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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 5

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

**1. Which of the following states has launched "Gram Darshan", a scheme aimed at making accessible data of 6,197 gram panchayats of the state just a click away?**

- A. Punjab  
B. Uttar Pradesh  
C. Madhya Pradesh  
D. Haryana  
E. None of these

**2. Which of the following states has recently launched the construction of 750 Rural Stadiums and Playgrounds in the state?**

- A. Jammu and Kashmir  
B. Himachal Pradesh  
C. Punjab  
D. Haryana  
E. None of these

**3. The 2020 World Day for Farmed Animals was observed on which of the following dates?**

- A. October 1  
B. October 2  
C. October 3  
D. October 4  
E. None of these

**4. Who among the following is the author of the book titled "The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids"?**

- A. Anand Neelakantan  
B. Ashwin Sanghi  
C. Amish Tripathi  
D. Devdutt Pattanaik  
E. None of these

**5. Who among the following has launched a Coffee-table Book "Bapu – The Unforgettable"?**

- A. Arvind Kejriwal  
B. Raghav Chadha  
C. Manish Sisodia  
D. Sanjay Singh  
E. None of these

**6. NASA has launched the Northrop Grumman's Antares rocket and a Cygnus spacecraft bound for the International Space Station (ISS) from its Wallops flight facility. The Northrop Grumman Cygnus is named after which of the following astronauts?**

- A. Sunita Williams  
B. Laurel Clark  
C. Kalpana Chawla  
D. Rick Husband  
E. None of these

**7. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, which research centre and Hyderabad-based Biological E have developed purified antisera, raised in animals, as a prophylaxis and treatment for Covid-19?**

- A. ICMR  
B. AIIMS  
C. ICAR  
D. IGAU  
E. None of these

**8. Singapore sovereign wealth fund GIC and global private equity firm TPG Capital are going to invest nearly \$1 billion in which firm?**

- A. Future Group  
B. Big Bazaar  
C. Reliance Retail  
D. Reliance Digital  
E. None of these



**9. Which foundation has recently received the UNSDG Action Award for its work on Crop Residue Management?**

- A. CII Foundation                      B. FICCI Foundation                      C. Reliance Foundation  
D. Tata Foundation                      E. None of these

**10. Who among the following has been awarded the 2020 Right Livelihood Award?**

- A. Ales Bialiatski                      B. Nasrin Sotoudeh                      C. Bryan Stevenson  
D. Lottie Cunningham Wren                      E. All of above

**11. The Common Services Centre (CSC), a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, has partnered with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide digital literacy to citizens above the age of 55 years through a pilot project in selected states.**

- A. HelpAge India                      B. Smile Foundation                      C. Akshaya Patra Foundation  
D. GiveIndia                      E. None of these

**12. Which of the following banks has launched a financial inclusion and literacy initiative 'Gram Sampark Abhiyan' to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?**

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

**13. Bank of Baroda Financial Solutions (BFSL), a subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) has partnered with which firm to launch four new variants of BOB Credit Cards?**

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

**14. Who among the following has addressed 'India-Bangladesh Virtual Conference on Textiles and Apparel Sector'?**

- A. Smriti Irani                      B. Harsh Vardhan                      C. Nirmala Sitharaman  
D. Amit Shah                      E. None of these

**15. What is the name of the project which was launched to digitise all provident fund and pension related activities of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO)?**

- A. Sunidhi                      B. Suddhi                      C. Sugam  
D. Sumiksha                      E. None of these

**16. Who among the following has inaugurated Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik, VAIBHAV Summit this evening through video conference?**

- A. Narendra Modi                      B. Rajnath Singh                      C. Nirmala Sitharaman  
D. Yogi Adityanath                      E. None of these

**17. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has inaugurated 'Atal Tunnel'- World's Longest Highway Tunnel in which state?**

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



**18. World Habitat Day was observed on which of the following dates?**

- A. October 2                      B. October 5                      C. October 3  
D. October 4                      E. None of these

**19. In a relief to individual borrowers and medium and small industries, the Centre has agreed in the Supreme Court to waive compound interest (interest on interest) charged on loans of up to \_\_\_\_\_ for a six-month moratorium period announced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- A. Rs 1 crores                      B. Rs 3 crores                      C. Rs 4 crores  
D. Rs 2 crores                      E. None of these

**20. Which group has imposed sanctions against Belarus in a bid to pressure President Alexander Lukashenko to hold a fresh election?**

- A. European Union                      B. NATO                      C. United Nations  
D. World Trade Organization                      E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** 6,197 gram panchayats in Haryana

**What:** to go digital

**When:** published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday launched "Gram Darshan", a scheme aimed at making accessible data of 6,197 gram panchayats of the state just a click away.

This is a step forward towards complete digitization of villages by uploading the entire records of all development activities of villages as well as of various government departments on a single digital platform, an official statement said.

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala was also present at the digital launch of the scheme. [\(Read more\)](#)



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**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Punjab CM

**What:** Launches Construction Of 750 Rural Stadiums, Flags Off Ambulances

**When:** published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Friday launched several development initiatives including flagging off a fleet of ambulances, construction of 750 rural stadiums or playgrounds and signing of MoU for conferring ownership rights on economically weaker sections.

The MoU was signed between the Local Government Department and Centre for Policy Research, while the ambulances were flagged off in Patiala, Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

The Chief Minister said that the 750 stadiums, being taken up for development at a cost of Rs 105 crore in rural areas, will help channelise the energy of the youth in a constructive manner, under the state government's rural transformation strategy and Tandarust Punjab Mission. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** World Day for Farmed Animals 2020

**What:** was observed on October 2

International animals' welfare organization, World Animal Protection along with the Asia for Animals coalition is celebrating World Day for Farmed Animals to bring focus on the need to treat farm animals as sentient beings and make visible the importance and urgency of farm animal welfare.

Organizations from India, Thailand, South Korea, Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam, Japan, China, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and New Zealand participated in the event.

Asia for Animals (AfA) Coalition is composed of 23 well-known and respected animal welfare organizations that have a shared focus on improving the welfare of animals in Asia.

Intensive animal farming and poor treatment of farm animals pose a pandemic-level threat to humans and also depletes the health of the animals. Diseases such as swine flu, bird flu, and Nipah virus all emerged from farmed animals. [\(Read more\)](#)

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Anand Neelakantan

**What:** comes up with children's fiction based on myths

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

After 'Chaturanga', the second book in the Bahubali trilogy, author Anand Neelakantan is attempting on a children's fiction. Titled 'The Very Extremely Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids', the new book is about Asura kids and the stories of their mischief.

Ending the wait, the writer released the cover of the book on Wednesday. Earlier, he had been adding the surprise element by tweeting about the arrival of the book and the release of the cover. The illustrations in the book was already shared along with his tweets.

Though he is trying a new genre, Anand has sustained the mythical flavour which is common in all his previous books. While releasing the cover, Anand said that the lockdown period was productive and thus he came up with the new book for children. [\(Read more\)](#)

### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Manish Sisodia

**What:** launches book celebrating Mahatma Gandhi's special association with Delhi

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



Mahatma Gandhi spent 720 days of his life in Delhi and visited the city 80 times between 1915 and 1948. During his stay in the city, he participated in protests, observed fasts and addressed public meetings to encourage people to join the freedom movement.

In addition to this Gandhi also attended social functions. He inaugurated the Modern School at Barakhamba Road and Lakshminarayan Temple popularly known as Birla Mandir. These selective anecdotes about Gandhi's association with Delhi are part of the coffee table book— Bapu— The unforgettable. The book was launched by Delhi Archives on Friday on the occasion of his 151st birth anniversary.

The book was unveiled by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in the presence of secretary of arts, culture, and language (ACL) department Manisha Saxena and head of the archives Sanjay Garg. On the occasion, the department also held a webinar on 'Footprints of Gandhiji in Delhi'. Professor Sucheta Mahajan of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Sohail Hashmi (film maker and author) and Rajmani Srivastava, former assistant director of the National Archives of India, spoke at the event. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Nasa

**What:** lifts off cargo spacecraft SS Kalpana Chawla carrying 8,000-pound supplies

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) launched the Northrop Grumman's Antares rocket and a Cygnus spacecraft bound for the International Space Station (ISS) from its Wallops flight facility on Friday.

A Northrop Grumman Cygnus, the commercial cargo spacecraft named the SS Kalpana Chawla after astronaut Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian-born woman to enter space, carries a 360-degree camera for spacewalking, and radish seeds for growing and a smorgasbord of fancy meats and cheeses for feasting.

The 8,000-pound shipment should reach the International Space Station (ISS) on Monday, the US space agency said. "Over 8,000 lbs of cargo & @ISS\_Research on @NorthropGrumman's Cygnus spacecraft will be delivered to our orbiting lab," Nasa said in a tweet. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ICMR, Biological E

**What:** develop purified equine antiserum

**When:** published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



India's top health research body Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Hyderabad-based Biological E have developed purified antisera, raised in animals, as a prophylaxis and treatment for Covid-19.

Antiserum is blood-based serum containing antibodies against viruses.

The therapy works like plasma therapy. However, the blood plasma is obtained from animals — from horses, in this case — that have recovered from a viral infection and found to have antibodies against the virus in their system. Antibodies from horses, known as equine antisera, are quite common. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** GIC, TPG

**What:** to invest about \$1 billion in Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Reliance Industries announced that Singapore sovereign wealth fund GIC and global private equity firm TPG Capital would invest nearly \$1 billion in its retail arm, Reliance Retail Ventures. GIC will invest Rs 5,512.5 crore and TPG will invest Rs 1,837.5 crore in the retail arm. In a regulatory filing, Reliance said that the firms would pick 1.22 per cent equity stake and 0.41 per cent equity stake in RRVL respectively.

The Mukesh Ambani-helmed oil-to-telecom conglomerate said that the investments value Reliance Retail at a pre-money equity value of \$58.47 billion.

Reliance has already secured more than \$2 billion in investments from global investors including General Atlantic, Abu Dhabi state fund Mubadala and Silver Lake Partners for the retail arm. This investment is TPG's second in Reliance after its \$598 million investment in Reliance's Jio Platforms. Mukesh Ambani has approached Jio Platforms investors to pick stakes in Reliance Retail. ([Read more](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CII Foundation

**What:** Receives the UNSDG Action Award for its work on Crop Residue Management

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The CII Foundation's work on crop residue management has been awarded the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) Action Award by UNDP in partnership with the Government of Punjab under the category 'Integration, Convergence, Joint Action and Holistic Solution Approach – Industry'. The SDG Action Awards recognise efforts of change makers who are working towards making the world a better place. This is the third edition of the SDG Action Award which identifies





outstanding initiatives that are accelerating action towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Crop residue burning in the north-western states of India is an established contributor to the deteriorating air quality in the region, which is aggravated around October.

In 2017-18, the CII partnered with the NITI Aayog to research the issue of air pollution, and a roadmap for action on crop residue burning emerged from that engagement. The CII Foundation then launched a field project in Punjab in 2018. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Right Livelihood Awards

**What:** go to rights activists from Belarus, Nicaragua, the US and Iran

**When:** published on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Maria Kolesnikova and Veronika Tsepkalo might well be prominent faces of the opposition in Belarus today. But doubtless Ales Bialiatski is the man who's been giving President Alexander Lukashenko sleepless nights for decades, whose eagle eye spots any abuse and who surely helped inspire the three women now pushing Lukashenko to the brink.

The 58-year-old human rights activist has fought for human rights and freedom in Belarus for half his life, but he struggles to recall times quite so tough: "The level of repression is currently extremely high, we have not seen the like of this. Right now we're really experiencing a societal disaster." [\(Read more\)](#)

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CSC

**What:** Partners With HelpAge India To Impart Digital Literacy To Elderly Citizens

**When:** published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

The Common Services Centre (CSC), a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, has partnered with HelpAge India to provide digital literacy to citizens above the age of 55 years through a pilot project in selected states.

The move is aimed at digital inclusion and literacy of the rural elderly, especially those disadvantaged, at a time when online and digital services have assumed paramount significance due to social distancing in the wake of coronavirus pandemic.

CSC's Chief Executive Officer Dinesh Tyagi said older people have been identified as the most vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic and are encouraged to stay within their homes as much as possible.



As most elderly, especially those living in rural areas are not digitally literate, it is deeply impacting their way of life accessing basic goods and services and survival. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PNB

**What:** launches financial inclusion initiative Gram Sampark Abhiyan

**When:** published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Friday launched a financial inclusion and literacy initiative 'Gram Sampark Abhiyan' to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The nationwide campaign was launched by Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar, PNB said in a statement.

The campaign is centred on four key themes — digital, credit, social security and financial literacy that will encapsulate various activities and prescribes the cherished theme of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', it said.

Upon commencement, PNB's 3,930 rural and 2,752 semi-urban branches will aim to reach 526 districts during the campaign, with two camps per branch every month, it said. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** BOB Financial and Mastercard

**What:** launch four new variants of Bank of Baroda credit card

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

BOB Financial Solutions Ltd. (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) is gearing up to meet the needs of evolving customer and market requirements. Today along with Mastercard, BFSL launched four new credit cards catering to its customers across segments, including affluent as well as the first-time credit card owners. Two other credit cards are launched with eminent professional institutions of the country. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India, Bangladesh

**What:** looking to address logistics challenges for seamless movement of cargo: Irani

**When:** published on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Union Minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday said various measures are being looked at to address the logistics challenges and reduce the turnaround time for seamless movement of cargo between India and Bangladesh. Irani said leveraging the inland waterway route will also be looked at for seamless movement of cargo between the two neighbours. 'We are actively looking at addressing logistics challenges which emanate at our borders to facilitate quicker turnaround time for both the industries in India and Bangladesh,' said the minister at a CII webinar. The issues being faced in the movement of cargo through Petrapole and Benapole ports are also being investigated, she said.

Irani said imposition of zero duty on exports of ethnic apparel from India to Bangladesh would help increase trade.

'The Indian industry can rejoice if Bangladesh allows retail of ethnic apparel from India at zero duties,' the minister said.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 'Sunidhi' project

**What:** launched to digitise CMPFO services

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

The government on Friday announced the launch of an ambitious information technology project 'Sunidhi' to digitise all provident fund and pension related activities of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO). CMPFO, a statutory body under the coal ministry, administers different schemes of provident fund, pension and deposit linked insurance for coal mine workers.

"On the august occasion of 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, CMPFO inaugurated the - Superior New-generation Information and Data Handling Initiative (SUNIDHI), in response to Prime Minister's clarion call of Digital India campaign," the coal ministry said in a statement.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Narendra Modi

**What:** inaugurates Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik

**When:** published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik, VAIBHAV Summit this evening through video conference. The Summit is a global virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian researchers and academicians. The summit will conclude on the 31st of this month.

Addressing the Summit, PM Modi said, the Government has taken numerous measures to boost science, research and innovation. He said, Science is at the core of our efforts towards socio-economic transformations.



He said, In 2014, four new vaccines were introduced into the country's immunisation programme which included an indigenously developed Rotavirus vaccine. He said, the government has encouraged indigenous vaccine production. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM

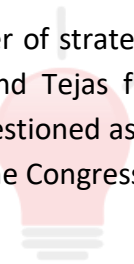
**What:** Inaugurates 'Atal Tunnel'- World's Longest Highway Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched a blistering attack on the Congress, saying India's defence interests were compromised under its rule, and asserted nothing is more important to his government than protecting the country.

Modi hit out at the opposition party, which headed the coalition government at the Centre during 2004-14, after inaugurating the strategically important 9.02-km Atal Tunnel, the world's longest highway tunnel which reduces the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 km and the travel time by four to five hours.

He cited a number of strategically important projects, from Atal Tunnel to the air strip at Daulat Beg Oldi in Ladakh and Tejas fighter aircraft production, to assert that they were delayed or almost forgotten and questioned as to what "compulsion" and "pressure" might have been behind it, without directly naming the Congress. [\(Read more\)](#)



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## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** World Habitat Day

**What:** was observed on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The United Nations designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. The Day is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

2020 Theme: Housing For All — A Better Urban Future [\(Read more\)](#)

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Centre in Supreme Court agrees

**What:** to waive compound interest on loans up to Rs 2 crore for six-months

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



In a relief to individual borrowers and medium and small industries, the Centre has agreed in the Supreme Court to waive compound interest (interest on interest) charged on loans of up to Rs 2 crores for a six-month moratorium period announced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It said the government will seek due authorisation from parliament for making appropriate grants in this regard and “the endeavour shall be over and above the support of Rs 3.7 lakh crore to MSMEs, Rs 70,000 crore for home loans etc. already extended through the Garib Kalyan and Aatma Nirbhar packages announced by government earlier”.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** European Union

**What:** leaders break deadlock to impose sanctions on Belarus

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

The European Union imposed sanctions against Belarus on Friday in a bid to pressure President Alexander Lukashenko to hold a fresh election.

The EU follows the U.K. and Canada in taking action against the regime, saying that the Aug. 9 election that saw Lukashenko reelected was neither free nor fair and condemning the regime’s violence against peaceful protesters and arbitrary arrests.

EU leaders agreed to impose asset freezes and travel bans on 40 Belarusian officials during late night talks at a summit in Brussels. But Lukashenko himself wasn’t on the list, raising questions about how much influence the EU will bring to bear on the Belarusian regime.[\(Read more\)](#)





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