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November GA Quiz 14

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

1. The 2020 World Pneumonia Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. November 5 B. November 6 C. November 8
D. November 7 E. None of these

2. The 2020 Public Service Broadcasting Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. November 11 B. November 10 C. November 12
D. November 13 E. None of these

3. Indian Navy's _____ Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' was launched at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock.

- A. 4th B. 5th C. 6th
D. 7th E. None of these

4. Name the person who was named as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller.

- A. Mayank Khattar B. Kash Patel C. Dinesh Khanna
D. Manu Sharma E. None of these

5. Who among the following was crowned champion of the Dishang 2020 ITTF Women's World Cup on Sunday 10 November 2020 in Weihai, China?

- A. Chen Meng B. Sun Yingsha C. Wang Manyu
D. Ding Ning E. None of these

6. Which of the following agency has formed expert group to review norms related to share-based staff benefit, issue of sweat equity?

- A. RBI B. SEBI C. SBI
D. IRDAI E. None of these

7. Which of the following banks has recently launched SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0 for SMEs?

- A. ICICI Bank B. Yes Bank C. HDFC Bank
D. IDFC Bank E. None of these

8. Which digital payment company has launched Payout Links for small businesses?

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



9. Which of the following insurance companies has recently partnered with PayBima to drive Life Insurance Protection through Digital sales?

- A. HDFC Life Insurance B. Max Life Insurance C. Life Insurance Corporation
D. Tata AIA Life Insurance E. None of these

10. Second World Health Expo was kicked off in which of the following cities?

- A. Beijing B. Wuhan C. Tokyo
D. New York E. None of these

11. The Union Government has recently approved how many projects under Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition?

- A. 20 B. 24 C. 23
D. 21 E. None of these

12. The 2020 World Diabetes Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. November 12 B. November 13 C. November 14
D. November 15 E. None of these

13. The 2020 National Ayurveda Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. 12 November B. 13 November C. 14 November
D. 15 November E. None of these

14. Who among the following has virtually inaugurated the Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC) on 6th November 2020?

- A. Mansukh Mandaviya B. Narendra Modi C. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
D. Ram Nath Kovind E. None of these

15. The Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Office-cum-Residential Complex of Cuttack Bench of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) to provide modern tax services and assistance in which state?

- A. Odisha B. New Delhi C. Bihar
D. Manipur E. None of these

16. Who among the following has recently launched India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) report on 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors'?

- A. Rajiv Gauba B. Harsh Vardhan Shringla C. Rahul Chhabra
D. T S trimurti E. None of these

17. Which Metro Rail Corporation is going to lay vibration-absorbing tracks for the first time in India?

- A. Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation
B. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
C. Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation
D. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation
E. None of these



18. Which of the following states has recently signed a MoU with Embassy Group for improvement of Government Schools?

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

19. Which of the following states has recently won the Best State Award under special category at 2nd National Water Awards for 2019?

- A. Mizoram B. Sikkim C. Goa
D. Chandigarh E. None of these

20. Who among the following has recently won the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI) Golden Jubilee Award 2020 for his contribution in the field of nano-fertilisers?

- A. G R Chintala B. K S Subramanian C. M Ramakrishnan
D. S Krishnan 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: World Pneumonia Day

What: was observed on 12th November 2020

World Pneumonia Day is observed on 12 November each year. This day was first established in 2009 to raise awareness about this condition. According to WHO, pneumonia is the world's leading infectious killer of children under the age of 5. It accounts for 15% of all deaths of children under 5 years old. Pneumonia is a respiratory infection that affects the lungs of the person. In this condition, the air sacs in one or both the lungs get inflamed. These may be filled with fluids or pus. This lung infection can range from mild to severe. Children under the age of 2 years and those above the age of 65 years are at a higher risk of this condition.

The symptoms of pneumonia can be easily mistaken with cold and flu. The symptoms may also vary according to the severity of the infection and the type of germ that has affected the individual. Symptoms are usually similar to cold and flu but can persist for longer. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Public Service Broadcasting Day

What: was observed on 12th November 2020

Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi visited All India Radio on 12th November 1947. He addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.

It was Bapu's first and only visit to All India Radio. To commemorate the visit of Bapu to All India Radio, Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated every year on 12th November.

A special function is organized every year on 12th November at the Broadcasting House AIR premises to mark the occasion. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene-class submarine Vagir

What: was launched



When: published on 13th November 2020

Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' was launched on Thursday at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock.

According to an official statement, Union minister of state for defence, Shripad Naik launched the fifth Scorpene class submarine 'Vagir' of Project 75 in Arabian sea waters at Mazagon Dock, in Mumbai through video conferencing today.

Vagir is part of the six Kalvari-class submarines being built in India. The submarines, designed by French naval defence and energy company DCNS, are being built as part of Indian Navy's Project-75. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian-American Kash Patel

What: Named Chief Of Staff To Acting US Defence Secretary

When: published on 11th November 2020

Indian-American Kash Patel has been named as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller, the Pentagon has announced.

The new appointment from the Pentagon comes a day after Donald Trump fired Defence Secretary Mark Esper and designated the National Counter Terrorism Center Director, Chris Miller, as the Acting Secretary of Defence.

Chris Miller took over the functions and responsibilities of the new role on Monday, the Pentagon said on Tuesday.

Kash Patel, currently on the National Security Council staff, has been named by Acting Secretary Chris Miller as his Chief of Staff, the Pentagon announced on Tuesday. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Chen Meng

What: is the champion with first-ever Women's World Cup title

When: published on 10th November 2020

Chen Meng (China) was crowned champion of the Dishang 2020 ITTF Women's World Cup on Sunday 10 November 2020 in Weihai, China. The world no. 1 and top seed defeated compatriot and 3rd seed Sun Yingsha in the final (11-13, 11-6, 11-9, 11-6, 11-8) to claim the trophy at her first attempt.



In doing so, Chen also became the first winner of the #RESTART series, which has delivered the return of international table tennis events after eight months of suspended activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Sebi

What: forms expert group to review norms related to share-based staff benefit, issue of sweat equity

When: published on 10th November 2020

Markets regulator Sebi has set up an expert group to review the framework of share-based employee benefit and issue of sweat equity.

The seven-member expert group would be chaired by Sandip Bhagat Partner at S&R Associates, an update with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) showed.

The expert group would revisit the framework of share-based employee benefit and suggest policy changes.

Further, the panel has been mandated to revisit the framework of sweat equity regulations vis-a-vis the Companies Act, and recommend any policy changes. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank

What: launches SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0 for SMEs

When: published on 11th November 2020

HDFC Bank announced the launch of SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0, in Wednesday. This solution allows merchants and self-employed professionals to instantly open a current account and start accepting payments in-store, online, and on-the-go.

The Bank plans to reach out to more than 20 million small and medium merchants and professional services like doctors, pharmacies, salons and laundry services across metro, semi urban and rural India in the next three years.

The merchant solution was launched at a virtual event held in Mumbai by Parag Rao, Country Head - Payments, Consumer Finance, Marketing and Digital Banking at HDFC Bank along with T R Ramachandran, Group Country Manager, India and South Asia, Visa. [\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember



Who: Paytm

What: introduces Payout Links for businesses in India

When: published on 13th November 2020

Indian digital payments company Paytm announced the launch of Payout Links for businesses, thereby enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors, without the requirement of collecting the bank details.

As businesses struggle with ever-growing numbers of manual financial processes, the Payout Links of the company offers seamless payment integration for businesses to quickly send incentives and refunds to customers through the payout link.

Removing the need to store thousands of bank details, the facility of the company benefits partnered SMEs in diverse sectors such as gaming, e-commerce, retail, export and manufacturing, to transfer salaries, vendor payments, commissions and gratification instantly. Paytm is targeting a monthly transaction of INR 1 billion with the launch of the service. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Tata AIA Life Insurance

What: partners with PayBima to drive Life Insurance Protection through Digital sales

When: published on 10th November 2020

Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life), one of India's leading providers of Pure Protection Solutions, today announced that it has partnered with PayBima, the digital arm of Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd. , as a Broker to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions. The association is in line with Tata AIA Life's mission to provide Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) to its customers and aims to make the process of buying life insurance solutions simple, easy, and convenient.

As part of the agreement, PayBima. com will offer the life Insurance solutions of Tata AIA Life on its platform. PayBima will leverage its analytics skill to offer personalised life insurance solutions best suited to the needs of its customers. PayBima will be fully integrated with Tata AIA Life digitally-led ecosystem to offer a seamless Online buying experience by eliminating the need for physical documents.

Chief Distribution Officer, Tata AIA Life Insurance, Venky Iyer said, "Online Insurance distribution platforms provide great convenience to consumers looking to buy Life Insurance. It dove-tails very well into our digitally-led, multi-channel distribution outreach approach. We welcome PayBima as the newest member of the group of our valued distribution partnerships. With its strong capabilities and commitment to making Life Insurance more accessible, PayBima will help us address the Protection gap in the country. We are confident that it will be a significant contributor to fulfill the rising Life Insurance Protection needs in these uncertain times and protect the financial future of our customers and their loved ones." ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: Second World Health Expo

What: kicks off in Wuhan

When: published on 12th November 2020

The second World Health Expo was inaugurated on November 11, in Wuhan, the capital city of Central China's Hubei Province. This year's Expo will focus on displaying the most cutting-edge science and technology in the global health industry, and help Wuhan build "city of global health industry".

During the Expo, more than a hundred high-end forums including a summit forum, academician forum and the roundtable dialogue on epidemic prevention and normalized control, and the Global University Leaders Forum, will be organized.

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: approves 21 projects under Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition

When: published on 10th November 2020

Government has approved 21 projects, leveraging investment worth 443 crore rupees supported with a grant of 189 crore rupees under the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition. The approval in this regard was given during the inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting chaired by Minister for Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar yesterday.

Mr Tomar said that these projects will benefit farmers and consumers and urged the officers to expedite the implementation of approved projects. He said, 21 projects are likely to generate employment for nearly 12 thousand 600 people and benefit over two lakh farmers.

These projects are spread across Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Nagaland, Punjab, Telangana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh. The Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value addition infrastructure aims at arresting post-harvest losses of horticulture and non-horticulture produce & providing remunerative price to farmers. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: World Diabetes Day

What: was observed on 14th November 2020

The theme for World Diabetes Day 2020 is "The Nurse and Diabetes. " The campaign aims to raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes.



Nurses currently account for over half of the global health workforce. They do outstanding work to support people living with a wide range of health concerns. People who either live with diabetes or are at risk of developing the condition need their support too.

People living with diabetes face a number of challenges, and education is vital to equip nurses with the skills to support them. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: National Ayurveda Day

What: was observed on 13th November 2020

National Ayurveda Day 2020 is being observed today (Friday, 13 November). The day is being celebrated every year from 2016 on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti or Dhanteras.

The theme of the 5th National Ayurveda Day is — Ayurveda for COVID-19 pandemic. The main objective of the day is to focus on the strengths of Ayurveda and its unique treatment principles.

Ayurveda Day is also observed to work towards reducing the burden of disease and related mortality by utilising the potential of Ayurveda. The day is dedicated to create awareness to tap into the potential of Ayurveda to contribute towards National Health Policy and National Health programmes, and to enhance as well as promote Ayurvedic principles of healing in society.

Ayurveda is considered to be one of the most ancient and well-documented systems of medicine that are equally relevant in modern times. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Australia-India Water Centre

What: inaugurated virtually

When: published on 10th November 2020

Australia-India Water Centre was inaugurated virtually through a Webinar, in view of the pandemic situation. The Water Centre is led by University of Western Sydney from Australia and IIT Guwahati from India along with 21 other partners from India and Australia.

Dan Tehan, Minister for Education - Government of Australia, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, minister for Jal Shakti - Government of India were present.

The water issues and challenges of India and Australia share many common elements, including natural extremes of floods and droughts, increasing competition for water between urban, peri-urban and rural sectors and increased threats to water security from climate change. There are also pressures due to the over-exploitation and water quality degradation of surface and groundwater resources. ([Read more](#))



15. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Narendra Modi

What: to inaugurate complex of ITAT's Cuttack bench tomorrow

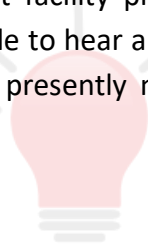
When: published on 10th November 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a state-of-the-art office-cum-residential complex of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) in Odisha's Cuttack on November 11, an official statement said on Tuesday.

According to the Ministry of Law and Justice, the inaugural function will be virtually attended by Union Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Dharmendra Pradhan, and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Chief Justice and Judges of Orissa High Court, ITAT President Justice PP Bhatt, Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman PC Modi and other officials.

Briefing the media regarding the inauguration, Justice Bhatt said that the ITAT Cuttack has been functioning from rented premises since 1970 for almost 50 years and has jurisdiction for appeals arising from the State of Odisha.

"So, the inauguration of this complex will help Cuttack bench of ITAT in imparting justice to the needy. With the e-court facility provided in the new building with good connectivity facility, the Cuttack bench will be able to hear and dispose of even the appeals pending with other benches in the Kolkata Zone which are presently non-functional such as Ranchi, Patna and Guwahati," Justice Bhatt said. [\(Read more\)](#)



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16. Hints to Remember

Who: MEA Secretary Rahul Chhabra

What: Launches IBSA Report

When: published on 11th November 2020

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (Economic Relations) Rahul Chhabra on Tuesday launched the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) report on 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors'.

Taking to Twitter, MEA Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said: "Secretary (ER) Rahul Chhabra launched the IBSA Report today on "Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors", prepared by the 2nd batch of Fellows under the IBSA Visiting Fellowship Program. "

"The fellows undertook research on cooperation at the UN, Intellectual Property Rights, Traditional Medicine, Financial Sector Cooperation & Trade in Banking Services & Energy," said Srivastava in another tweet. [\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: MUMBAI METRO

What: TO HAVE VIBRATION-ABSORBING TRACKS

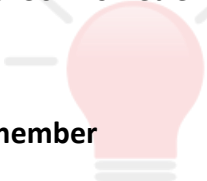
When: published on 12th November 2020

In a first for India, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. , MMRCL will lay vibration-absorbing tracks on the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro Line-3.

MMRCL Director (Projects) S. K. Gupta yesterday said, the corporation has started trial production of the High Vibration Attenuation Booted Twin Sleeper Blocks, HVABTSB to lay tracks with the help of a machine from Sonneville AG, Switzerland. He said, this type of tracks, being used for the first time in India will absorb vibrations upto 22 Vibration Decibels, Vdb.

It is considered ideal for a congested city like Mumbai where there are many heritage structures, old buildings, hospitals, schools, colleges, studios and densely populated residential colonies, which can get affected by vibrations. Mr Gupta said, a total of two machines with their state-of-the-art technology will together produce 12,000 of such sleeper blocks at the MMRCL's facility set up in Wadala.

For the Mumbai Metro Line-3, there will be a need for around 2,01,600 sleeper blocks to be laid on the entire 33.50-kilometre long underground corridor. ([Read more](#))



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18. Hints to Remember

Who: Embassy Group

What: renews its MoU with the Government of Karnataka Department of Education to provide educational and infrastructural support to Government Schools

When: published on 11th November 2020

Embassy Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Karnataka, Department of Education for the all-around improvement of Government Schools in Bangalore. The scope of the MoU is to provide educational resources, infrastructural support and a holistic health programs for 20 Government Schools at a budget of Rs. 15 Crores.

The MoU will be signed for a period of two years, starting from October 2020 to September 2022, renewing the previous MoU, which was signed on November 2018.

Speaking on the renewal of the partnership, Sri S. R. Umashankar, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Primary & Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, said "It is extremely heartening to see corporates such as Embassy Group providing a model for partnering with the Government in providing equitable education to our underprivileged children. We are very pleased to renew this meaningful partnership to strengthen our existing education system, and hope such initiatives encourage other corporates to join us." ([Read more](#))



19. Hints to Remember

Who: Mizoram

What: received a special award

When: published on 12th November 2020

Maharashtra was adjudged the second-best state in water conservation effort by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, at the 2019 National Water Awards on Wednesday. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, who attended the event virtually, gave away the awards.

Tamil Nadu was the top state in overall water conservation efforts, whereas Rajasthan settled for third position. In the same category, Mizoram received a special award.

Naidu said, "Schools, colleges, universities, communities and NGOs must actively take part in water conservation. It can be achieved through people's participation along with all stakeholders." ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: K S Subramanian

What: has bagged the Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award

When: published on 11th November 2020

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University's Director of Research and NABARD Chair, K S Subramanian has bagged the Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award. The award pertains to his outstanding contribution in the field of nano-fertilizers and its role in improved use efficiency while ensuring environmental safety.

The award carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh and a Gold medal. Subramanian is to receive the award next month.

The research director, who incidentally is also the founder Head of the Department of Nano Science & Technology has worked on design and fabrication of nano-agri inputs, nano-preservation of fruits, nano-sensors besides biosafety of nano-products. He has helped ICAR develop a research framework for nanotechnology, obtained research grants of more than ₹25 crore through International and National funding agencies. ([Read more](#))





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