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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

## May GA Quiz 21

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

1. Who among the following has been appointed as next MD of Chennai Petroleum Corporation?

- A. Arvind Kumar                      B. Satyaveer Singh                      C. Ramprakash Sharma  
D. Mahendra Singh                      E. None of these

2. Which company has launched AI-based devices to test quality of the products?

- A. Tech Mahindra                      B. AgNext Technologies                      C. Genpact Tech  
D. Webtrack Tech                      E. None of these

3. CM of which state has recently announced special development grant of Rs 10 lakh to every village achieving 100 percent vaccination?

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

4. Which state has recently launched "Ayushman Bharat Scheme" in the state?

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

5. Johnson and Johnson has joined hands with which company for the manufacturing of the COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. Biological E Limited                      B. Bharat Biotech                      C. Cadila Healthcare  
D. Shantha Biotechnics                      E. None of these

6. Govt of India has recently reported that compare with last year what percent more wheat has been procured in Rabi Marketing Season 2021-22?

- A. 25 percent                      B. 24 percent                      C. 21 percent  
D. 22 percent                      E. None of these



**7. Which of the following states has been ranked 1st in establishing HWCs under Ayushman Bharat Scheme?**

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

**8. Which of the following states has topped in Implementation of Smart City Projects, as per the MoHUA?**

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

**9. According to the Global Trade Update (May 2021) released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which three countries have performed 'relatively better' than other major economies in imports & exports during the 1st Quarter of 2021?**

- A. China, Pakistan and Japan
- B. India, China, and South Africa
- C. Australia, India and New Zealand
- D. India, Nepal and Bhutan
- E. None of these



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**10. Which firm has declared British Cambridge University professors Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman as winners of the Millennium Technology Prize?**

- A. Technology Academy Finland
- B. International Trade and Forfaiting Association
- C. Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts
- D. Indian Testing Board
- E. None of these

**11. Tashi Yangjom became first Indian Woman Climber to Scale Everest In 2021, is from which state?**

- A. Assam
- B. Tripura
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Tripura
- E. None of these



**12. Who among the following has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research"?**

- A. Sankar Ghosh                      B. Amitabh Ghosh                      C. Piyush Ghosh  
D. Kamlesh Ghosh                      E. None of these

**13. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of an additional 25% stake in Adani Krishnapatnam Port by which company?**

- A. Hindalco Industries                      B. Bharat Petroleum                      C. Tata Steel Ltd  
D. Indian Oil Corporation                      E. None of these

**14. Government of India is to sell 1.95% stake in which bank to raise Rs 4,000 cr?**

- A. ICICI Bank                      B. HDFC Bank                      C. Axis Bank  
D. EXIM Bank                      E. None of these

**15. Which company is to acquire SB Energy's India green portfolio for enterprise value of \$3.5 billion?**

- A. Adani Green                      B. Adani Power                      C. Adani Transmission  
D. Adani Total Gas                      E. None of these

**16. Kotak Mahindra Bank has bought what percent of stake in Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund?**

- A. 43.7 percent                      B. 44.7 percent                      C. 45.7 percent  
D. 46.7 percent                      E. None of these

**17. Which of the following countries has launched 'Haiyang-2D' Ocean Observation Satellite into Orbit?**

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

**18. Who among the following has/have qualified for this year's Tokyo Olympics after finishing second in the final race of the Asia/Oceania Continental Qualifying Regatta in Tokyo?**

- A. Arjun Lal Jat                      B. Arvind Singh                      C. Ankit Singh Rathor  
D. A and B Only                      E. All A, B and C



19. Chaman Lal Gupta passed away recently, was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. Politician

B. Actor

C. Writer

D. Film Maker

E. None of these

20. Which of the following states has recently launched 'Amrit Vahini' App and portal and a Chatboat?

A. Chhattisgarh

B. Jharkhand

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Odisha

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
A	B	B	D	A	B	D	C	B	A	C	A	E	C	A	D	B	D	A	B

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Arvind Kumar

**What:** appointed as next MD of Chennai Petroleum Corporation

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

Arvind Kumar set to be the next Managing Director (MD) of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), a subsidiary company of Indian Oil. He has been recommended for the post by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel on Tuesday. He is currently serving as Executive Director (Projects) Refineries HQ of Indian Oil, New Delhi. Currently, CPCL's Director (Finance) Rajeev Ailawadi is holding the additional charge of CPCL's MD post.

Kumar has been recommended for the post of MD of CPCL from a list of eight candidates who interviewed by the selection panel. There were a total of three candidates including Kumar who were on the list were from India Oil and one each from Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, Madras Fertilizers Limited, Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Limited, Indian Telecommunication Service and REPCO Home Finance Limited.

As Managing Director (MD) of CPCL, Kumar will be the chief executive of the corporation and will be accountable to its board of directors, holding company and the government. He also will be responsible for the efficient functioning of the corporation for achieving its corporate objectives and performance parameters.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** AgNext Technologies

**What:** introduces AI-based devices to test products quality

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

A Punjab-based agency, AgNext Technologies, has provide you with a system primarily based on digital expertise and synthetic intelligence (AI) that mixes {hardware}, software program and algorithms to test agricultural merchandise for high quality. AgNext Technologies, headquartered at Mohali in Punjab, has provide you with this providing at a time when testing of produce akin to



spices have been affected because the second section of Covid has affected the supply of manpower.

“Testing samples from farmers cuts both ways. Farmers could be disgruntled as they may feel they are not paid the right price for the right quality. It can be the other way too where a buyer feels he is not getting the right quality for the price he is willing to pay,” says Taranjit Singh Bhamra, Chief Executive Officer and founding father of AgNext Technologies.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Punjab CM

**What:** Announces Special Grant Of Rs 10 Lakh To Villages Achieving 100% Vaccination

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

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced a special development grant of Rs 10 lakhs to each village that meets the state government's 100% vaccination goal under the 'Corona Mukh Pind Abhiyan.' The Chief Minister urged Sarpanches and Panches across the state to lead their villages in the battle against COVID-19, urging them to encourage people to get tested even if they have mild symptoms and to get vaccinated.

Via LED screens, he was communicating virtually with village Panchayats represented by more than 2000 heads/members in over 4000 live locations across the state's rural areas. The CM told them that his government had already given Sarpanches permission to use up to Rs.5000 per day from Panchayat funds for emergency COVID care, up to a total of Rs.50,000.

The Chief Minister stressed the importance of educating the rural population about the adverse effects of Coronavirus and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment in order to save lives, saying that this could only be accomplished through special awareness campaigns. He requested the Panchayats to set up special medical camps and enlist the help of ex-servicemen who had served in many wars during their active military careers and were now helping the state combat the pandemic.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** After 2.5 years wait, Telangana

**What:** signs up for Ayushman Bharat rollout

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021



The Telangana government on Tuesday decided to implement Ayushman Bharat in the state with immediate effect, almost two-and-half-years after the Centre launched the health scheme nationally.

Telangana health officials signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the national health authority on Tuesday to implement the scheme in the state. The state health authorities have directed the chief executive officer of Telangana Aarogyasri Health Care Trust to see that patients get treatment in the empanelled hospitals as per the newly converged health scheme.

Ayushman Bharat was launched by the Centre in September 2018. Telangana was among the states that had opposed the scheme and even claimed that its own Aarogyasri scheme was much better. Chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had rejected the national scheme on the floor of the assembly.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Johnson & Johnson

**What:** ties up with Biological E to manufacture one-shot Covid-19 vaccine

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

US pharmaceutical giant Johnson and Johnson has joined hands with Biological E Limited (Telangana-based pharma company) for the manufacturing of the COVID-19 vaccine, as per an official statement on Tuesday.

The company's vaccine named, Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is currently approved for use in the United States, the European Union and other nations including Thailand and South Africa."Johnson & Johnson is working with Biological E. Limited on the manufacturing of the Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. We believe Biological E. will be an important part of our global COVID-19 vaccine supply network, where multiple manufacturing sites are involved in the production of our vaccine across different facilities, sometimes in different countries and continents, before the vaccine can be distributed", read an official statement by Johnson and Johnson.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Govt

**What:** reported that compare with last year 24 per cent more wheat has been procured in Rabi Marketing Season 2021-22

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





The Union Government has said that 24 per cent more wheat has been procured during the current Rabi Marketing Season 2021-22 in comparison to corresponding period of last year. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution in a statement said that a quantity of over 373.51 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured against the last year corresponding purchase of over 300 lakh tonnes.

It said, nearly 38.22 lakh farmers have already been benefitted from the ongoing procurement operations with MSP value of over Rs 73,768 crore. It said, procurement of wheat in ongoing Rabi Marketing Season is continuing smoothly in the procuring States including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Karnataka

**What:** No.1 state in establishing Health & Wellness Centres: Health dept

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

Karnataka has emerged as the best state and is ranked number one in establishing health and wellness centres (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat Program, to provide comprehensive primary healthcare in rural areas, the state's Health and Family welfare department said on Tuesday.

The state leads in implementing the project for the year 2020-21, the department said in a statement.

It said the union government had set a target of establishing 2,263 HWC sub-centres, and the state has upgraded 3,300 centres till March 31, which is 146 per cent more than the set target.

The Centre had also given the target of upgrading 2,096 PHCs to HWCs, 2,168 have been upgraded so far which is 103 per cent more than the set target, it further said.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Jharkhand

**What:** tops in Implementation of Smart City Projects: MoHUA

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Jharkhand has clinched the 1st Position among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of Smart City projects, Rajasthan came second in the rankings. The rankings were released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).



The ranking is based on factors like smart city plan implementation, ongoing work and tendering process, utilisation of funds and provision of utility certificates to the Central Government. They are released frequently by MoHUA.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India, China, South Africa

**What:** fared "relatively better" than other major economies in Q1 of 2021: UN

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

India, China and South Africa have fared "relatively better" than other major economies in imports and exports in the first quarter of this year, according to the latest UN data which said that global trade recovery from the COVID-19 crisis hit a record high during in the same period.

The Global Trade Update by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on Wednesday said that in Q1 2021, the value of global trade in goods and services grew by about 4 per cent quarter-over-quarter and by about 10 per cent year-over-year.

"Importantly, global trade in Q1 2021 was higher than pre-crisis levels, with an increase of about 3 per cent relative to Q1 2019," it said, adding that the trade rebound of Q1 2021 continues to be driven by the strong export performance of East Asian economies.

In Q1 2021, the value of trade in goods was higher than pre-pandemic level, but trade in services remains substantially below averages. During the first quarter of 2021, global trade of COVID-19 related products remained strong.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Aalto University: Professor Shankar Balasubramanian And Professor David Klenerman

**What:** won Millennium Technology Prize

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Technology Academy Finland (TAF) has today, on 18 May, declared British Cambridge University professors Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman as winners of the Millennium Technology Prize. The Prize is worth one million euros.

The duo's Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology means DNA can now be read in super-fast times. This means huge benefits to society, from helping the fight against killer diseases such as COVID-19 or cancer, to better understanding crop diseases and enhancing food production.



Next generation sequencing provides an effective way to study and identify new coronavirus strains and other pathogens. With the emergence of the pandemic, the technology is now being used to track and explore the novel coronavirus viral mutations, which is growing global concern. This work has helped the creation of multiple vaccines now being administered worldwide and is critical to the creation of new vaccines against new dangerous viral strains. The results will also be used to prevent future pandemics. The International Selection Committee – the body of experts that evaluates all nominations for the prize – made its decision in February 2020, before the global spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Arunachal's Tashi Yangjom

**What:** Becomes First Indian Woman Climber To Scale Everest In 2021

**When:** published on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Tashi Yangjom holds the title of the first Indian woman climber to scale Mount Everest in 2021. She began the climb on May 9 and completed her journey on May 11, reaching the peak early 6 am.

She is among the first in India to kick off climbing season this year in the face of a deadly wave of coronavirus obstructing sporting activities. Earlier this month, panic gripped the Everest base camp as reports of a possible COVID-19 outbreak there emerged. Authorities in Nepal raised the alarm about as many as 17 positive cases, as per the BBC.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indian-origin immunologist Sankar Ghosh

**What:** elected to National Academy of Sciences

**When:** published on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

An eminent and award-winning Indian-origin immunologist has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research".

Sankar Ghosh is the Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

He was among the 120 newly elected members announced by the Academy last week, a statement by Columbia University Irving Medical Center said.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Adani ports

**What:** gets CCI approval to pick up 25% more in Krishnapatnam port

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

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of an additional 25% stake in Adani Krishnapatnam Port by Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone (APSEZ).

The Rs 2,800 crore transaction will make the port in southern Andhra Pradesh fully owned by the Gautam Adani-led firm. APSEZ had acquired its 75% stake in October last year.

The CCI also gave its approval to White Oak Capital-owned GPL Finance & Investments' acquisition of 100% equity in YES Asset Management and YES Trustee Ltd.

Hence, the correct answer is option E. ([Read more](#))

### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Government

**What:** to sell 1.95% stake in Axis Bank to raise Rs 4,000 cr

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Centre is selling up to 58 million shares in Axis Bank, held via the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) to raise around ₹4,000 crore.

These shares are sold through the offer for sale (OFS) route. The OFS will open for non-retail investors on Wednesday, while retail investors can bid on Thursday.

The government is selling 35 million shares, or 1.21% stake, in the company as a base offer with a green-shoe option of 22 million shares, or 0.74% stake, at a floor price of ₹680 apiece. Shares of Axis Bank gained marginally on Tuesday to close at ₹711.90 on BSE.

SUUTI held a 9.56% stake in Axis Bank as of December 31, 2018. It reduced the stake to 3.45% as of March 31, 2021. SUUTI sold 6.14 million shares of Axis Bank in December last year, garnering ₹374 for the government. In November, it had sold 3.6 million shares for a consideration of ₹221.47 crore. The stock has rallied 18% since December 1, compared with a 15% jump in the Nifty index.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Adani Green

**What:** to acquire SB Energy's India green portfolio for enterprise value of \$3.5 billion

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Adani Green Energy on Wednesday announced that it will acquire SB Energy's 5 GW India renewable power portfolio for a fully completed EV of \$3.5 billion.

"Adani Green (AGEL) has signed definitive agreements for 100% acquisition of SB Energy Holdings Limited. SB Energy India is a joint venture between Japan-based SoftBank Group Corp (80%) and Bharti Group (20%) and houses 4,954 MW of renewable assets in India", the company said in an exchange filing.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Kotak Mahindra Bank

**What:** Buys 46.7% stake in Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund

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

Private lender Kotak Mahindra Bank on Monday said that it has acquired 1.3 crore shares i.e., around 46.7% equity of Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund from Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited.

"Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has acquired 1,30,80,000 Equity Shares (~46.7% of the issued and paid-up Equity Share Capital) of Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund Limited ("KMPFL") from Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited ("KMAMC")", the bank said.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** China

**What:** launches 'Haiyang-2D' Ocean Observation Satellite into Orbit

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Once more into the upper reaches, China launched a new ocean-monitoring satellite on Wednesday, May 19, into orbit.

The launch occurred from the nation's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.

A Long March-4B rocket, developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology, carried the Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) satellite to orbit. The launch occurred at 12:03 a.m. (Beijing Time), according to the launch center. The satellite was manufactured by the China Academy of Science (CAST).

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indian rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh

**What:** qualify for Tokyo Olympics 2021 in lightweight double sculls

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

There was some good news in store for Indian rowing fans as Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh qualified for this year's Tokyo Olympics after finishing second in the final race of the Asia/Oceania Continental Qualifying Regatta in Tokyo on Friday.

Jakar Khan of India missed out on a qualification spot after finishing 4th in the men's singles sculls final which offers 5 Olympic quotas but he couldn't book a berth as a country gets only one qualifying spot from this regatta.

The top three qualify for Olympics in men's lightweight double sculls event.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Former union minister and BJP leader Chaman Lal Gupta

**What:** passes away

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

Veteran BJP leader and former union minister Chaman Lal Gupta died after a prolonged illness at his Gandhi Nagar residence on Tuesday, days after undergoing successful treatment for Covid-19 at a hospital, his family said.

Gupta (87) is survived by his two sons and a daughter.

“He had tested positive for Covid-19 on May 5 and returned from Narayana hospital on Sunday after successful treatment. His condition suddenly deteriorated in the wee hours and he breathed his last around 5.10 am,” his elder son Anil Gupta told PTI.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren

**What:** launched 'Amrit Vahini' App and portal, and a Chatboat

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Now, corona patients in Jharkhand can book hospital beds online through 'Amrit Vahini' App launched by CM Hemant Soren on Friday.

Soren also launched 'Chatboat' through which one may also get all information related to coronavirus.

According to Soren, through the 'Amrit Vahini' App, the state government would be able to provide better facilities for the people infected with coronavirus.

"Though 'Amrit Vahini' App or website one can get all information about the availability of hospital beds and even book one for himself or anybody else online. The bed booked by the person will be kept reserved for him for the next two hours. If the person, who has made the booking, fails to turn up, it will be transferred to another person," said Soren. There are several other facilities which could be availed easily by anybody through the App, he added.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))





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