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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 29

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

**1. Which of the following dictionaries has recently named 'quarantine' as the Word of the Year 2020?**

- A. Webster's Dictionary      B. Cambridge Dictionary      C. Collins Dictionary  
D. Oxford Dictionary      E. None of these

**2. Achyuta Samanta has been elected as the president of which of the following organizations?**

- A. Volleyball Federation of India  
B. Badminton Association of India  
C. All India Tennis Association  
D. Judo Federation of India  
E. None of these

**3. The United Nations humanitarian chief has released \_\_\_\_\_ US dollars from its emergency fund to support women-led organisations that prevent and respond to gender-based violence.**

- A. \$15 million      B. \$20 million      C. \$25 million  
D. \$10 million      E. None of these

**4. Canara Bank, Axis Bank, Indian Bank and \_\_\_\_\_ have acquired 6.67 per cent stake each in financial technology firm IBBIC.**

- A. Kotak Mahindra Bank      B. HDFC Bank      C. Federal Bank  
D. South Indian Bank      E. None of these

**5. In which state, 23 rare medicinal plants have been listed as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list?**

- A. Madhya Pradesh      B. Andhra Pradesh      C. Karnataka  
D. Chhattisgarh      E. None of these

**6. Which of the following state governments has recently launched a Whatsapp helpline 7875756177 for women in distress in the state?**

- A. Goa      B. Karnataka      C. Telangana  
D. Odisha      E. None of these

**7. The book titled "The Battle of Belonging" was in news recently. Who among the following is the author of the book?**

- A. Salman Rushdie      B. Shashi Tharoor      C. Aravind Adiga  
D. Vikram Seth      E. None of these



**8. Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry has restored the government recognition to which sports association as a Nation Sports Federation for promotion and regulation of sport in the country?**

- A. Fencing Association of India
- B. Cycling Federation of India
- C. Volleyball Federation of India
- D. Archery Association of India
- E. None of these

**9. Which of the following ministries has recently launched the Sahakar Pragya programme to impart training in the country to the related societies?**

- A. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Ayush
- D. Ministry of Agriculture
- E. None of these

**10. ESI Corporation (ESIC) has recently announced the extension of the "Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana" (ABVKY) up to which date?**

- A. March 31, 2021
- B. June 30, 2021
- C. December 31, 2021
- D. April 30, 2021
- E. None of these

**11. Who among the following is the author of the book on the life and ideals of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and first of its 10 gurus released by PM Narendra Modi?**

- A. Kirpal Singh
- B. Raghuveer Singh
- C. Arshpreet Singh
- D. Balwant Singh
- E. None of these

**12. Name the person who was the Vice president of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, passed away recently.**

- A. Maulana Badruddin Ajmal
- B. Maulana Wali Rahmani
- C. Maulana Mufti Anas
- D. Maulana Kalbe Sadiq
- E. None of these

**13. Which state government signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) for proposed participation to achieve food and nutritional security goals?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat
- E. None of these

**14. What is the rank of India in the international rankings released by FIFA for November 2020?**

- A. 103
- B. 104
- C. 106
- D. 105
- E. None of these

**15. Which of the following UTs has got the largest solar power project setup under the Centre's 'Make In India' initiative at Leh IAF station to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel and traditional methods of energy generation?**

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Puducherry
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Ladakh
- E. None of these



**16. Name the Father of Indian software industry and the first CEO of Tata Consultancy Services, passed away recentl.**

- A. Subramaniam Ramadorai    B. Faquir Chand Kohli    C. Cyrus Mistry  
D. Natarajan Chandrasekaran    E. None of these

**17. James Wolfensohn was the former president of the World Bank, passed away recently. He hailed from which country?**

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

**18. Who among the following has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army?**

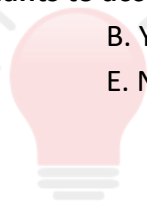
- A. S K Shrivastava    B. Harpal Singh    C. Junedra Nagpal  
D. Siddhartha Chatterjee    E. None of these

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- A. Russia    B. China    C. France  
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- A. Axis Bank    B. Yes Bank    C. HDFC Bank  
D. IndusInd Bank    E. None of these



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**Correct answer:**

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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** 'Quarantine'

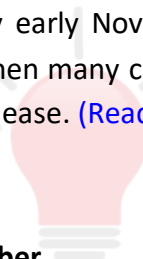
**What:** named Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2020

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Cambridge Dictionary has named 'quarantine' as Word of the Year 2020.

The word has been named the word of the year based on data that showed that it was one of the most highly searched words on the Cambridge Dictionary this year.

"Quarantine was the only word to rank in the top five for both search spikes and overall views (more than 183,000 by early November), with the largest spike in searches (28,545) seen in the week of March 18-24, when many countries around the world went into lockdown as a result of Covid-19," as per an official release. ([Read more](#))



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**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Achyuta Samanta

**What:** elected President of Volleyball Federation of India

**When:** published on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, MP Kandhamal and Founder, KIIT and KISS has been elected unopposed as the President of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI). He is the first person from Odisha to be elected for this highest and prestigious post. With this, Prof. Samanta has become entitled to be the member of the Olympics Association of India.

It is not only a great honour for the Odisha Volleyball Association, but also a matter of pride for Odisha. The Odisha Volleyball Association congratulated Prof. Samanta on his achievement and expressed good wishes for his future endeavours. ([Read more](#))

**3. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** UN



**What:** release \$25 mn for women-led projects fighting gender-based violence

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The United Nations humanitarian chief has released 25 million US dollars from its emergency fund to support women-led organisations that prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

The funding has gone to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women that have been asked to channel at least 30 per cent of it to organisations run by women that prevent violence against women and girls, and help victims and survivors with access to medical care, family planning, legal advice, safe spaces, mental health services and counselling, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in a press release on Wednesday. ([Read more](#))

#### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Indian Bank, Canara, Axis, South Indian Bank

**What:** buy equal stakes in fintech firm IBBIC

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Canara Bank, Axis Bank, Indian Bank and South Indian Bank on Friday said they have acquired 6.67 per cent stake each in financial technology firm IBBIC.

IBBIC Private Limited is proposed to be incorporated as a financial technology company with an objective of providing a platform for exploring, building and implementing Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) solutions for the Indian financial services sector, the banks said in separate filings to exchanges.

The company name is subject to approval of the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai, they added.

All these banks have acquired 6.67 per cent stake each (representing 50,000 equity shares) in IBBIC for a cash consideration of Rs 5 lakh. ([Read more](#))

#### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 23 Medicinal Plants Of Karnataka

**What:** On IUCN's Endangered List

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Around 23 rare medicinal plants in various forests of Karnataka are on the verge of extinction and listed as 'endangered' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list.

The Karnataka Biodiversity Board and National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) conducted study has revealed that medicinal plants like sandalwood, wild clove, red sanders, wild Jamun, wild cinnamon



and other species endemic to the Western Ghats have turned endangered on the IUCN list, reported Deccan Herald.

The study spanning for five years by forest officials, botanists and field experts helped document more than 4,800 flowering plant species in various circles of the forests. Out of these, 60 rare species are medicinally prominent, including the 23 endangered species. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Goa CM Pramod Sawant

**What:** launches WhatsApp helpline for women in distress

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Monday launched a Whatsapp helpline for women in distress in the state here at Police Headquarters, Panaji.

Speaking on the occasion congratulated Goa Police for commencing the Whatsapp helpline facility and said that this is an additional measure of safety for women in distress.

He also insisted to circulate the helpline number to women at a larger scale through media, social media, railways stations, airport and other concerned government institutions so that helpline facility reaches women who are looking for help. Women helpline aims to provide all-time security and comfort for the womenfolk and achieve zero crime against women in the state. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 'The Battle of Belonging' review: 'Idea of India' in peril

**When:** published on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Shashi Tharoor's The Battle of Belonging is a passionate defence of civic nationalism. He laments that, although enshrined in the Indian Constitution, this ideal is now under threat from an alternative vision of majoritarian nationalism that excludes certain categories of citizens and simultaneously attempts to impose uniformity on the "majority". ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

**What:** restores recognition of Archery Association of India

**When:** Published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020





Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has restored the government recognition to Archery Association of India as a National Sports Federation for promotion and regulation of Archery Sport in the country. The Government recognition of AAI was withdrawn eight years back on account of failure to conduct its elections in accordance with the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (Sports Code). Government recognition of AAI will be valid for one year.

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs and President of Archery Association of India Shri Arjun Munda welcomed the decision of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Shri Arjun Munda said that I am thankful to the Ministry for revoking the suspension of Archery Association of India imposed on 7th December, 2012. Terming the move as 'historic and Golden day', Shri Munda said it heralds the beginning of a new era for Indian Archery. It will be a great source of encouragement for Indian team to perform better at this crucial juncture when, they are preparing to face the toughest challenge from the top Archers of the world in Tokyo-Olympics, President added. While conveying his heartiest congratulation to all the Archers, Coaches and the entire Archery family, Shri Munda stated that the recognition is the result of long struggle and court battles. The AAI is determined to take Archery in India to the new heights. AAI will work closely with Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports for the benefit of sport of Archery and for the sportspersons to uphold the highest standard of probity and ethic in future, President added. ([Read more](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar

**What:** Unveils Sahakar Pragya Initiative Launched By NCDC

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Union minister for agriculture and farmers welfare Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday unveiled the Sahakar Pragya initiative launched by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). As part of the initiative, 18 regional training centres and 45 training modules for primary cooperatives were launched.

The NCDC will run these training centres across the country, along with the Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC).

The training modules aim to impart knowledge and organisational skills and attempt to prepare the primary cooperative societies across the country to be able to play a big role in the government's AtmaNirbhar Bharat initiative.

Speaking at the event, Tomar lauded NCDC's efforts and advised officials to empower farmers in primary cooperative societies through dedicated and innovative training programmes.

Ever since being set up in 1985, LINAC, has trained more than 30,000 people from cooperative societies. NCDC managing director Sundeep K Nayak said LINAC has chalked out a plan to train about 5,000 farmers in cooperative societies in a year's time. The 45 dedicated training modules would equip the cooperative societies to run their affairs in professional business terms of market economy, Nayak added. ([Read more](#))





## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ESIC

**What:** extends ABVKY scheme up to June 2021

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

ESI Corporation (ESIC) has announced the extension of the “Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana” (ABVKY) by another one year up to June 30, 2021 and relaxed the eligibility conditions for the period between March 24, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

The Corporation had earlier introduced (on a pilot basis) a new cash benefit under ABVKY – effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020, to provide cash compensation to insured persons rendered jobless. This has been extended up to end-June next year.

Highlighting the relaxed (eligibility) conditions, the corporation in a notification said that the insured person should have been in employment for a minimum of two years before his/ her unemployment, and should have contributed for not less than 78 days in the contribution period immediately preceding to unemployment and minimum of 78 days in one of the three contribution periods in two years before losing the job. It has enhanced the unemployment relief up to 50 per cent of the average per day earning during the previous four contribution periods subject to a maximum 90 days of unemployment, the claim is payable for the full month of unemployment. The claim can be made 30 days from the date of losing the job.

The insured person can scan and upload the documents (AB1 Claim Form, Aadhaar, bank account details etc. ) online or submit a hard copy duly signed at the concerned ESIC branch office.

The original eligibility conditions of the ABVKY scheme would, however, hold good for those rendered unemployed on or before March 23, 2020 and on or after January 1, 2021.

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Modi

**What:** Releases Book On Life And Ideals Of Guru Nanak Dev

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday released a book on the life and ideals of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and first of its ten gurus. In a tweet, PM Modi posted a picture of him releasing the book and noted that the book has been penned by Kirpal Singh, who is based in Chandigarh.

"Released a book on the life and ideals of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The book has been penned by Kirpal Singh Ji, who is based in Chandigarh," the PM tweeted. ([Read more](#))



## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** AIMPLB vice-president Kalbe Sadiq

**What:** dies at 82

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) vice-president and prominent Shia cleric Maulana Kalbe Sadiq died on Tuesday. He was 82.

In a statement, the state government said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed condolences to Sadiq's family. "He wished that his soul rests in peace and expressed condolences to the grieving family," it said.

The cleric's son, Kalbe Sibtain Noori, told The Indian Express that Sadiq breathed his last in ERA's Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, where he was admitted on November 16. He was being treated in the hospital ICU for severe pneumonia, urinary tract infection, and septic shock. He was on assisted ventilation and vasopressor support. ([Read more](#))

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Letter of Understanding

**What:** signed between Rajasthan, UN World Food Programme

**When:** published on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

A Letter of Understanding (LoU) has been signed between the Rajasthan government and United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) for proposed participation to achieve food and nutritional security goals.

The state government's Civil Supplies Department had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UN on October 29 this year to achieve sustainable goal development.

On the basis of the signed MoU, WFP authorities have signed the LoU with various government departments to develop partnership with them, an official statement said. ([Read more](#))

## 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** FIFA Rankings: India

**What:** rise four spots to 104

**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Indian national team have moved up a spot to 104 in the latest FIFA Rankings, released on Friday.



Igor Stimac's men were ranked 108th in the October 2020 rankings. In two months, India have climbed 5 spots after being 109th in September. India have had no international action for almost a year now.

The Blue Tigers were to host Qatar in March 2020 before embarking on trips to Bangladesh and Afghanistan as part of their 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup joint qualification matches from Group E. However, amid the Coronavirus pandemic the fixtures, after initially being postponed to October, now are set to take place in March and June 2021. ([Read more](#))

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Ladakh

**What:** gets largest solar project at Leh Indian Air Force station

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Union Territory of Ladakh has got the largest solar power project setup under the Centre's 'Make In India' initiative at Leh IAF station to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel and traditional methods of energy generation. The project namely 'Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW' has been completed within 12 months well before the completion deadline of March 31, 2021, a defence spokesman said.

"The largest solar project at a high altitude in the entire Leh in the Union Territory of Ladakh has been established at IAF Station Leh," he said.

The spokesman said the project was conceptualised under Make In India, and executed to provide sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuel and traditional methods.

It is the largest installed solar project till date out of the target of 300 MW in three phases for defence sectors and 14 MW for Leh region as set by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. ([Read more](#))

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** TCS founder Faqir Chand Kohli

**What:** passes away at 96

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Father of Indian software industry and the first CEO of Tata Consultancy Services, Faqir Chand Kohli, passed away on Thursday. He was 96 years old, TCS confirmed.

In 2002 Kohli was awarded the Padma Bhushan for his contribution to the Indian software industry. He was the pioneer of the country's 'Technology Revolution' and helped India country build its \$100 billion IT industry.



Born on March 19, 1924 in Peshwar, he did his BA and B. SC from the Government College for Men in Lahore under Punjab University. Later he went to Queen's University in Canada and completed B. Sc (Hons) in Electrical Engineering in 1948. He also did his MS in Mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1950.

Kohli returned to India in 1951 and joined Tata Electric Companies and rose to become its Director in 1970. During this tenure he was responsible for the use of digital computers for power system design and control. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Former World Bank president James Wolfensohn

**What:** passes away

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

James Wolfensohn, an investment banker who helped straighten out the finances of major American cultural institutions and served as president of the World Bank, died Wednesday at the age of 86.

World Bank Group President David Malpas paid tribute, saying that Wolfensohn "sharpened its focus on poverty reduction and redoubled its efforts to combat corruption, give voice to the poor, and magnify the impact of development investments. "

"Jim transformed the World Bank Group, increasing decentralization, advancing the Bank technologically, and making the organization more open and transparent," Malpas said.

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva hailed Wolfensohn's "lifelong commitment. . . to fight poverty with passion and professionalism. " ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Lt Gen Harpal Singh

**What:** appointed new Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Lt Gen Harpal Singh has been appointed as the new Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army. He is presently the Director-General of Border Roads Organisation and would take over his new appointment on December 1.

Lt Gen Harpal Singh, an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers on 24 December 1982.

He later commanded a Border Roads Task Force in Jammu and Kashmir valley. He has also been the Chief Engineer of Project Dantak (BRO) at Bhutan, Chief Engineer (Navy), Mumbai and Chief Engineer HQ Eastern Command.



Lt Gen Harpal Singh is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, the Higher Command and National Defence College courses. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Russia

**What:** test-launches Tsirkon hypersonic missile in the Arctic

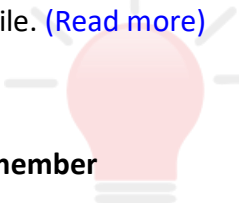
**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Russia successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile in the Arctic, the country's Defence Ministry has announced.

On Thursday, the frigate Admiral Gorshkov in the White Sea fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile, hitting a naval target 450 km away in the Barents Sea at a speed of over Mach 8, Xinhua news agency quoted the Ministry as saying.

In early January, the same frigate test-fired a Tsirkon missile for the first time, striking a ground target over 500 km away.

Last month, the warship deployed in the White Sea destroyed a naval target in the Barents Sea with a Tsirkon missile. ([Read more](#))



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## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** YES Bank

**What:** launches SMS Pay functionality through POS Terminals

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Private lender YES Bank launched an SMS Pay functionality on POS terminals, which enables merchants to accept contactless payments from customers. The lender said the facility was launched in collaboration with French payment services company Worldline, adding that the facility would allow merchants to accept remote payments on POS terminals and thus allow customers to transact safely and remotely.

YES Bank in a statement said local merchants & department stores could request payments from their customers by entering their contact details in the POS terminal following which an SMS would be triggered with a generated link, that would be used to pay through domestic debit and credit cards. ([Read more](#))





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