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September GA Quiz 29

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

1. Who among the following virtually conferred the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2018-19 on 24th September, 2020?

- A. Narendra Modi B. M. Venkaiah Naidu C. Ram Nath Kovind
D. Rajnath Singh E. None of these

2. Which of the following companies has tied-up with early stage VC fund Matrix Partners to scale small businesses in India by providing them with digital skilling support?

- A. Apple B. Microsoft C. Alphabet Inc
D. Facebook E. None of these

3. Which of the following card companies has launched 'Contactless Connections', a new brand campaign?

- A. SBI Card B. Visa Card C. ICICI Card
D. Master Card E. None of these

4. Which company has got RBI nod to set up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit to handle payment services related to bills?

- A. Vakrangee Ltd B. Welspun India Ltd C. Dewan Housing Ltd
D. PC Ltd E. None of these

5. Which of the following banks has recently partnered with Bayer's better life farming (BLF) initiative in India?

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

6. Who among the following has addressed virtual Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity Beyond 2020?

- A. Ramesh Pokhriyal B. Ravi Shankar Prasad C. Piyush Goyal
D. Prakash Javadekar E. None of these

7. Which organization in collaboration with NITI Aayog, has presented a 'Special Report on Sustainable Recovery' on 18 September 2020?

- A. International Energy Agency B. Energy Information Administration
C. International Atomic Energy Agency D. International Labour Organization
E. None of these



8. Alapan Bandopadhyay has been named as the New Chief Secretary of which of the following states?

- A. Jharkhand B. Bihar C. West Bengal
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

9. Which state government has announced 'Paryatan Sanjeevani Scheme', under which loan, amounting from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh would be given to an interested entrepreneur?

- A. Manipur B. Assam C. Sikkim
D. Arunachal Pradesh E. None of these

10. Who among the following has recently launched the "Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna" in line with the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) Scheme of the central government?

- A. Jyotiraditya Scindia B. Digvijaya Singh C. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
D. Kamal Nath E. None of these

11. International Day for Universal Access to Information 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. September 26 B. September 27 C. September 28
D. September 29 E. None of these

12. The 2020 World Rabies Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. September 25 B. September 26 C. September 27
D. September 28 E. None of these

13. Which of the following day is observed as the World Deaf Day?

- A. First Sunday of September B. Second Sunday of September
C. Third Sunday of September D. Last Sunday of September
E. None of these

14. Name the person who was former chairman of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), passed away.

- A. Isher Judge Ahluwalia B. Indira Banerjee C. Indu Malhotra
D. R. Banumathi E. None of these

15. Who among the following has recently won the Russian Grand Prix 2020?

- A. Lewis Hamilton B. Max Verstappen C. Valtteri Bottas
D. Sebastian Vettel E. None of these

16. Who among the following has recently launched a web portal that will provide all important information on COVID-19, vaccine development, ongoing clinical trials and progress made in this area locally and globally?

- A. Harsh Vardhan B. Ramesh Pokhriyal C. Prakash Javadekar
D. Ashwini Kumar Choubey E. None of these



17. In its first major campaign across India, Entri, a local language learning app for jobs, has signed up which cricket player as its brand ambassador?

- A. Robin Uthappa B. Yusuf Pathan C. Piyush Chawla
D. Zaheer Khan E. None of these

18. Mustapha Adib has resigned as Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Lebanon B. Libya C. Syria
D. Turkey E. None of these

19. Mali's interim President Bah Ndaw has named _____ as prime minister.

- A. Modibo Sidibé B. Moctar Ouane C. Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta
D. Dioncounda Traoré E. None of these

20. Reserve Bank of India has approved 3-member committee of directors to manage which bank?

- A. Lakshmi Vilas Bank B. Karur Vysya Bank C. State Bank of India
D. HDFC Bank E. None of these



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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind virtually

What: conferred the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2018-19

When: published on 25th September 2020

The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind virtually conferred the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2018-19 on 24th September, 2020 from Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi today. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijju attended the ceremony from Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The National Service Scheme (NSS) Award for the year 2018-19 was given to 42 awardees in 3 different categories like University/ +2 Council, NSS Units and their Programme Officers and NSS Volunteers. Secretary of Department of Youth Affairs Ms. Usha Sharma and other dignitaries were also present on this occasion.

Speaking on the occasion the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind said that service to humanity and nation has been the tradition of our value system. President added that it has its roots in our tradition where it has been stated that it is difficult to understand and gauge the implications of service motive. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Facebook

What: ties-up with Matrix Partners India to scale early-stage SMBs

When: published on 24th September 2020

A week after Facebook announced grants for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, the company announced that it has tied-up with early stage VC fund Matrix Partners to scale small businesses in India by providing them with digital skilling support.

The tie-up with Matrix Partners is a part of Facebook's VC Brand Incubator Program that collaborates with venture capital funds to help early-stage small and medium businesses (SMBs) to maximize their digital potential. In light of the pandemic, Facebook has taken the program online to ensure continued skilling and support for small businesses even in these times.

With the tie-up with Matrix Partners India, the program also completes one year during which it has collaborated with six VC Funds - Sauce.VC, Fireside Ventures, SAIF Partners, Sequoia Capital, DSG



Ventures, and Matrix Partners India - and skilled, trained, mentored more than 150 brands at various stages of their growth journey. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI Card

What: launches new brand campaign “Contactless Connections”

When: published on 25th September 2020

SBI Card, India’s second largest credit card issuer, announced the launch of its new brand campaign, “Contactless Connections” that spreads the message that love and care can be shared even during this difficult period where social distancing is the norm. The campaign endeavours to bring a fresh breath of positivity by demonstrating that people can connect emotionally and spread joy despite the social distancing practices by which we are bound.

The film strikes a chord with the audience through a concept which is relatable in current times. With easing of lockdown, people are learning to adjust to a new normal, where physical distance must be maintained, interactions are virtual, and communication occurs through the barrier of masks. There is natural concern and inhibition in the minds of people as they go about their daily lives with a high degree of precaution in this new normal. However, the film shows that despite these fears, restrictions and physical distance, people are finding means to connect, care and touch the lives of loved ones, whilst staying safe. It infuses hope that one can stay emotionally connected, receive support from those around and touch hearts, despite the distances. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Vakrangee

What: Gets RBI Nod To Set Up Bharat Bill Payment Unit

When: published on 25th September 2020

Vakrangee Ltd. on Friday said the Reserve Bank had granted in-principle approval to set up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit to handle payment services related to bills.

Vakrangee has received in-principle authorisation to set up and operate BBPOU under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 from the Reserve Bank of India, it said in a release.

The company offers banking, insurance, money transfer services, e-commerce, e-governance and other digital services on behalf of its partner banks, insurers, government agencies, e-commerce players among others through its branches mostly located in rural and semi-urban areas. [\(Read more\)](#)



5. Hints to Remember

Who: Axis Bank

What: partners with Bayer's better life farming (BLF) initiative in India

When: published on 25th September 2020

Life sciences firm Bayer on Friday said it has partnered with private sector lender Axis Bank for its better life farming (BLF) initiative in India to provide enhanced and holistic financial solutions to smallholder farmers and rural farming communities. Through the partnership, Axis Bank will offer end-to-end financial solutions and services such as affordably priced loans, deposits, withdrawals and payments, Bayer said in a statement.

Digital financial solutions and doorstep delivery of these services will be part of the bank's offering to ensure convenient and hassle-free transactions. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Prakash Javadekar

What: addresses virtual Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity Beyond 2020

When: published on 25th September 2020

The Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar represented India at the virtual Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity held on 24 September 2020.

The theme of the Ministerial Dialogue was Biodiversity Beyond 2020: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth.

The event was hosted by China, ahead of the upcoming United Nation Summit on Biodiversity on 30 September 2020.

Around 15 ministerial representatives as well as the heads from relevant international organizations participated in the event to exchange views on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

Mr. Javadekar also informed that India aims to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land, and achieve land-degradation neutrality by 2030.

7. Hints to Remember

Who: IEA and NITI Aayog

What: launch Special Report on Sustainable Recovery Post Covid-19

When: published on 22nd September 2020



Against the backdrop of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, International Energy Agency (IEA), in collaboration with NITI Aayog, presented a 'Special Report on Sustainable Recovery' on 18 September 2020.

Part of IEA's flagship World Energy Outlook series, the report proposes a number of actions that could be taken over the next three years to revitalize economies and boost employment while making energy systems cleaner and more resilient.

The report was virtually launched by IEA Executive Director Dr Fatih Birol and NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, in the presence of Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal. [\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Alapan Bandopadhyay

What: Named as New Chief Secretary of West Bengal

When: published on 28th September 2020

Alapan Bandopadhyay was named as the new chief secretary of West Bengal on Monday.

Alapan Bandopadhyay, who is at present the state home secretary, will join his new posting on October 1, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said.

He will take over the new role from Rajiva Sinha who retires on September 30.

Alapan Bandopadhyay is a 1987-batch IAS officer of West Bengal cadre. [\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Assam government

What: to provide loan to entrepreneurs for venturing in tourism sector

When: published on 25th September 2020

In a move to infuse freshness in the COVID 19 hit tourism industry of Assam, Assam government announced 'Paryatan Sanjeevani Scheme', under which loan, amounting from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh would be given to an interested entrepreneur.

Announcing this at a tourism conclave organised by government of Assam in association with Assam Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the scheme has been conceived of to lend empowerment to the entrepreneurs associated with tourism of the state so that the sector gets a fresh lease of life amid COVID 19 pandemic.



As a part of the scheme loan would be given for a period of five years and a moratorium period of one year would be given to the loanee. The first year's interest of the loan amount would be paid by the government.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Madhya Pradesh CM

What: launches scheme on lines of PM-Kisan

When: published on 27th September 2020

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday inaugurated `Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna` on the lines of the Centre`s Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) Scheme.

The Chief Minister announced that Rs 4,000 will be transferred to accounts of 1,75,000 farmers in the state every year in two instalments under the scheme. Speaking on occasion, Chouhan raised questions over opposition`s protest against farm bills saying that farmers will be benefited. He said the Centre has Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme under which Rs 6,000 will be transferred to farmers annually.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day for Universal Access to Information 2020

What: was observed on 28th September

On 28 September, UNESCO will lead the global observance of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) with a high-level panel discussion highlighting the importance of access to information in saving lives, a series of webinars and the publication of a policy brief.

The publication, The Right to Information in Times of Crisis, part of UNESCO's World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development series, examines norms and principles concerning the right to information during public health crises, and highlights the importance of free access to information in mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also proposes a set of recommendations concerning the right to information in emergency situations.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: 2020 World Rabies Day

What: was observed on 28th September

World Rabies Day 2020: Rabies is an infectious viral disease that is spread from animals to humans and other animals. It causes acute inflammation of the brain and disrupts the mental faculties. According



to the World Health Organisation (WHO), dogs are the main source of human rabies deaths, contributing up to 99% of all rabies transmissions to humans.

Thus, to raise awareness about the impact of rabies and how the disease can be prevented World Rabies Day is observed on September 28 every year. However, the day marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

September 28, 2020, is the 14th World Rabies Day. Do you know how it is spread? Rabies is a deadly virus which is commonly transmitted through animal bites- saliva of infected animals. This virus attacks the central nervous system resulting in inflammation in the brain. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: World Deaf Day

What: is celebrated every year on the last Sunday of September

World Deaf Day is observed on the last Sunday of September.

When is World Deaf Day?

World Deaf Day 2017 is observed on Sunday, September 24, 2017

World Deaf Day 2018 is observed on Sunday, September 30, 2018

World Deaf Day 2019 is observed on Sunday, September 29, 2019

World Deaf Day 2020 is observed on Sunday, September 27, 2020 ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Former ICRIER chairperson Isher Judge Ahluwalia

What: dies at 74

When: published on 26th September 2020

Eminent economist Isher Judge Ahluwalia, a recipient of India's third-highest civilian award Padma Bhushan, passed away on Saturday. She was 74. An associate who worked with Ahluwalia said that she passed away on Saturday.

Last month, she had stepped down as chairman of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) due to her declining health.

Ahluwalia was married to former deputy chairperson of Planning Commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia and is survived by her husband and two sons.

She had completed her PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an MA from the Delhi School of Economics, and a BA (Eco Hons) from Presidency College, Kolkata. Her research was



focused on urban development, macro-economic reforms, industrial development, and social sector development issues in India. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Valtteri Bottas

What: wins Russian GP as time penalties stop Lewis Hamilton from equalling win record

When: published on 27th September 2020

Valtteri Bottas won the Russian Grand Prix on Sunday after his Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton's race was ruined by penalties, in front of the largest crowd of the pandemic-hit season.

Hamilton had been looking to match Michael Schumacher's record of 91 wins in Formula One but had to settle for third behind Bottas and Max Verstappen. Bottas built a sizeable lead over Verstappen with ease and cruised to his first win since the season-opening Austrian Grand Prix.

Hamilton was already under investigation by the stewards when he started the race from pole position. Before the race he twice stopped to perform practice starts at the exit of the pit lane, rather than in the designated area. That eventually earned him two five-second penalties, dropping him as low as 11th at one stage. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Union minister Harsh Vardhan

What: launches web portal for updates on Covid vaccine development

When: published on 28th September 2020

The Union Health Ministry on Monday launched a web portal that will provide all important information on COVID-19, vaccine development, ongoing clinical trials and progress made in this area locally and globally.

The 'vaccine web portal' and the 'National Clinical Registry for COVID-19' have been developed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and was launched by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, according to a health ministry statement.

The National Clinical Registry for COVID-19 will collect systematic data on clinical signs and symptoms, laboratory investigations, management protocols, the clinical course of COVID-19, disease spectrum and outcomes of patients. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Kerala startup Entri



What: signs up Robin Uthappa as brand ambassador

When: published 26th September 2020

In its first major campaign across India, Entri, a local language learning app for jobs, has signed up Rajasthan Royals cricketer Robin Uthappa as its brand ambassador and has also partnered with Hotstar to run ad campaigns in five different languages throughout the ongoing IPL season.

Entri expects this move to accelerate its user adoption in the country, especially in the Hindi belt, a company press release said.

Mohammed Hisamuddin, founder and chief executive officer, Entri said, "Robin was an easy choice because he was an early backer of Entri and also the fact that he could speak 4 different languages that Entri had courses in, helped make the decision." ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Lebanon PM-designate

What: steps down amid impasse over gov't formation

When: published on 26th September 2020

Lebanon's prime minister-designate Mustapha Adib has announced his resignation after his efforts to line up a non-partisan cabinet ran into trouble, particularly over who would run the finance ministry.

In a televised address on Saturday, Adib said he was stepping down from "the task of forming the government" following a meeting with President Michel Aoun.

Adib, a former ambassador to Berlin, was picked on August 31 to form a cabinet after the last government led by Hassan Diab resigned following the Beirut port blast on August 4 that killed some 200 people and left thousands homeless.

But the formation of a new government was hit by a logjam over the demand of two dominant Shia parties – Iran-backed Hezbollah and its ally, the Amal Movement – to name Shia ministers in the cabinet. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Mali Foreign Minister Moctar Ouane

What: named transitional PM

When: published on 27th September 2020

Mali's interim President Bah Ndaw has named former Malian Foreign Minister Moctar Ouane as prime minister.



The appointment on Sunday opens the way for the country's neighbours to lift sanctions imposed after its August military coup.

A civilian premier was the precondition for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to lift sanctions it imposed two days after the August 18 coup removing President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, which the military government claimed inflicted no casualties.

A veteran diplomat, Ouane, 64, served as Mali's ambassador to the United Nations from 1995-2002, and as foreign minister from 2004-2009 during Amadou Toumani Toure's presidency. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: approves 3-member committee of directors to manage Lakshmi Vilas Bank

When: published on 28th September 2020

After shareholders ousted seven directors of the board, the Reserve Bank of India has approved appointment of three-member Committee of Directors (CoD) to run the daily affairs of debt-ridden Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB). This CoD will exercise the discretionary powers of MD & CEO in the ad-interim, the bank said in a statement on Monday. The RBI on September 27 appointed the CoD composed of three independent directors Meeta Makhan, Shakti Sinha, and Satish Kumar Kalra, it said, adding that the committee will be headed by Meeta Makhan.

On Friday, shareholders of LVB ousted seven directors, including its MD & CEO and auditors at the AGM.

The truncated board sought to assuage investors stating that the bank's liquidity situation was comfortable and assured the depositors that their monies were safe. [\(Read more\)](#)





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