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# 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 14

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

**1. Who among the following has announced a Leave Travel Concession (LTC) cash voucher scheme to increase consumer spending on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020?**

- A. Narendra Modi                      B. Amit Shah                      C. Nirmala Sitharaman  
D. Smriti Zubin Irani                E. None of these

**2. Which of the following states is poised to feature on country's aviation map with a greenfield airport at Hollongi, 15 kilometres from Itanagar?**

- A. Manipur                                B. West Bengal                      C. Jharkhand  
D. Arunachal Pradesh                E. None of these

**3. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced major schemes to boost demands in the country by nearly \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- A. Rs 71,000 cr                          B. Rs 72,000 cr                      C. Rs 73,000 cr  
D. Rs 74,000 cr                          E. None of these

**4. Which of the following states is going to dedicate the upcoming Navratri festival to women's safety, dignity and empowerment by launching 'Mission Shakti' on October 17?**

- A. Andhra Pradesh                      B. Uttar Pradesh                      C. Madhya Pradesh  
D. Himachal Pradesh                    E. None of these

**5. Who among the following was unanimously elected for a second term as the president of India's motorsports governing body, Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI)?**

- A. Akhil Rabindra                      B. Karun Chandhok                    C. Akbar Ebrahim  
D. Aditya Patel                          E. None of these

**6. Chaitanya Venkateswaran has recently become British High Commissioner for a day. She is from which of the following cities?**

- A. Mumbai                                B. New Delhi                          C. Chennai  
D. Kolkata                                  E. None of these

**7. Nobel Prize 2020 in which category was awarded to Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson for improvements to auction theory?**

- A. Chemist                                B. Economics                          C. Physics  
D. Literature                                E. None of these

**8. Which of the following countries has recently unveiled massive new ballistic missile in military parade on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020?**

- A. South Korea                          B. China                                  C. North Korea  
D. Japan                                    E. None of these



**9. Which bank and Apollo Hospitals have announced the launch of a programme as a holistic healthcare solution to the customers of the private lender on Apollo's digital platform, Apollo**

**24/7?**

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

**10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the autobiography named as "Deh Vechava Karani", is based on life of which person?**

- A. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil              B. Balasaheb Vikhe Patil              C. Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil  
D. Sujay Vikhe-Patil              E. None of these

**11. CM Chang died of Covid-19, was environment minister of which state?**

- A. Jharkhand                      B. West Bengal                      C. Nagaland  
D. Tripura                      E. None of these

**12. Vinod Singh passed away in Delhi. He was minister of which state?**

- A. Jharkhand                      B. Chhattisgarh                      C. Bihar  
D. Uttar Pradesh                      E. None of these

**13. Name the person who was the 400m hurdles champion at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, has died.**

- A. Quentin Grimes                      B. Adam Sinagra                      C. Charlie Moore  
D. Nate Hinton                      E. None of these

**14. \_\_\_\_\_ and Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL) are going to provide high-speed satellite connectivity to 5,000 remote gram panchayats?**

- A. Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited              B. RailTel Corporation of India  
C. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited              D. Atria Convergence Technologies  
E. None of these

**15. Which company has announced a partnership with Signzy, a RegTech startup, to enable the latter's video-based KYC (Know Your Customer) solutions for its banking customers?**

- A. Visa                      B. American Express                      C. Capital One  
D. Mastercard                      E. None of these

**16. Which company has partnered with All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE) to empower learners and educators in new-age technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), data science, and cloud computing?**

- A. Microsoft                      B. Best Buy                      C. Apple  
D. Google                      E. None of these

**17. Which bank in collaboration with Google Pay and Visa, has launched the ACE Credit Card?**

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



**18. India has extended a USD 400 million (about Rs 2,932 crore) soft loan to which of the following countries through the Exim Bank to finance a connectivity project in the country?**

- A. Malaysia                      B. Maldives                      C. Mali  
D. Mongolia                      E. None of these

**19. On 13th October 2020, India and \_\_\_\_\_ have agreed to expand and diversify bilateral trade ties and tap the potential of the complementarities between the two countries.**

- A. Canada                      B. Brazil                      C. Argentina  
D. Mexico                      E. None of these

**20. On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, which country has joined the Five Eyes alliance and Japan governments in asking big tech companies to come up with a solution for law enforcement to access end-to-end encrypted communications?**

- A. Sri Lanka                      B. Bhutan                      C. Bangladesh  
D. Nepal                      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:** FM Nirmala Sitharaman

**What:** announced LTC cash voucher scheme

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on October 12, announced a Leave Travel Concession (LTC) cash voucher scheme to increase consumer spending.

Under this LTC Cash Voucher Scheme, government employees can opt to receive cash amounting to leave encashment, plus three times ticket fare, to buy items which attract a GST of 12 percent or more. Only digital transactions allowed, GST invoice to be produced, FM Nirmala Sitharaman said.[\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Arunachal Pradesh

**What:** to feature on country's aviation map with Greenfield airport at Hollongi

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

Arunachal Pradesh is poised to feature on country's aviation map with a greenfield airport at Hollongi, 15 kilometres from Itanagar. With estimated cost of 650 crore rupees, the project includes the development work, construction of airport pavements, air side work, terminal Building and city side works.

The new domestic airport, with an area of 4,100 square metres, the Hollongi Airport will be able to handle 200 passengers during peak hours. Equipped with eight check-in counters, the terminal building will have all modern passenger facilities.[\(Read more\)](#)

**3. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** FM Nirmala Sitharaman

**What:** announces fiscally prudent proposals to tune of Rs 73,000 cr to boost demand



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

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced major schemes to boost demands in the country by nearly 73 thousand crore rupees. Addressing a media briefing in the National Capital today, the minister laid out the details of the fiscally prudent proposals to stimulate demand in the economy. Ms. Sitharaman informed that the new proposals aim at giving a thrust of around 36 thousand crore rupees to the consumer demands by the Leave Travel Concession LTC Voucher and Festival advance scheme. Additionally she said, 37 thousand crore rupees will be infused in the capital expenditure by the Centre and the State Governments.

Briefing about the schemes, the minister informed that in lieu of the LTC for the 2018-21 block term, payments will be made to the government employees for their 10 day Leave encashment and eligible travel fare. She informed, the employees opting for the scheme will have to submit GST invoices for purchase of goods or services amounting to three times the value of travel fare in addition to the value of LTC encashment amount. ([Read more](#))

#### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** UP CM Yogi Adityanath

**What:** to launch Mission Shakti for women in Navratri

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

The Yogi Adityanath government will dedicate the upcoming Navratri festival to women's safety, dignity and empowerment by launching 'Mission Shakti' on October 17.

The initiative will begin in 'Shardiya Navratri' and will continue for the next six months till the 'Chaitra Navratri' in April.

The government spokesman said in a statement that various programmes will be organised from the Gram Panchayats to industrial units, school campuses to government offices, from the Durga Puja pandals to Ramlilas to reaffirm the faith and resolve towards the women power. ([Read more](#))

#### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Akbar Ebrahim

**What:** gets a second term as FMSCI president

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

Former racer Akbar Ebrahim was on Monday unanimously elected for a second term as the president of India's motorsports governing body, Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI).

The elections were held via video-conference amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ebrahim had his first stint as FMSCI chief from 2016-2018 following which he was replaced by J Prithviraj.



“It is without doubt, going to be a very challenging and tough year given the unprecedented pandemic situation the whole world is facing. I am sure that the FMSCI will collectively rise to the occasion and manage the situation to the best of its ability,” Ebrahim said in a statement. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** New Delhi woman Chaitanya Venkateswaran

**What:** 'becomes' British High Commissioner for a day!

**When:** published on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Being the British High Commissioner in India can be a hectic job, and an 18-year-old woman from the national capital experienced this when she held the post for a day.

Chaitanya Venkateswaran from New Delhi had the unique opportunity to spend last Wednesday as the UK's senior-most diplomat in India under the mission's initiative aimed at empowering and highlighting the challenges faced by women across the world.

The British High Commission has been organising the 'High Commissioner for a Day' competition annually since 2017, inviting young Indian women aged 18 to 23 years to take over as their most senior diplomat. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Nobel Prize 2020 in Economics

**What:** awarded to Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson for improvements to auction theory

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

The Nobel Prize 2020 in Economic Sciences on Monday was awarded to Paul R. Milgrom and Robert B. Wilson “for improvements to auction theory and inventions of new auction formats.”

“This year’s Laureates, Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson, have studied how auctions work. They have also used their insights to design new auction formats for goods and services that are difficult to sell in a traditional way, such as radio frequencies,” The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in a press release. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** North Korea

**What:** unveils massive new ballistic missile in military parade

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



North Korea unveiled what analysts believe to be one of the world's largest ballistic missiles at a military parade celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Workers' Party broadcast on state-run television on Saturday.

The massive weapon was carried by an 11-axle truck at the climax of the almost two-hour ceremony and military parade in the capital of Pyongyang.

Analysts said the new missile is not known to have been tested, but a bigger weapon would allow North Korea to put multiple warheads on it, increasing the threat it would pose to any targeted foe.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** HDFC Bank

**What:** partners with Apollo Hospitals for quality healthcare solution

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

HDFC Bank and Apollo Hospitals on Wednesday announced the launch of a programme as a holistic healthcare solution to the customers of the private lender on Apollo's digital platform, Apollo 24/7.

The HealthyLife Programme has been created for HDFC Bank customers, who will get access to emergency Apollo doctor at no cost on Apollo 24/7 along with other benefits such as choice of payment options and ease of finance for treatments at all Apollo Hospitals.

The initiative was launched on Wednesday by the managing director of HDFC Bank, Aditya Puri and the chairman of Apollo Hospitals Group, Dr. Prathap C. Reddy on a digital platform.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Narendra Modi

**What:** releases autobiography of Dr Balasaheb Vikhe Patil, says 'his work will inspire generations'

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday released the autobiography of late multiple term Lok Sabha MP Dr Balasaheb Vikhe Patil.

The autobiography is titled 'Deh Vechava Karani' or dedicating one's life for a noble cause.

Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi said though Dr Patil's autobiography was releasing only today, but the stories of his life can be seen throughout Maharashtra, his home state.

"Balasaheb's work for the progress of poor, efforts towards education and success of cooperative in Maharashtra will inspire generations to come," the PM said.[\(Read more\)](#)





## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Nagaland environment minister CM Chang

**What:** dies of Covid-19

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

Nagaland environment minister CM Chang died due to Covid-19 in state capital Kohima on Monday at the age of 78. CM Chang died at the Naga Hospital Authority in Kohima.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, five daughters and grandchildren.

He is the first MLA in the state, which has reported 7,240 Covid-19 cases so far, to succumb to the infection. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bihar Minister Vinod Singh

**What:** passed away in Delhi

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

Bihar Minister Vinod Singh passed away in Delhi. He was ill for a past few days. After which, he was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Delhi.

He breathed his last on Monday during treatment. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Olympic champion Charlie Moore

**What:** dies at 91

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Charlie Moore, the 400m hurdles champion at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, has died.

He was 91.

Moore died on Thursday from pancreatic cancer, according to World Athletics. Cornell University also confirmed the passing of the school's former athletic director and star athlete.

Moore won the 400m hurdles in the rain in 1952 in 50.8 seconds to tie the Olympic record he set in the quarterfinals. Moore also earned a silver medal in Helsinki on the United States' 1,600m relay team. [\(Read more\)](#)



#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BharatNet: Hughes India

**What:** to provide high-speed satellite connectivity to 5,000 remote gram panchayats

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Hughes India said that it has been selected by Bharat Broadband Nigam Limited (BBNL) and Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd.(TCIL) to provide high-speed satellite connectivity to 5,000 remote gram panchayats.

Hughes India will enable Internet service for each gram panchayat using capacity from ISRO's GSAT-19 and GSAT-11 satellites with the Hughes JUPITER System, the de facto standard for satellite broadband implementations, in use on more than 40 satellites worldwide.

The awards are part of the government's flagship BharatNet Programme to provide broadband connectivity to all 250,000 gram panchayats throughout India.

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Mastercard

**What:** partners with Signzy for global rollout of video KYC

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

Mastercard on Tuesday announced a partnership with Signzy, a RegTech startup, to enable the latter's video-based KYC (Know Your Customer) solutions for its banking customers. This will allow Mastercard to provide a completely paperless, remote and secure onboarding solution for end-users.

In India, this launch will further Mastercard's goal of driving inclusive growth via financial inclusion by enabling individuals and small businesses to go online.

Earlier this year, the payments technology company partnered with various players and launched low-cost innovations that allow merchants to start accepting digital payments without incurring additional or high infrastructural costs. Video KYC will further the ease and speed of onboarding in minimal time.[\(Read more\)](#)

#### 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Microsoft, AICTE

**What:** collaborate to skill students, educators in next-gen tech

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



Tech-giant Microsoft on Monday said it has partnered with All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE) to empower learners and educators in new-age technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), data science, and cloud computing.

As part of the partnership, over 1,500-course modules from Microsoft will be made available to students and educators free of cost through AICTE's e-learning portal ELIS, a statement said.

Microsoft's learning resource centre Microsoft Learn has been integrated with the ELIS platform to provide access to personalised learning paths and resources for students, covering a broad range of technologies including AI, IoT, data science, and cloud computing, among others, it added. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Axis Bank

**What:** launches ACE Credit Card in collaboration with Google Pay and Visa

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

Axis Bank, in collaboration with Google Pay and Visa, has launched the ACE Credit Card. Payments for mobile recharges, bill payments made via Google Pay earn users 5% in cashback. Users also get 4%-5% cashback for spends made on daily use categories such as food ordering, online grocery delivery, cab rides for transactions made on partner merchant platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato, BigBasket, Grofers and Ola. There is also an unlimited 2% cashback on all other transactions.

Users will be able to get cashback directly into their ACE Credit Card accounts. The tokenisation feature enabled in partnership with Visa, will allow Google Pay users to use their ACE Credit Card to make payments through a secure digital token attached to their phone without having to physically share their card details. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Exim Bank

**What:** extends USD 400 million soft loan to Maldives for financing connectivity project

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

India has extended a USD 400 million (about Rs 2,932 crore) soft loan to Maldives through the Exim Bank to finance a connectivity project in the nation of islands, a statement said on Monday. The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) on behalf of the Government of India has extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 400 million for undertaking Greater Male's connectivity project in Maldives, the bank said.

The loan agreement was inked in Male on Monday between Exim Bank General Manager Nirmal Ved and Maldives' Finance Minister Ibrahim Ameer. With the signing of the above agreement, Exim Bank has till date extended three LoCs worth a cumulative USD 1.2 billion to Maldives, on behalf of India. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India, Mexico

**What:** agree to expand, diversify bilateral trade ties

**When:** published on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

India and Mexico have agreed to expand and diversify bilateral trade ties and tap the potential of the complementarities between the two countries. For this purpose, the two sides have agreed to enhance cooperation in pharmaceutical, medical equipment, healthcare, agri-products, fisheries, food processing and aerospace industries.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India, Japan & Five Eyes Alliance

**What:** demand access to end-to-end encrypted chats from tech companies

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

India on Sunday joined the Five Eyes alliance and Japan governments in asking big tech companies to come up with a solution for law enforcement to access end-to-end encrypted communications. The seven governments demanded backdoors into end-to-end encrypted chats as end-to-end encryption prevents authorities from looking into serious crimes and matters like national security.

The Five Eyes intelligence alliance companies consist of the US, the UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand and have made similar calls to tech giants in 2018 and 2019.

The representatives from the seven governments asserted the need for encryption backdoors not just for encrypted instant messaging applications, but also for device encryption, custom encrypted applications, and encryption across integrated platforms.[\(Read more\)](#)





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