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October GA Quiz 24

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

1. Dr. B Venkataraman passed away recently, was a renowned _____.

- A. Actor
B. Writer
C. Scientist
D. Player
E. None of these

2. The International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD) was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. October 20
B. October 23
C. October 22
D. October 21
E. None of these

3. Which Portal was launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to integrate the legacy drawings like maps and lease plans in Management Information System (MIS)?

- A. e-Dharni Geo Portal
B. e-Bhoomi Geo Portal
C. e-Dharti Geo Portal
D. e-Prithvi Geo Portal
E. None of these

4. Which of the following cities has become the first city in the country to have longest BRTS corridor in country?

- A. Surat
B. Mumbai
C. Lucknow
D. Kolkata
E. None of these

5. As per recent data released, which of the following states has become the top tourist destination for Indians?

- A. Gujarat
B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Maharashtra
D. Karnataka
E. None of these

6. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has made a plan to develop at least 100 airports, waterdromes and heliports by which year?

- A. 2025
B. 2030
C. 2024
D. 2022
E. None of these

7. Which Bank has partnered with IIT Madras to set up incubation cell for startup's?

- A. Punjab National Bank
B. State Bank of India
C. Indian Bank
D. Syndicate Bank
E. None of these

8. Which of the following banks has joined hands with Zenpay Solutions and YAP to drive financial inclusion to issue salary cards?

- A. RBL Bank
B. Kotak Mahindra Bank
C. ICICI Bank
D. HDFC Bank
E. None of these



9. What amount has been provided by Asian Development Bank for power supply project in rural Maharashtra?

- A. \$346 million B. \$500 million C. \$255 million
D. \$368 million E. None of these

10. Who among the following recently was appointed as new CFO of Tata Communication?

- A. Pratibha S Kumari B. Kabir Ahmed Sakir C. Mukesh Jain
D. Animesh Singh Dixit E. None of these

11. Who among the following has recently been awarded CEO of the Year and Visionary Leadership Award in the virtual edition of National Awards for Excellence in PSU for Investment in Start-UPS?

- A. Pravir Krishna B. Simona Rai C. Taraknath Banerjee
D. Vikas Chaturvedi E. None of these

12. Who among the following has recently been named an 'Outstanding Young Person of the World 2020' by a non-profit NGO for her "incredible" scientific contributions to diagnosing and treating breast cancer?

- A. Neha Porwal B. R K Srinivasan C. Mahesh Jain
D. Jajini Varghese E. None of these

13. Nayini Narasimha Reddy passed away recently was related to which field?

- A. Actor B. Politics C. Author
D. Social Activist E. None of these

14. Name the first women commissioned as Indian Air Force Officer, passed away recently?

- A. Saroj Pandey B. Arunima Chaturvedi C. Shivangi Rai
D. Vijaylakshmi Ramanan E. None of these

15. RPF has recently launched _____ in Amravathi Express between Vijaywada and Hubli.

- A. Meri Saheli B. Meri Sakhi C. Meri Dost
D. Meri Maan E. None of these

16. Which of the following state has cleared the decks for the state to launch its own Scheduled Caste Post Matric Scholarship Scheme?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Punjab C. West Bengal
D. Bihar E. None of these

17. Which of the following states has recently implemented Smart Black Board Scheme in 80,000 government schools?

- A. Assam B. Karnataka C. Tamil Nadu
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these



18. Who among the following has recently launched India's first-ever high quality Khadi Fabric Footwear, designed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) through Video Conference?

- A. Venkaiah Naidu B. Narendra Modi C. Nitin Gadkari
D. Smriti Irani E. None of these

19. Passenger train services from Dhaka to Siliguri are going to be started from _____.

- A. 26 March 2021 B. 26 April 2021 C. 26 December 2020
D. 26 January 2021 E. None of these

20. Which of the following banks has announced a tie up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) to enable finance options for the automaker's customers and dealers?

- A. Bank of Baroda B. State Bank of India C. Punjab National Bank
D. Canara 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
B	C	A	A	B	C	C	A	D	B	A	D	B	D	A	B	C	C	A	B

Explanation:**1. Hints to Remember**

Who: Former IAS officer and author of Chola History books

What: passes away

When: published on 21st October 2020

Former IAS officer B. Venkataraman who was an authority on Chola History and Architecture expired in a private hospital in Delhi on Tuesday afternoon. He was 95.

Mr. Venkataraman, a 1950 batch officer, had served as chief secretary Orissa and then as secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, New Delhi. Besides his career as an IAS officer, he had a passion for Chola art and history that he had inherited from his father S.R. Balasubrahmanyam. He had co-authored a book 'Later Chola Temples' with his father.

Some of the books that he had authored include 'Laddigam: A Later Chola Temples', 'Temple Art under the Chola queens' and 'Rajarajeswaram-the pinnacle of Chola art' on the Thanjavur Brihadeeshwara temple. His doctoral thesis was on the contribution of the Chola queen Sembiyan Mahadevi. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: International Stuttering Awareness Day

What: is observed on 22 October

When: published on 22nd October 2020

International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed on 22 October. Every year International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed on 22 October. This day aims to raise public awareness of the issues faced by millions of people – one percent of the world's population who stutter, or stammer.

International Stuttering Awareness Day Theme 2020 is "Journey of Words – Resilience and Bouncing Back".

ISAD includes an online conference, running annually from October 1 to 22 each year, targeted at people with an interest in stuttering as well as speech-language pathologists and their clients.

The conferences, held every year since 1998, are all still available online.



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian government

What: launches 'e-Dharti Geo portal'

When: published on 22nd October 2020

Ministry of Union Housing and Urban Affairs has recently launched the 'e-Dharti Geo Portal' which will integrate legacy drawings such as maps and lease plans in the management information system. It will allow the data to become geographic information system (GIS)-enabled.

BusinesLine quoted Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister as saying that the land & development office (L&DO) is dealing with around 60,000 properties that are commercial, residential, industrial as well as institutional.

The ministry issued in a statement that the L&DO has developed a property certificate incorporating details and the outline map of the property which is available online on the portal.

The statement added that the power of technology is immense and there is no reason that India, which has a formidable capacity in the area of software technologies, cannot or shouldn't harness this strength to their advantage. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Surat

What: has become the first city in the country to have longest BRTS corridor in country

When: published on 22nd October 2020

A new landmark has been added in the urban transport sector in Surat. Thanks to the efforts of Surat Municipal Corporation, it has become the longest 108 km BRTS corridor in the country. Currently, there are more than 166 buses operating on a total of 13 routes in the BRTS corridor of 102 km. In which more than 1.03 lakh passengers travel daily. In which Chief Minister Vijay Rupani e-launched the route from Kumbharia to Kadodra (06 km length).

Public transport was not available in Surat city in the year 2007. Surat Municipal Corporation took the initiative to start public transport keeping in view the daily transport needs of the public and Surat Citylink Ltd. by Surat Municipal Corporation. A public transport company was formed. BRTS bus service Udha Darwaza-Sachin GIDC on 26/01/2014 by Surat Municipal Corporation. Meanwhile a 12km route was launched. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Uttar Pradesh

What: becomes top tourist destination for Indians, third for foreigners in 2019



When: published on 22nd October 2020

Uttar Pradesh, which is one of the historically rich places, has become the topmost visited state across the country, announced the Tourism Department of the Yogi Adityanath-led government on Tuesday (October 20, 2020).

The news was shared by the official Twitter handle of the Department of Tourism, Government of Uttar Pradesh, where it was announced that UP has been the first choice for the Indians travelling around the country. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Aviation boost under UDAN scheme! AAI

What: plans to develop 100 airports, waterdromes, heliports by 2024

When: published on 22nd October 2020

In the coming years, India's aviation sector to get a massive boost! By the year 2024, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to develop at least 100 airports, waterdromes, and heliports across the country under the regional air connectivity scheme. On Wednesday, the fourth anniversary of the regional air connectivity scheme, also known as UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), was commemorated. The UDAN scheme of the Modi government is aimed at providing economically viable, affordable, as well as profitable air travel on regional routes. As many as 50 unserved and underserved airports (including five heliports) with 285 routes have been added under the regional air connectivity scheme across the length and breadth of India, according to a PTI report.

To commemorate UDAN Day, Civil Aviation Secretary Pradeep Singh Kharola said stakeholders should work towards making this regional air connectivity scheme sustainable as well as improve its efficiency, during a video conference. The Civil Aviation Secretary also urged airlines to undertake marketing initiatives so that more people can take benefit from the regional air connectivity scheme. According to AAI Chairman Arvind Singh, the authority is committed to developing the infrastructure required for the UDAN scheme across the nation. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Bank

What: partners IIT-Madras to fund startups

When: published on 21st October 2020

State-owned Indian Bank in collaboration with IIT-Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) on Tuesday launched an initiative for funding start-ups.



Under the initiative --IND Spring Board -- IITMIC will refer start-ups with proven technology and established cash flows to the bank and also extend advisory to the bank on the business model. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Zenpay, RBL Bank

What: Join Hands To Digitalise Salary Accounts For SMEs, MSMEs

When: published on 20th October 2020

Zenpay Solutions on Tuesday announced its partnership with RBL bank and YAP to drive financial inclusion to issue salary cards to its customers across India.

The corporate expense and salary payment solution will help blue collared employees working with SMEs and MSME to receive digital payments via a salary account. Zenpay will also offer customers a digital salary card and mobile application, which will help them manage their finance efficiently with the help of the interactive dashboard.

According to an official release, various benefits of the partnership include instant activation, easy KYC, zero paperwork, salary card and enhanced customer experience.

In a short span of time, Zenpay has benefitted over 50,000 customers across India by increasing its reach and targeted customers especially from the rural sectors who do not have access to banking services. Over the next six months, the company aims to expand its reach by creating 1,00,000 new customers across north India and plans to create a customer base of 1 million customers by 2021. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Asian Development Bank

What: To Provide \$346 Million Loan For Power Supply Project In Rural Maharashtra

When: published on 20th October 2020

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India on Monday signed a USD 346 million loan pact to help provide efficient and reliable power supply to rural agriculture customers in Maharashtra.

The signatories to the loan agreement for the Maharashtra Rural High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS) Expansion Program were Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB), Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India, and Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.



The program aims to provide efficient and reliable power to agricultural customers in Maharashtra's rural areas through adoption of HVDS that will help reduce distribution losses, and improve agricultural productivity and farmer incomes, Khare said after signing the loan agreement. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Tata Communications

What: appoints Kabir Ahmed Shakir as CFO, to join on 21 Oct

When: published on 20th October 2020

Tata Communications on Tuesday announced the appointment of Kabir Ahmed Shakir as Chief Financial Officer with effect from 21 October.

Shakir will take charge from Pratibha K Advani who has resigned from the company after a stint of over 5 years.

"Tata Communications has appointed Kabir Ahmed Shakir as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Kabir will join on 21 October, 2020 and will be responsible for the strategic financial management of the company, including investor relations," the company said in a statement.

Until recently, Shakir was CFO at Microsoft India. [\(Read more\)](#)



11. Hints to Remember

Who: Shri Pravir Krishna, MD, Trifed

What: Awarded CEO of the Year and Visionary Leadership Award

When: published on 14th October 2020

The team of TRIFED Warriors led by Shri Pravir Krishna, Managing Director has been working diligently towards the transformation of lives of the tribal population across the country.

Their unstinted efforts and initiatives got worthy recognition at the Virtual Edition of National Awards for Excellence – PSU held on October 14, 2020. Combined, the team won three Awards: two individual awards for the exemplary and inspirational leadership of Shri Pravir Krishna in the CEO of the Year and Visionary Leadership Award categories and a collective award in the Investment in Start-Ups Category.

Hosted by the World HRD Congress, the National Awards for Excellence – PSU recognize the outstanding initiatives taken by government departments, Public Sector units and industry leaders as they continue playing important roles in realising the country's vision of a self-reliant economy and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. [\(Read more\)](#)



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Jajini Varghese

What: Honoured With 'Outstanding Young Person 2020' For Work On Breast Cancer

When: published on 20th October 2020

A UK-based Indian-origin plastic surgeon, has been named an 'Outstanding Young Person of the World 2020', by a non-profit NGO, for her scientific contributions to diagnosing and treating breast cancer.

39-year-old Dr Jajini Varghese is a consultant in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery at Royal Free Hospital and University College London, and one of 10 nominations from the UK for the international award. According to PTI, the award 'honours outstanding young people under the age of 40 every year from across 110 countries for extraordinary accomplishments in various fields'.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: TRS leader Nayani Narasimha Reddy

What: passes away post coronavirus recovery

When: published on 22nd October 2020

Senior TRS leader and Former Telangana home minister Nayini Narsimha Reddy passed away at the age of 76, at a private hospital in the early hours of Thursday.

The late leader had contracted the deadly SARS-CoV-2 last month but later recovered from it. However, upon encountering some post recovery health complications he was admitted to a private hospital where he passed away while undergoing treatment.[\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Air Force's first woman

What: commissioned officer Vijayalakshmi Ramanan passes away at 96

When: published on 21st October 2020

Wing Commander (Retd) Dr Vijayalakshmi Ramanan, the first woman commissioned officer of the Indian Air Force, has died at the age of 96.

Ramanan, a recipient of Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM), died peacefully due to old age ailments on Sunday at her daughter's home here, her son-in-law S L V Narayan said.

Born in February 1924, she did her MBBS and later was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on August 22, 1955 and was seconded to the Air Force with effect from the same day.



Besides having served as a gynecologist at various Air Force Hospitals, including here, she had also attended to the troops wounded during wars and performed administrative duties.

Ramanan was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander in August 1972, and honoured with the Vishist Seva Medal five years later. She had retired in February,1979.[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: RPF

What: launches 'Meri Saheli' initiative in Amaravathi Express between Vijayawada-Hubli

When: published on 22nd October 2020

As per the directives of Railway Board, the staff of Railway Protection Force in Vijayawada Division yesterday launched 'Meri Saheli' initiative in Train No.07225 Amaravathi Express between Vijayawada-Hubli. The main motto of this 'Meri Saheli' initiative is to provide a safe and secure environment to lady passengers travelling in trains throughout their journey.

To carry out this novel initiative, an all-women team headed by one RPF lady Sub-Inspector and few Constables has been constituted at Vijayawada Railway Station to assist the women passengers on train. The women team inspected entire coaches of Amaravathi Express and briefed the women passengers on precautions to be taken during the journey and 182 Emergency helpline in case of any emergency, along with COVID-19 protocol and guidelines. This initiative was launched by RPF to continuously monitor the safety of lady passengers from the originating station to the destination.[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Punjab

What: to launch its own SC post-matric scholarship scheme

When: published on 14th October 2020

The Punjab Cabinet on Wednesday cleared the decks for the state to launch its own Scheduled Caste Post Matric Scholarship Scheme in place of the Centre's scheme, in order to facilitate students to pursue higher education in government and private institutions. With this, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced an increase in income criteria from earlier Rs 2.5 lakh to Rs 4 lakh to accommodate more Scheduled Caste (SC) students, an official told IANS.

The Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, approved the Dr BR Ambedkar SC Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, to be effective from 2021-22.[\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: Tamil Nadu govt

What: implements Smart Black Board scheme in 80,000 govt schools

When: published on 21st October 2020

Tamil Nadu government is implementing the Smart Black Board scheme in 80,000 government schools to ensure better teaching environment.

State School Education Minister K A Senkottaiyan told press persons in Trichy today that the Smart Black Board scheme envisages usage of audio visual teaching material that can be fed into the computer screens in classes using widely available pen drives.

The minister further said that the Central Education Ministry's Smart Class Room scheme is being implemented in 7500 schools in the state.

Responding to a question, Senkottaiyan revealed that against the back ground of Covid 19 pandemic schools have been instructed to cut down this year's portions by 40%.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari

What: launched India's first-ever high quality Khadi Fabric Footwear, designed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) through Video Conference

When: published on 22nd October 2020

Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari, on Wednesday, launched India's first-ever high-quality khadi fabric footwear through a video conference. This khadi footwear is designed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). The preparation of the footwear is out of khadi fabric, i.e. silk, wool and cotton. It will not only be available offline but also online for sale through KVIC's e-portal.

KVIC Chairman, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, during the launch of this footwear, said that tapping new markets, venturing new segments, and diversifying the product range, as envisaged by the Prime Minister, is the mantra for khadi's spectacular success in the last six years.[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Dhaka-Siliguri passenger train

What: planned to start in March next year: Bangladesh Railway Minister

When: published on 22nd October 2020



Passenger train services from Dhaka to Siliguri are planned to be started from 26 March next year. The Railway Minister of Bangladesh Md. Nurul Islam Sujan said on Wednesday that the Chilahati-Haldibari line is also expected to be inaugurated on the occasion of the Victory Day celebration in December this year. In the beginning freight trains would run on this route.

The statement was made after the newly appointed High Commissioner of India Vikram Doraiswami made a courtesy visit to the Railway Minister of Bangladesh in Dhaka on Wednesday.

The Minister said that the work on the Bangabandhu railway bridge would start next month. The bridge would improve rail connectivity between the two countries immensely. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Bank of Baroda

What: ties up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor for auto finance

When: published on 20th October 2020

State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) on Tuesday announced a tie up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) to enable finance options for the automaker's customers and dealers.

Following the pact, BoB will be one of the preferred financiers for the entire range of vehicles sold by TKM, the bank said in a statement.

The new service facilitates customers to avail customised solutions such as high on-road funding of 90 per cent, long repayment period of 84 months, no prepayment or foreclosure charges, it said.

Talking about the agreement, BoB Executive Director Vikramaditya Singh Khichi said this alliance augments our focus on retail auto finance business and will give value to our as well as Toyota's customers. [\(Read more\)](#)





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