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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

November GA Quiz 18

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

1. Lonar Lake and Sur Sarovar (Keetham Lake) were added to the 'Ramsar Sites' in November **2020** located? These two lakes are located in which states respectively?

- A. Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
- C. Tamil Nadu, Kerala
- D. Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh
- E. None of these

wetlands, the highest in South Asia, with two more added to the list of 2. India has recognised sites of international importance under the treaty of Ramsar Convention. C. 41 A. 35 B. 31 D. 50 E. None of these 3. The 2020 National Press Day was celebrated on which of the following dates? A. November 14 B. November 15 C. November 16 D. November 17 E. None of these 4. Which campaign was launched by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) to reduce childhood pneumonia deaths to less than 3 deaths per a 1000 live births by 2025? C. SAANS A. HAWA B. AIR E. None of these D. PRAAN 5. The central government has disbursed more than Rs 42,700 crore to ______ retired defence personnel under the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme A. 20.6 lakh B. 21.6 lakh C. 22.6 lakh E. None of these D. 23.6 lakh 6. Which of the following bank has recently partnered with Fintech PayNearby to launch a neo banking platform in India? A. HDFC Bank B. IDFC Bank C. HSBC Bank

7.	Stashfin has partnered w	ith	to launch co-branded prepaid cards with credit lines?
A	. MasterCard	B. American Express	C. Visa
D	. RuPay	E. None of these	



8. Who among the followin	g has recently won the Interr	national Children's Peace Prize 2020?											
A. Greta Thunberg	B. Aava Murto	C. Khusi Chindaliya											
D. Sadat Rahman	E. None of these												
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9. Name the person who has been awarded "Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020".													
A. Dr Susanta Kar	B. Shyam Prasad Gupta	C. Rahul Tiwari											
D. Manisha Gupta	E. None of these												
10. How many countries have signed the World's largest regional free-trade agreement "Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership – RCEP" on the sidelines of the 37th ASEAN virtual Summit hosted by Vietnam?													
A. 14	B. 15	C. 13											
D. 16	E. None of these												
11. External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar has represented India at the 15th East Asia Summit (EAS) held virtually. The Prime Minister of which country has chaired the summit?A. ThailandB. SingaporeC. Philippines													
D. Vietnam	E. Vietnam												
12. Which of the following countries has recently chaired the 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Ministerial Meeting Virtually?													
A. China	B. India	C. Brazil											
D. Russia	E. None of these	C. Brazil											
13. How many new species of vine snakes has been discovered from Western Ghat and lower, drier part of peninsular India by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Researchers?													
A. 2	B. 4	C. 5											
D. 3	E. None of these												
		s to the International Space Station on the first											
full-fledged taxi flight for N	ASA by a private company?												
A. 5	B. 4	C. 3											
D. 7	E. None of these												
15. Who among the follov Intercity Istanbul Park, Turl		ormula 1 DHL Turkish Grand Prix 2020 held at											
A. Lewis Hamilton	B. Michael Schumacher	C. Valtteri Bottas											
D. Charles Leclerc	E. None of these												
16. The 2020 World Day of following dates?	Remembrance for Road Traf	fic Victims (WDoR) was observed on which of the											
A. November 14	B. November 15	C. November 16											
D. November 13	E. None of these												



17. The 2020 International Day for Tolerance was observed on which of the following dates?

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- D. November 13 E. None of these

18. Which state's tourism was bestowed the coveted 'Highly Commended' Award by World Travel Mart London, as a recognition for its remarkable activities aimed at promoting Responsible Tourism (RT) during the challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic?

C. November 16

C. Chhattisgarh

C. Puducherry

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

19. Which of the following states has recently observed the "Tribal Pride Day" on 15th November 2020?

A. BiharB. JharkhandD. Madhya PradeshE. None of these

20. Which of the following UTs has recently launched Free Breakfast Scheme for Government School Students named after Dr Karunanidhi?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir B. Delhi
- D. Chandigarh
- 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
D	С	С	С	А	Е	С	D	А	В	D	D	С	В	А	В	С	С	D	С

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Lonar Lake, Sur Sarovar

What: declared as Ramsar sites

When: published on 17th November 2020

India has 41 wetlands, the highest in South Asia, with two more added to the list of recognised sites of international importance under the treaty of Ramsar Convention.

The Lonar lake in Maharashtra and Sur Sarovar, also known as Keetham lake, in Agra, have been added to the list of recognised Ramsar sites.

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat is a treaty for conservation and sustainable use of such sites. It is named after Ramsar, the Iranian city where the treaty was signed in 1971, and places chosen for conservation under it are given the tag 'Ramsar site'.(Read more)

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2. Hints to Remember

Who: 2 More Wetlands in India

What: Added to List of Recognised Sites Under Ramsar Convention

When: published on 15th November 2020

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3. Hints to Remember

Who: 2020 National Press Day

What: was observed on 16th November 2020

National Press Day is observed on 16th November every year to celebrate free and responsible press in India. On this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not constrained by any influence or threats. It also commemorates the day when the Press Council of India started functioning.

In 1956, the First Press Commission was planned to form a Press Council to protect freedom of the press in India. On 4 July 1966, the Press Council was established in India. It came into effect from 16 November 1966. Therefore, 16 November is celebrated as National Press Day every year.

The Press Council of India was formed in 1966 under the Press Council Act of 1978. It exercises authority even over the instruments of the state in its duty to safeguard the independence of the press. It ensures that the Indian press is not affected by any external matter. (Read more)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: MoHFW

What: launches three-month scheme to reduce childhood pneumonia deaths

When: published on 13th November 2020

A three-month campaign to focus on awareness generation and early intervention with regard to childhood pneumonia, enabling caregivers across the country to identify critical symptoms at earlier stages and trigger prompt care-seeking with qualified providers, was launched by the Union Ministry of Family Welfare (MoHFW) on Thursday.

The initiative targets to reduce less than five pneumonia deaths, per a 1000 live births, to less than three deaths by 2025 through the accelerated SAANS (Social Action and Awareness to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) initiative.

Launched last year, the SAANS campaign complements the national childhood pneumonia management guidelines through a three-pronged approach to protect, prevent and treat pneumonia among children. Save the Children, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) have also partnered with the MoHFW in order to accentuate efforts to alleviate the burden of pneumonia on the country.(Read more)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: disbursed over Rs 42,700 crore to 20.6 lakh ex-servicemen under OROP in 5 years



When: published on 8th November 2020

The central government has disbursed more than Rs 42,700 crore to 20.6 lakh retired defence personnel under the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme, which was notified five years ago, the Defence Ministry said on Friday.

Under the OROP scheme, uniform pension is paid to defence personnel who retire in the same rank with the same length of service, irrespective of their date of retirement.

On November 7, 2015, the government issued an order notifying the OROP scheme and had stated that it would be effective from July 1, 2014.

"The yearly recurring expenditure on account of OROP is about Rs 7,123 crore and for about six years, starting from July 1, 2014, the total recurring expenditure worked out to approximately Rs 42,740 crore," the Defence Ministry said in a statement on Friday.(Read more)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: SBM Bank India

What: set to launch a neo banking platform

When: published on 13th November 2020

SBM Bank India, the wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius has partnered with Fintech PayNearby to launch a neo banking platform. Both firms signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to build an "open banking" network towards delivering basic banking solutions as well as advanced financial services, to their customers.

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The partnership would enable the Bank to offer a complete suite of digital and assisted banking solutions through PayNearby's network of micro-enterprise and retail touchpoints. The deployment of the banking module will be done in a phased manner and will work seamlessly with the existing platforms at PayNearby outlets and touchpoints. SBM Bank India was the first foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Wholly Owned Subsidiary in January 2019.

7. Hints to Remember

Who: StashFin

What: Partners With Visa To Launch Co-branded Prepaid Cards With Credit Lines

When: published on 17th November 2020

Singapore-based neobanking startup StashFin announced to have partnered with Visa with an aim to launch co-branded prepaid cards with credit lines and expand its digital banking footprint in existing and new geographies.

Founded in 2016, the StashFin Credit Line prepaid card powered by Visa claims to be a defined resolution for salaried and self-employed professionals.

"We are sitting on a unique opportunity to enable millions of consumers to get closer to their dreams and improve financial inclusion. South Asia is on the cusp of a financial revolution. Our mission is to fuel the aspirations of customers through frictionless banking services with the help of technology. This business partnership and co-branding of StashFin with Visa will pave the way for phenomenal business growth and increase our imprint across India and South Asia," said StashFin chief executive officer Tushar Aggarwal.(Read more)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Sadat Rahman

What: wins International Children's Peace Prize 2020

When: published on 16th November 2020

Bangladesh has got a recipient of a globally famed award considered children's Nobel Prize. The award is the International Children's Peace Prize and this year's winner is Sadat Rahman, a 17-year-old 12th grade arts student of Abdul Hai City College in Narail District under Khulna Division. If the pedigrees of previous winners such as MalalaYousafzai and Greta Thunberg are taken into account, the significance of Sadat's win of the prize dawns on those who are not adequately familiar with this annual prize. Here is an award that recognises extraordinary achievement by teenagers up to 18 years old in promoting child rights. Sadat had to compete with 142 contenders of his generation from 42 countries before being crowned with the laurel. The Netherlands-based Kids Rights Foundation finalised his ultimate selection. A proud winner of the coveted award, the college student has also made the country proud and earned a niche for the country in the world map.(Read more)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Susanta Kar

What: Honoured with Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award-2020

When: published on 17th November 2020

Dr Susanta Kar, Senior Scientist, Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- Central Drug Research Institute (CSIR-CDRI) was honoured with "Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award 2020" by Society of Biological Chemists (India), Bengaluru. The award is given to him for his contribution towards defining the survival tactics of Leishmania Donovani. (Read more)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: China and 14 other countries

What: agree to set up world's largest trading bloc

When: published on 15th November 2020

China and 14 other countries agreed Sunday to set up the world's largest trading bloc, encompassing nearly a third of all economic activity, in a deal many in Asia are hoping will help hasten a recovery from the shocks of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, or RCEP, was signed virtually on Sunday on the sidelines of the annual summit of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations.(Read more)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: East Asia Summit: India

What: talks about need for respecting territorial integrity, sovereignty

When: published on 15th November 2020

In an oblique message to China, India on Saturday expressed concern over "actions and incidents" that "erode" trust in the South China Sea, and underlined the importance of adhering to international law, respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty. In an address at the 15th East Asia Summit (EAS), External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also talked about the Indo-Pacific and noted the growing interest in the region as an integrated and organic maritime space with 10-nation ASEAN at its centre.

The external affairs minister, referring to recent announcement of policies by several countries for the Indo-Pacific region, said that harmonising various perspectives would never be a challenge if there is commitment to international cooperation. The summit, held in the virtual format, was chaired by Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his capacity as chair of the ASEAN and all the EAS member nations attended it. India is generally represented at the summit by the prime minister. (Read more)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia

What: Chaired the 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Ministerial Meeting Virtually

When: published on 16th November 2020

The 8th Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Ministerial Meeting was organized on November 13th, 2020. Russia chaired the meeting where cooperation in science and technology among the member nations was discussed. The STI meeting was done virtually via video conference due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union



Minister of Science and Technology, Earth sciences, Health and family welfare represented India in the meeting.

The BRICS Science Technology and Innovation Ministerial (STI) meeting affirmed the commitment of the member countries to ensure development and innovation in technology for the welfare of the citizens of the BRICS nations.

The BRICS STI Calendar Of Activities 2020-21 was also adopted unanimously in the meeting.

The BRICS STI Overview, a booklet has also been released to highlight the achievements of the BRICS cooperation in STI since 2015.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan highlighted the coronavirus pandemic and reiterated multilateral cooperation as the key to successfully solve global challenges.

He also pointed out India's integrated response to the pandemic through therapeutic and traditional knowledge along with the development of vaccines.

The 8th STI Ministerial Meeting and 12th BRICS Summit are scheduled to be chaired by Russia.

The 9th STI Ministerial Meeting and the 13th BRICS summit has been offered to be chaired and hosted by India in 2021.

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13. Hints to Remember

Who: Bengaluru: IISc researchers

What: discover 5 new species of vine snakes he Question Bank

When: published on 15th November 2020

A team of researchers from the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES) at Indian Institute of Science (IISc) found five new species of Asian vine snakes.

According to IISc, vine snakes are among the most common snakes in peninsular India, found even in many peri-urban areas wherever there is some greenery.

The new research shows this species actually comprises several different species and based on extensive sampling across peninsular India, the IISc team has now described several new varieties of vine snakes from the region. (Read more)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: SpaceX

What: Launches Four Astronauts To The International Space Station

When: published on 15th November 2020



SpaceX launched four astronauts to the International Space Station on Sunday on the first full-fledged taxi flight for NASA by a private company.

The Falcon rocket thundered into the night from Kennedy Space Center with three Americans and one Japanese, the second crew to be launched by SpaceX. The Dragon capsule on top — named Resilience by its crew in light of this year's many challenges, most notably COVID-19 — reached orbit nine minutes later. It is due to reach the space station late Monday and remain there until spring.(Read more)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: British driver Hamilton

What: wins 7th Formula 1 title

When: published on 15th November 2020

Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton secured the 2020 Formula 1 title in the Turkish Grand Prix with a first-place finish at Intercity Istanbul Park on Sunday.

Having sealed the seventh F1 title in Istanbul, British driver Lewis Hamilton finished the 58-lap race at 1:42:19, equaling F1 legend Michael Schumacher's record by winning the seventh Formula 1 title.

Mexico's Sergio Perez was the runner up -- 31.633 seconds behind him-- while German driver Sebastian Vettel finished in third with 31.960 seconds behind Hamilton.

Having started the race in the pole position, Racing Point's Lance Stroll came ninth. (Read more)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2020

What: was observed on 15th November

United Nations (UN)'s World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims(WDoR) is annually observed across the globe on the third Sunday of November. The day provides an opportunity to remember the victims who were killed or injured in road accidents.

The day aims to spread awareness for the global efforts to reduce the casualties of road accidents.

The WDoR 2020 falls on 15th November 2020.

According to the World Health Organisation(WHO)'s regional office for Europe the theme of the 2020 WDoR is "First Responders", with a focus to recognise the men and women who rescue and support the victims of road trauma.(Read more)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: 2020 International Day for Tolerance

What: was observed on 16th November 2020

"Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human." UNESCO's 1995 Declaration of Principles on Tolerance.

In 1996, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 51/95(link is external) proclaiming 16 November as International Day for Tolerance.

This action followed the adoption of a Declaration of Principles on Tolerance by UNESCO's Member States on 16 November 1995. Among other things, the Declaration affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. Tolerance recognizes the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe.(Read more)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Kerala Tourism

What: wins award for exemplary activities during Covid- 19

When: published on 6th November 2020

Kerala Tourism has been bestowed the coveted 'Highly Commended' Award by World Travel Mart London, as a recognition for its remarkable activities aimed at promoting Responsible Tourism (RT) during the challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic.

Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission received this recognition in the category of 'Meaningful Connections.'

The RT Mission received the award for its innovative work on 'Wok at Home Videos' and storytelling audio and video series produced and presented by various Mission units in the state during the pandemic that has posed multiple challenges to the tourism sector, an official statement said here on Friday.

The Work at Home Videos have been developed by RT Mission entrepreneurs with a message to stay home safely during the lockdown but not to despair and to adopt measures to effectively prevent the spread of the COVID-19.(Read more)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Martyr Birsa Munda's birth anniversary

What: will be celebrated as "Tribal Pride Day"



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When: published on 15th November 2020

Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has taken the decision to celebrate the birth anniversary of Martyr Birsa Munda as "Tribal Pride Day" in the state. "Tribal Pride Day" will be celebrated on Sunday, November 15th at all district headquarters including Bhopal. Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be the chief guest of the programme to be organized on the birth anniversary of Martyr Birsa Munda in the Tribal Museum of Bhopal at 4 pm.

The event which is to be organized under the joint aegis of the Department of Culture and the Tribal Welfare Department, will have special programmes to pay tribute to the tribal heroes and remember their contribution. Programmes will be organized on November 15th in the district headquarters of the state on the birth anniversary of Martyr Birsa Munda. The state government has decided to offer floral tributes on Martyrs Day and the public will be made aware of their valour. In this connection, all the divisional commissioners and district collectors have been instructed to organize a programme in all the district headquarters on November 15 and garland the statue / photograph of martyr Birsa Munda and apprise the public with their valour. Besides, special programmes should also be organized in the honour of the tribal freedom struggle fighters. (Read more)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Puducherry

What: launches Free Breakfast Scheme for Government School Students named after Dr Karunanidhi

When: published on 13th November 2020

The Puducherry government has rolled out a free breakfast scheme for school students named after the late DMK President M Karunanidhi, saying it was a "fitting tribute" to his efforts to ensure States' rights. Chief Minister V Narayanasamy said the Constitution would never allow the Centre to intervene in the administration of opposition-ruled States through those appointed to the gubernatorial post.

Mr Narayansamy said that the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M Karunanidhi was keenly interested in the development of the Union Territory and more particularly the downtrodden and marginalised sections.

"He had been a champion of the concept of coalition rule at the Centre and autonomous rule at the state level," the chief minister, who presided over the event, said.

Senior DMK leader and Rajya Sabha member from Tamil Nadu, RS Bharathi, formally inaugurated the "Dr Kalaignar Mu Karunanidhi Kaalai Sitrundi Thittam" (Dr Kalaignar M Karunanidhi breakfast scheme) that is expected to benefit about 80,000 students in 419 government and aided institutions.

To start with, the scheme will cover about 106 schools since not all of them are open owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only students from Classes 11 to 12 are allowed to visit the institutions and that too for clarification and guidance.



Mr Narayansamy said Mr Karunanidhi had even questioned the relevance of Governors for states, adding the territorial government named the free breakfast scheme after the late DMK veteran as a "fitting tribute" to his sustained support for the rights of the States.

The people of Puducherry would never forget Mr Karunanidhi's support and cooperation to the union territory for its rights in Cauvery river water sharing and also to address several of its issues, he added.





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