



# Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS PO Pre, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, RBI Assistant, SBI PO Pre and SBI Clerk Exams

#### October GA Quiz 12

Directions: Study the	following questions careful	lly and answers the questions given below:

1. World Day Against the Death Penalty 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

A. October 11 B. October 10 C. October 9

D. October 8 E. None of these

2. Which of the following banks has recently partnered with Apollo Hospitals for holistic healthcare solution?

A. ICICI Bank B. Yes Bank C. EXIM Bank

D. HDFC Bank E. None of these

3. Which state's CM has launched Kisan Rath Mobile App to facilitate sale of agriculture products?

A. Tripura B. Manipur C. Mizoram

D. Assam E. None of these

4. Who among the following has become the first writer to win the BBC National Short Story Award for the second time?

A. James Tiptree B. Simon Webb

C. Sarah Hall

D. Peter Torberg E. None of these

5. Who among the following has stepped down as president of Walt Disney Company India?

A. Sunil Bharti Mittal B. Uday Shankar C. Nandan Nilekani

D. Sanjiv Singh E. None of these

6. Name the person who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL).

A. Manoj Kumar B. Rajendra Kumar C. Sudhir Kumar

D. Dev Kumar E. None of these

7. Which of the following companies is to acquire Blue Acorn iCi for up to USD 125 million?

A. TCS B. Wipro C. HCL

D. Infosys E. None of these

8. Which organization has launched 'Project RED' to improve efficiencies?

A. State Bank of India B. Punjab National Bank Housing Finance

C. LIC Housing Finance D. ICICI Bank E. None of these

9. 16 year old Aava Murto has recently become the Prime Minister of which country for 1 day?

A. Ireland B. Scotland C. Finland

D. England	E. None of these		
10	has launched an indigend	ous variety of calcium nitrate and boronated	l calcium
nitrate.			
A. Gujarat State Fertili	zers and Chemicals India Ltd		
B. Rajasthan State Fer	tilizers and Chemicals India Ltd		
C. Goa State Fertilizers	s and Chemicals India Ltd		
D. Maharashtra State	Fertilizers and Chemicals India	Ltd	
E. None of these			
11. Which of the follo	wing state governments has t	tied up with India Post to get 11,000 farmers	enrolled
in the Pradhan Mantr	i Kisan Sanman Nidhi scheme?	•	
A. Gujarat	B. Goa	C. Rajasthan	
D. Punjab	E. None of these		
12. World Migratory I	Bird Day 2020 was observed o	n which of the following dates?	
A. October 10	B. October 11	C. October 9	
D. October 12	E. None of these		
13. World Mental Hea	alth Day 2020 was observed o	n which of the following dates?	
A. October 8	B. October 9	C. October 11	
D. October 12	E. None of these	4.1	
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14. Rare plant named	as 'Lepidagathis ananthapura	mensis' was found in which of the following s	states?
A. Karnataka	B. Jharkhand	C. Madhya Pradesh	
D. Kerala	E. None of these		
15. The government	has announced the launch	of a website for entities involved in resea	arch and
development (R&D) ii	n the coal sector. Who among	the following has launched the website?	
A. Anil Kumar Jain	B. Dario Maio	C. Arun A. Ross	
D. Ramesh Jain	E. None of these		
16. The Department	of Science and Technology	/ (DST) and annound	ced two
		, technology, engineering and mathematics	s (STEM)
	ents and to inspire them towar		
A. IBM India	B. Wipro	C. Tata Consultancy Services	
D. Infosys	E. None of these	,	
17. International Day	of the Girl 2020 was observed	on which of the following dates?	
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D. October 9	E. None of these		
18. Prime Minister Na	arendra Modi has recently rele	eased a special coin of to ho	nour the
legacy of Vijaya Raje S	-		



A. ₹ 10 B. ₹ 20 C. ₹ 50

D. ₹ 100 E. None of these

## 19. Who among the following has won his 13th French Open men's singles title by beating Novak Djokovic?

A. Rafael Nadal B. Roger Federer C. Andy Murray

D. Alexander Zverev E. None of these

#### 20. Who among the following has recently won French Open by beating Sofia Kenin?

A. Magda Linette B. Victoria Azarenka C. Sachia Vickery

D. Iga Świątek 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 Day Against the Death Penalty 2020

What: was observed on October 10

Launched in 2003 and held every year on October 10, World Day Against the Death Penalty strengthens the international fight against the death penalty with the goal of abolishing capital punishment worldwide. A specific theme is highlighted each year in order to draw attention to this grave human rights abuse.

The Advocates for Human Rights' Amy Bergquist chairs the working group for World Day for the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, headquartered in Paris, France. She is also a member of the Coalition's steering committee and a Vice President of the World Coalition. (Read more)

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#### 2. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank

What: partnered with Apollo Hospitals for holistic healthcare solution

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

HDFC Bank and Apollo Hospitals have joined hands to launch The HealthyLife Programme, a holistic healthcare solution which makes healthy living accessible and affordable on Apollo's digital platform, Apollo 24|7. The programme is created exclusively for HDFC Bank customers who will get round the clock access to emergency Apollo Doctor at No Cost on Apollo 24|7 along with a plethora of benefits such as choice of payment options and ease of finance for treatments at all Apollo Hospitals.

The initiative was launched digitally by Mr. Aditya Puri, Managing Director, HDFC Bank and Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group in the presence of Ms. Shobana Kamineni, Executive Vice-Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Group and Mr Sashidhar Jagdishan, the MD Designate of HDFC Bank.(Read more)

#### 3. Hints to Remember

Who: Assam CM

What: launches Kisan Rath Mobile App to facilitate sale of agriculture products



When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Amid the ongoing nationwide stir over three farm laws introduced by the Centre, Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday launched the Kisan Rath Mobile App in order to facilitate timely sale

of agricultural products by promoting a buyer-seller network.

An official release stated that the mobile app, developed, designed and technically maintained by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), will be out to use by the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART) which will impart training to farmers and other stakeholders on how to use the app. The release added that the app has several language options, including Assamese,

English and Hindi.

The app would be a new vehicle for boosting agri-business by opening up markets across the country for Assam to get maximum benefit for their produce, chief minister Sonowal said. (Read more)

#### 4 **Hints to Remember**

Who: Sarah Hall

What: becomes first writer to win BBC short story prize twice

When: published on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

English poet and novelist Sarah Hall has become the first writer to win the BBC National Short Story Award for the second time. She won the top honour for the story, The Grotesques. A report in The Guardian quotes Jonathan Freedland, journalist and chair of judges, saying, "In perhaps the strongest field in the history of the award, Hall's story still stood out. "A timeless, unsettling story rendered in exquisite prose, The Grotesques yields more with each reading, offering layer upon layer of meaning. It is the work of a writer who is not only devotedly committed to the short story genre but has become a master of it."

Other judges include playwright Lucy Caldwell, author Irenosen Okojie, critic Chris Power and Di

Speirs.(Read more)

#### **Hints to Remember** 5.

Who: Uday Shankar

What: steps down as president of Walt Disney Company India

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Uday Shankar, president of Walt Disney Company APAC and chairman, Star & Disney India, has decided to step down to pursue entrepreneurial endeavors, the company informed. The resignations will be effective as of December 31,2020, announced Rebecca Campbell, chairman of Disney's Directto-Consumer & International segment.



However, he will remain with Disney's direct-to-consumer and international segment through the end of 2020 to help find his replacement and ensure a smooth transition. Previously, he was president of 21st Century Fox for Asia and the chairman & CEO of Star India.

#### 6. Hints to Remember

Who: Manoj Kumar

What: appointed CMD of Western Coalfields Ltd

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Manoj Kumar has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), according to a personnel ministry order issued on Wednesday. Kumar is presently working as the director (technical) in the WCL.

He has been appointed to the post of CMD of the WCL till the date of his superannuation -- January 31, 2024, the order said.

A miniratna company, the WCL is a subsidiary of the Coal India Limited.

#### 7. Hints to Remember

Who: Infosys

What: to acquire Blue Acorn iCi for up to USD 125 million

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Infosys, an IT services major, said it will acquire Blue Acorn iCi, an Adobe Platinum partner in the US, and a provider in digital customer experience, commerce and analytics for up to \$125 million.

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Infosys said the move further strengthens the company's end-to-end customer experience offerings. It added that Blue Acorn iCi will bring significant cross-technology capabilities through the convergence of customer experience, digital commerce, analytics, and experience-driven commerce services.(Read more)

#### 8. Hints to Remember

Who: LIC Housing

What: launches 'Project RED' to improve efficiencies

**When:** published on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

LIC Housing Finance Ltd today launched Project RED - Re-imagining Excellence through Digital transformation with an aim to improve efficiencies at every level of the organisation. To be



implemented over the next 21 months the initiative is expected to bring transformational changes by organically linking LICHFL's work culture, strengthening processes across all verticals, deepen customer engagement and adopting the best-in-class technology to build capacity.

In a statement issued here on Thursday said LICHFL has engaged Boston Consulting Group as its consultant for this project and will be setting up a high-level Project Implementation Group which will approve and monitor capacity building plans of every constituent in the Company. It also proposes to ensure a uniform approach to managing and regulating the entire gamut of operations of the Company through collaboration of all functional departments.

#### 9. Hints to Remember

Who: 16-year-old Aava Murto

What: assumes Finland's PM post for a day in 'Girls Takeover'

When: published on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

A 16-year-old girl ceremoniously assumed the post of Finnish prime minister for one day for the "Girls Takeover" program — part of the U.N. International Day of the Girl to raise more awareness of gender equality.

Aava Murto from the small village of Vaaksy in southern Finland stepped into the shoes of Prime Minister Sanna Marin on Wednesday to highlight the impact of technology on gender equality, this year's theme for the annual event, the Finnish government said.(Read more)

#### 10. Hints to Remember

Who: GSFC

What: launches indigenous variety of calcium nitrate, boronated calcium nitrate

**When:** published on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals India Ltd (GSFC) on Friday launched an indigenous variety of calcium nitrate and boronated calcium nitrate. Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya launched the products via video conference.

Calcium nitrate is used as a water-soluble fertilizer in agriculture. In addition, this product is also used in wastewater treatment and to increase the strength of cement concrete. Calcium nitrate and boronated calcium nitrate is being manufactured for the first time in India. Till now, it was imported from other countries.(Read more)



#### 11. Hints to Remember

Who: Goa Govt

What: Ties Up With India Post To Get Farmers Enrolled In PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The Goa Government has tied up with India Post to get 11,000 farmers enrolled in the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi scheme, Deputy Chief Minister Chandrakant Kavlekar said on Friday. In a press conference with Postmaster General Vinod Kumar, the deputy CM said that postmen will go to the homes of these farmers with enrollment forms.(Read more)

#### 12. Hints to Remember

Who: World Migratory Bird Day 2020

What: was observed on October 10

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is observed every year on the second Saturday of May and October. The day is celebrated as an awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It aims to draw attention to the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them.

This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many of us must stay at home. But we can reach for our binoculars to celebrate the theme of World Migratory Bird Day "Birds Connect Our World", chosen to highlight the importance of conserving the integrity of ecosystems that support the natural cycles essential for the survival and well-being of migratory birds. (Read more)

#### 13. Hints to Remember

Who: World Mental Health Day 2020

What: was observed October 10

"Every 40 seconds, someone loses his/her life due to suicide," says WHO. This is what mental disturbances and disorders like depression lead to. The data is scary and concerning enough. That's why the WHO started the initiative to observe World Mental Health to raise awareness about the common psychological conditions and remove stigma attached to them. The World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10 every year with a certain theme. This year, it is 'Mental Health for All: Greater Investment – Greater Access'. The theme is self explanatory. There is a need of more and more psychological support, investing in mental health programmes and reducing the prevalence of death owing to mental health conditions.(Read more)



#### 14. Hints to Remember

Who: New perennial woody herb species

What: spotted in Kerala

When: published on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Rare plant found near Ananthapura lake temple in Kasaragod and hence named 'Lepidagathis ananthapuramensis'

A team of researchers have reported a new species of perennial woody herb of the genus Lepidagathis from the northern laterite plateaus of Kasaragod district in the State.

Since this rare plant was spotted in the neighbourhood of the Ananthapura lake temple, it has been named 'Lepidagathis ananthapuramensis' after the famed temple dedicated to Ananthapadmanabha.

An article on the discovery authored by P. Biju of Government College, Kasaragod; V.S. Anil Kumar and S. Arya of University College, Thiruvananthapuram; E.J. Josekutty, Government Brennen College, Thalassery; and Jomy Augustine, St Thomas College, Pala; has been published in the latest edition of Phytotaxa, a journal on plant taxonomy.(Read more)

#### 15. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt Smartkeeda

What: launches website to support R&D in coal sector

When: published on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The government on Friday announced the launch of a website for entities involved in research and development (R&D) in the coal sector.

The website, which has been designed and developed by Coal India subsidiary Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, was launched by Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain.

"The website will help in disseminating and promoting the knowledge and research work in the coal sector," Jain said.

The website broadly displays the guidelines for implementing coal research projects with various forms, so that anybody can submit proposals in requisite manner.

It also has lists and outcomes of complete projects and ongoing researches to have a transparency and avoid repetitive nature of projects.(Read more)



#### 16. Hints to Remember

Who: DST

What: partners with IBM to boost STEM education among girls

When: published on 12th October 2020

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) and IBM India on Friday announced two collaborations, both aimed at promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning among students and to inspire them towards STEM careers.

The first collaboration involves the DST's Vigyan Jyoti programme, which aims at creating a level-playing field for meritorious girls from grade 9 to 12 to pursue STEM in their higher education.

The second collaboration is with Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organisation of DST, which will build and run "Engage With Science" — a technology-driven interactivity platform, which shall work in tandem with the India Science over-the-top (OTT) channel.(Read more)

#### 17. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of the Girl 2020

What: was observed on 11th October

Every year on 11 October, the International Day of the Girl, UNICEF launches an annual campaign with girls to amplify their voices and stand up for their rights. This year, under the theme, "My voice, our equal future", let's seize the opportunity to reimagine a better world inspired by adolescent girls – energized and recognized, counted and invested in.

As adolescent girls worldwide assert their power as change-makers, International Day of the Girl 2020 will focus on their demands to:

- . Live free from gender-based violence, harmful practices, and HIV and AIDS
- . Learn new skills towards the futures they choose
- . Lead as a generation of activists accelerating social change

#### 18. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: Releases Special ₹ 100 Coin To Honour Vijaya Raje Scindia

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi this morning released a special ₹ 100 coin to honour the legacy of Vijaya Raje Scindia, founder leader of the ruling BJP, on her 100th birth anniversary. Linking his slogan



for a self-reliant India (Atma Nirbhar Bharat) to her legacy, the Prime Minister said: "A secure, safe and prosperous Bharat was Rajmata's dream. We will realise this dream with a self-reliant India."

Vijaya Raje Scindia was "a witness to India's key political events from independence struggle to decades after the country's independence", PM Modi said. "In the last 60 years, Rajmata Scindia was one of the key political figures who showed the direction. She was a decisive leader and an able administrator. From burning of foreign clothes before the independence to Ram Mandir Andolan, her experience had been vast," he stressed.(Read more)

#### 19. Hints to Remember

Who: Tennis: Rafael Nadal

What: beats Novak Djokovic to win his 13th French Open Men's Singles title

When: published on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

In Tennis, Rafael Nadal beat Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 to win his 13th French Open and equal Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 Grand Slam titles last night. For world number one Djokovic, the defeat ended his hopes of an 18th Slam and of becoming the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win all four majors twice.

World number two Nadal claimed his 100th match win at Roland Garros against just two defeats since his 2005 debut. The spaniard, the oldest champion in Paris since Andres Gimeno in 1972, claimed the title without dropping a set.(Read more)

#### 20. Hints to Remember

Who: Polish teen Iga Swiatek

What: beats American Sofia Kenin to win French Open title

When: published on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020

With the poise of a veteran and the shots of a champion, 19-year-old Iga Swiatek picked the perfect place for her first tour-level title: the French Open.

Unseeded and ranked merely 54th, Swiatek grabbed the last six games to beat Sofia Kenin 6-4, 6-1 in the final at Roland Garros on Saturday, becoming the first Polish tennis player to win a Grand Slam singles trophy.

When she smacked one last forehand winner to the corner to end things, Swiatek placed her right hand over her mouth then crouched, shaking her head.(Read more)





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