Director, Federal Bank.

The bank has tied up with Mastercard and will initially start issuances for its own customers. It has also tied up with Fiserv to enable the digitisation of the end-to-end card issuance and processing cycle.(Read more)

#### 11. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: grants NRs 44.17M to build new school building under Nepal-Bharat Maitri Development Partnership

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India has extended a grant of 44.17 million Nepali Rupees to Nepal to build a new school building in the Rupandehi district of the country under the Nepal-Bharat Maitri Development Partnership.

In a statement, the Indian Embassy in Nepal said, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed yesterday between the two countries for the construction project. Indian Embassy said that since 2003, under the High Impact Community Development Projects programme, India has completed 446 projects in the areas of health, education, drinking water, connectivity, sanitation and creation of other public utilities across all seven provinces of Nepal.

The Embassy also informed that India is also reconstructing 71 educational institutions damaged during the 2015 earthquake in eight districts of Nepal under a reconstruction grant of 5,800 million Nepali Rupees. The embassy also said that as close neighbours, India and Nepal share unique ties of friendship and cooperation. The signing of the MoU reflects the continued commitment of the Government of India in complementing the efforts of the Government of Nepal in creating infrastructure in priority sectors.(Read more)

#### 12. Hints to Remember

Who: Titan's youth brand Fastrack

What: ties up with Yono-SBI bank to launch a smart fitness band



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Titan-owned youth accessories brand Fastrack has partnered country's largest public sector bank Yono-State Bank of India (SBI) to enter the smart wearable category of fitness bands with digital payment component under its sub-brand Reflex in order to strengthen the company's foothold in the wearables category for the youth. This is the second time Titan has tied up with SBI this fiscal to launch a collaborative product.(Read more)

#### 13. Hints to Remember

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Who: 85% of women in India

What: missed out on raise, promotion because of their gender: LinkedIn study

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, has launched the Opportunity Index 2021 report which has found that around 85% of women in India have missed out on raises and promotions because of their gender.

This year's report dives deep to understand how women perceive opportunities, and how the gender gap is further slowing down career progress for working women in India amid the pandemic. LinkedIn's findings show that 9 in 10 (89%) women state they were negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.(Read more)

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### 14. Hints to remember

Who: Gender Inequality

What: Has Cost World \$70 Tln Since 1990, Will Take 257 Years To Close The Gap

When: published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Gender inequality has cost the world USD 70 trillion since 1990 and it would take at least 257 years more to bridge the gender gap, a report by economists at Bank of America has revealed. Out of the total, the loss of human capital wealth due to gender inequality alone is estimated at USD 160.2 trillion. However, the report asserts that if in case, all the countries in the world become gender-equal, then the global GDP could increase by up to USD 28 trillion by 2025.

While girl's education is still a topic of discussion in several states, the report stated that closing the gender and race gaps in education and employment would have generated USD 2.6 trillion more in economic output in 2019 and the cumulative gains from 1990 would have been USD 70 trillion at the 2019 dollar rate.(Read more)

Who: IAF chief

What: visits Colombo to mark Sri Lankan Air Force's 70th anniversary

When: published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Indian Air Force Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria arrived at Colombo on Wednesday to attend the 70thanniversary celebrations of the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF).

As part of his two-day visit, the IAF chief attended the inaugural ceremony on March 3 during which a flypast and aerobatic display were scheduled. "The air show at Galle Face, Colombo also saw participation by an IAF contingent comprising Suryakiran and Sarang aerobatic display teams and Tejas LCA," said an IAF statement.(Read more)

#### 16. Hints to Remember

#### Who: IIT Jammu

What: entered into a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with the Indian Army's Northern Command

### When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Headquarters Northern Command represented by Chief of Staff Lt Gen S Harimohan Iyer and Indian Institute of Technology, Jammu (IIT Jammu) represented by its Director Prof Manoj Singh Gaur on Friday, army said.

The army said that the objective of this MoU is to leverage the academic and technological prowess of IIT Jammu and domain knowledge/expertise of Northern Command, in development of defence technology solutions and taking up joint projects for innovative solutions to weapon systems and equipment related problems of Northern Command.

The scope of the cooperation will be Research and Development (R&D) activities related to Northern Command, leveraging IIT Jammu's expertise and technical infrastructure, and mutual interest and benefits on Research and Development (R&D) projects to solve Army's problems which require research and experimentation.(Read more)

#### 17. Hints to Remember

#### Who: India

What: to provide 1 lakh HCQ tablets, 1,000 metric tonnes rice to drought-hit Madagascar

When: published on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021



The Government of India announced on March 1, 2021, that it will send a consignment of 1 lakh tablets of Hydroxychloroquine and 1,000 metric tonnes of rice to drought-hit Madagascar in East Africa.

The humanitarian assistance by India will be delivered onboard the Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa. The naval ship will leave with medical assistance and food on March 3 and is expected to reach Madagascar's Port of Ehoala between March 21 and 24.

The news of the Indian assistance was conveyed to the Madagascar government on March 1 during a phone call between the External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Tehindrazanarivelo Djacoba A.S. Oliv, his Madagascar counterpart.(Read more)

#### 18. Hints to Remember

#### Who: India, Sweden

What: hold virtual summit, agree to strengthen bilateral cooperation on digitalization, start-ups

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India and Sweden have agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas such as elderly care, infection control, digitalization, non-communicable diseases, and start-ups.

The two countries held a virtual summit on Friday headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Swedish counterpart Stefan Lofven.

"Excellent, productive virtual Sweden-India Summit w. @narendramodi. Launched joint projects on innovation, climate & health cooperation to fight the pandemic & build back stronger, greener & more equal societies. Discussed regional affairs & efforts to strengthen multilateralism," the Swedish Prime Minister tweeted.(Read more)

#### 19. Hints to Remember

Who: Denmark

What: to set up Center of Excellence for dairy sector in Rajasthan

When: published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

A centre of excellence for the dairy sector will be set up in Rajasthan in collaboration with Denmark, an official statement said on Saturday.

Denmark Ambassador Freddy Svane discussed the idea at a meeting with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot here on Saturday, the statement said.

The diplomat also had a courtesy meeting with Governor Kalraj Mishra.



Svane said to provide better facilities to cattle rearers, full cooperation will be given in making available the Denmark''s expertise in the field of dairy science and technology to Rajasthan.

The possibilities of Denmark's cooperation in the field of water conservation and purification were also discussed in the meeting.

He said Denmark companies are providing technical support in water conservation and purification works in the urban area of Udaipur.(Read more)

#### 20. Hints to Remember

Who: Odisha Govt

What: forms Mission Shakti Department to strengthen SHGs

When: published on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Odisha Cabinet on Saturday approved a proposal of the General Administration Department for creation of a new department namely, the Department of Mission Shakti, to strengthen women self-Help groups (SHGs).

The State Cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik also approved 15 more proposals.

As per the Cabinet decision, the Directorate of Mission Shakti and Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM) will be brought under the Department of Mission Shakti.

The Mission Shakti department will work for SHGs and their federation both in rural and urban areas, said Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra after the meeting.(Read more)







