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September GA Quiz 8

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

1. Which of the following states has recently received the 1st inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh under Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT)?

- A. West Bengal B. Assam C. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Tripura E. None of these

2. Which of the following companies has signed MoU with India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre (ISIC)?

- A. H-Lab B. T-Cab C. C-CAMP
D. Kribs Bionest E. None of these

3. Which edition of Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Senior Officials Meeting was held on 3rd September 2020?

- A. 15th B. 12th C. 10th
D. 14th E. None of these

4. Chakr Innovation, the incubated start-up of which IIT has launched decontamination device named "Chakr DeCoV" to decontaminate the N95 masks?

- A. IIT Patna B. IIT Madras C. IIT Delhi
D. IIT Bombay E. None of these

5. Who among the following has recently released the report titled 'The State of Young Child in India' prepared by organization named Mobile Creches?

- A. Venkaiah Naidu B. Nirmala Sitharaman C. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
D. Narendra Modi E. None of these

6. Which of the following state governments has approved Rs 600 cr project named Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) with World Bank assistance?

- A. Kerala B. Karnataka C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these



7. Which of the following states has revamped 'SVAYEM' scheme to provide self-employment opportunities to youths of the state?

- A. Goa B. Assam C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Punjab E. None of these

8. Which of the following companies has partnered with CyberPeace Foundation to create awareness on cyber safety among students?

- A. Twitter B. WhatsApp C. Facebook
D. Instagram E. None of these

9. Which of the following companies has bagged a €10-million (about ₹87 crore) loan from KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India. The financing is backed by cover from Euler Hermes?

- A. Aditya Birla Capital Limited B. Edelweiss Financial Services Limited
C. Srei Equipment Finance Limited D. Centrum Capital Limited
E. None of these

10. Tribal Affairs Ministry today signed an agreement with _____ for setting up of National Institute of Tribal Research at the IIPA campus, New Delhi.

- A. Manipal Academy of Higher Education B. Indian Institute of Public Administration
C. GEMS Business School D. GITAM Institute of Management
E. None of these

11. Which of the following IITs has signed MoU with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) for collaboration in Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIIC) programme?

- A. IIT Roorkee B. IIT Delhi C. IIT Calcutta
D. IIT Bhopal E. None of these

12. Which of the following states has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Netherlands government and seven companies in food processing, marketing and technologies, to benefit the horticulture and aquaculture farmers across the State?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Tamil Nadu C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Gujarat E. None of these

13. Name the person who has been appointed as the president of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

- A. Kenichi Ayukawa B. Vinod Aggarwal C. Vipin Sondhi
D. Rajan Wadhera E. None of these



14. Who among the following has inaugurated the 2-day National Tribal Research Conclave held from September 3-4, 2020?

- A. Mahendra Nath Pandey B. Harsimrat Kaur Badal C. Harsh Vardhan
D. Arjun Munda E. None of these

15. Which of the following countries has recently hosted 35th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC 35)?

- A. India B. Bangladesh C. Nepal
D. Myanmar E. None of these

16. Who among the following has represented India in virtual meeting of BRICS ministers of foreign affairs/ international relations held recently?

- A. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar B. Nirmala Sitharaman
C. Narendra Modi D. RamNath Govind E. None of these

17. India has now the _____ largest road network in the world being fuelled by the tremendous growth in construction of expressways and highways.

- A. 5th B. 3rd C. 4th
D. 2nd E. None of these

18. Which of the following companies has recently acquired Gurgaon-Palwal Transmission Limited (GPTL) from Sterlite power?

- A. IndiGrid B. Reliance Industries C. IRB Infrastructure
D. Power Grid E. None of these

19. Which of the following countries has launched a reusable experimental spacecraft on a Long March-2F carrier rocket?

- A. China B. Germany C. United States
D. India E. None of these

20. Which of the following states/UTs has launched an online performance appraisal system named "SPARROW"?

- A. Delhi B. Uttar Pradesh C. Jammu and Kashmir
D. Haryana 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
D	C	B	C	A	B	B	B	C	B	A	C	A	D	E	A	D	A	A	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Tripura

What: receives first ever inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh

When: published on 4th September 2020

The Daukandi (Bangladesh) - Sonamura (Tripura) Inland Waterway Protocol route was operationalised today marking a milestone in India-Bangladesh relations.

"Bangladeshi vessel, MB Premier carrying cement started from Daukandi on September 3, 2020, and will reach Sonamura on September 5, 2020, traversing 93 km along the river Gumti. This would be the first-ever export consignment from Bangladesh to Tripura through the inland waterways," the government said in a release.

The Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT) was signed between India and Bangladesh in 1972 to provide inland waterways connectivity between the two countries, particularly with the North Eastern Region of India and also to enhance bilateral trade. [{Read more}](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: C-CAMP

What: inks pact with India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre to nurture frugal innovations

When: published on 4th September 2020

The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) has signed a pact with the India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre (ISIC) to jointly identify and nurture frugal innovations and make quality healthcare affordable and accessible.

"The crucial collaboration with the Swedish ecosystem is aimed at building a strong crop of biopharmaceuticals, medtech, diagnostics, nutraceuticals and other healthcare interventions in India, for India, and beyond," said Taslimarif Saiyed, C-CAMP CEO and Director. [{Read more}](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: 12th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting

What: was held

When: published on 3rd September 2020



The 12th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Senior Officials' Meeting (12th MGC SOM) was held via Video Conference on 3 September 2020. The meeting, which was attended by Senior Officials from all 6 MGC Member States, was co-chaired by H.E. Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs and H.E. Mr. Sok Soken, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia.

The meeting reviewed the progress made since the 10th MGC Ministerial Meeting held in Bangkok on 1st August 2019 in all areas of cooperation including - tourism and culture; education; science and technology; traditional medicine and health; agriculture and allied sectors; water resources management; transportation and communication; and small and medium enterprises. [{Read more}](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: IIT Delhi incubated startup

What: launches “Chakr DeCoV” to decontaminate N95 masks

When: published on 3rd September 2020

IIT Delhi incubated startup Chakr Innovation has launched ‘Chakr DeCoV’ to decontaminate N95 masks.

Designed in the shape of a cabinet, Chakr DeCoV is built with an innovative decontamination mechanism, which utilises the high penetrability of Ozone gas for cleaning the pores of the N95 mask, ensuring complete decontamination of its intricate layers.

Ozone is a strong oxidizing agent that destroys viruses by diffusing through the protein coat, resulting in damage to the viral RNA. Proper dosage and exposure of Ozone can result in inactivation of SARS CoV-2 and a 99.9999 per cent reduction in bacterial load, after which an N95 mask can be reused for up to 10 times without any impact on the filtration efficiency. [{Read more}](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Venkaiah Naidu

What: released the report titled ‘The State of Young Child in India’ prepared by organization named Mobile Creches

When: published on 6th September 2020

For the complete information kindly read the given lines:

The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today called for a well-strategized collective action on multiple fronts to ensure well-being of young children for India to take full advantage of demographic dividend.



Child development should be the foundation of our development architecture, the Vice President said while releasing 'The State of Young Child in India' report, a comprehensive account of the challenges related to early child development in India.

The report has been prepared by Mobile Creches a policy advocacy organisation which works with the underprivileged children across India. Appreciating the report, Shri Naidu said that such reports help in policy formulation by developing greater understanding of the shortcomings and urgent needs of the children. He also appreciated the publisher Taylor & Francis Group for making the digital copy of report freely available for everyone.

Underlining the importance of ensuring healthy, happy, caring and playful early years for children for their holistic development, he observed that adequate nutrition and positive caring environment at home play an important role in a child's development. The years from birth until the age of five were critical, he pointed out. [{Read more}](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnataka Cabinet

What: Cleared Rs 600 cr watershed project with WB Assistance; Pre-Primary Courses initiated in public schools

When: published on 5th September 2020

In order to increase the groundwater table in parched land of 20 taluks, the state cabinet of Karnataka approved Rs 600 cr project titled Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) with World Bank (WB) assistance. This project will benefit farmers to cultivate in 10 lakh hectares of parched land in 10 districts of Karnataka.

Notably, the state government would provide Rs 180 crore while the World Bank would extend an assistance of Rs 420 crore for the period of next six years.

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Assam govt

What: relaunches SVAYEM scheme to provide self-employment to around 2 lakh youths of state

When: published on 5th September 2020

In Assam, the State Government re-launched a scheme to provide self-employment to around two lakh youths of the state. Known as Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment (SVAYEM), it would provide 50 thousand rupees each as seed money to selected youths to start business ventures.

Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the Assam Government is launching the redesigned SVAYEM with a budget of 1,000 crore rupees which will be spent in the next three months without any banking linkage. He said, the beneficiaries would have to be part of self-help groups, joint liability groups. [{Read more}](#)



8. Hints to Remember

Who: CyberPeace Foundation

What: partners with WhatsApp to create awareness on cyber safety among students

When: published on 4th September 2020

CyberPeace Foundation has partnered WhatsApp to create awareness on cyber safety among students. This is an effort to build on their earlier partnership with WhatsApp under the "e-Raksha" program that reached thousands of students.

This association aims to reach about 15,000 students in five Indian states, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Maharashtra by the end of this year as the first phase of a pan-India program.

CyberPeace Foundation will train teachers, parents and students using a co-created curriculum to arm them with tips and tricks to increase online safety for children in consultation with UNICEF and state police authorities. [{Read more}](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Srei Equipment Finance

What: bags €10-m loan from KfW IPEX-Bank

When: published on 4th September 2020

Srei Equipment Finance has bagged a €10-million (about ₹87 crore) loan from KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India. The financing is backed by cover from Euler Hermes.

Through this arrangement, KfW IPEX-Bank will provide modern and energy-efficient construction machinery for use in Indian infrastructure projects. The financed machinery from a German construction machine manufacturer includes asphalt machines, road pavers and rollers, said a press statement issued by Srei. [{Read more}](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Tribal Affairs Ministry

What: signs agreement with IIPA for setting up of National Institute of Tribal Research

When: published on 4th September 2020

Tribal Affairs Ministry today signed an agreement with Indian Institute of Public Administration, IIPA for setting up of National Institute of Tribal Research at the IIPA campus, New Delhi.



The proposed National Institute will be functional in a few months and will be engaged in quality tribal research in collaboration with reputed government and non governments NGOs spread over the country.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda.[{Read more}](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: IIT Roorkee

What: inks MoU with NIUA for collaboration in building accessible, safe and inclusive Indian cities

When: published on 5th September 2020

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee for collaboration in areas of universal design principles and inclusive development in the backdrop of 'Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities' (BASIIIC) program.

The MoU was signed between Professor Ajit K Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee and Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA. It will facilitate cooperation in the field policy research, technical support, knowledge creation and dissemination.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh government

What: signs MoUs with Netherlands, 7 firms on food processing, marketing

When: published on 5th September 2020

The State government on Friday signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Netherlands government and seven companies in food processing, marketing and technologies, to benefit the horticulture and aquaculture farmers across the State.

The MoUs were signed in the presence of Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Agriculture Minister K Kannababu, Andhra Pradesh State Agriculture Mission vice-chairperson MVS Nagi Reddy and Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture) Poonam Malakondaiah.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Kenichi Ayukawa

What: appointed as SIAM president

When: published on 6th September 2020

For the complete information kindly read the given lines:



The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the apex body of the Indian automotive industry, has elected Kenichi Ayukawa as its new president. The election for new office bearers was conducted during the Executive Committee Meeting, which was held after SIAM's Annual General Meeting on September 4.

Kenichi Ayukawa, who was the SIAM vice-president, succeeds Rajan Wadhwa, senior advisor, Mahindra & Mahindra as the President of SIAM. Ayukawa has been the MD and CEO of Maruti Suzuki India since 2013.

The SIAM members also elected Vipin Sondhi, MD and CEO, Ashok Leyland as the vice-president of SIAM and Vinod Aggarwal, MD and CEO, Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles (VECV) will continue as the treasurer of SIAM.

SIAM is a not-for-profit national body that represents all major vehicle and engine manufacturers in India and works towards "supporting sustainable development of the Indian Automobile Industry".

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Shri Arjun Munda

What: inaugurates '2 Days' National Tribal Research Conclave' being held virtually

When: published on 3rd September 2020

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda has said that the Ministry of Tribal affairs is funding 26 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) for research under Grant to TRIs and is engaged in quality research in collaboration with reputed Government and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) spread over the country. National Institute for Tribal research is being set up in partnership with IIPA at the IIPA premises in Delhi, the Minister said. These partner organizations are designated as Centres of Excellence. Addressing at the inaugural session of "National Tribal Research Conclave" organized by Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Affairs, (M/o Tribal Affairs), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi here today, he said that his Ministry along with such partner organisations design workable models which provide end to end solution, like problem identification, finding solution and execution of the project as part of Action research which can be implemented by policy initiatives. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: 35th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific 2020

What: held in Bhutan

When: published on 7th September 2020

For the complete information kindly read the given lines:



The 35th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC 35) was held virtual format due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Conference was held under the Chair of the Host Country, Bhutan. The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Parshottam Rupala represented India in the conference. The conference focused on regional priorities and issues such as COVID 19, the state of agriculture, natural resources management, food security and nutrition.

Bangladesh will host the 36th Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific of the in 2022. It will be the first time that the country will host the event, ever since it joined the organisation in 1973. The Regional Conference is held once every two years. The first regional conference was held in Bangalore, India, in 1953.

16. Hints to Remember

Who: BRICS foreign ministers

What: to hold virtual meeting on 4th Sept

When: published on 27th September 2020

BRICS foreign ministers are going to meet virtually on the 4th of September. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will chair the large-format meeting of BRICS foreign ministers during which they will exchange views on topical international matters.

Informing about the schedule of the meeting, Russian foreign ministry spokesperson Zakharova said that the September 4th meeting of the BRICS foreign ministers will discuss cooperation between the five countries and broadly cover issues in three areas: politics and security, economics and finance, and humanitarian ties.

The last meeting of BRICS foreign minister was also held virtually and convened by the current BRICS Chair, Russia, on 28th April this year. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had represented India in the meeting. The video conference was convened in the backdrop of the current pandemic crisis and the discussion also centered around COVID-19 crisis, its impact and BRICS response to it. [\(Read More\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: now got world's 2nd largest road network: Nitin Gadkari

When: published on 4th September 2020

India has now the second largest road network in the world being fuelled by the tremendous growth in construction of expressways and highways.

Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said this while addressing the 60th annual convention of SIAM through video conference today.

He informed that the current rate of road building per day has averaged to 30 Kilometre a day, with the highest being 40 Kilometre per day of highways. [\(Read more\)](#)



18. Hints to Remember

Who: IndiGrid

What: completes acquisition of GPTL from Sterlite Power

When: published on 1st September 2020

India Grid Trust (“IndiGrid”), India’s leading infrastructure investment trust, today completed acquisition of another transmission asset - Gurgaon Palwal Transmission Limited (“GPTL”), from Sterlite Power at an enterprise value of ~INR 10.8 Bn (USD 150 Mn). With this acquisition, IndiGrid’s AUM has increased by ~9% to ~INR 133 Bn (USD 1.80 Bn). IndiGrid’s asset portfolio will now consist of 10 power transmission projects, with a total network of 25 power transmission lines and 7 substations extending over ~6,080 circuit kilometres & 10,735 MVA in 15 Indian states.

GPTL is part of Inter State Transmission Scheme (ISTS) network and consists of three gas-insulated substations (GIS) with a total transformation capacity of 3,000 MVA and ~270 circuit kilometers of 400 KV transmission lines spread across Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan. This project is built with a substantial focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects. It is a strategic asset for ensuring reliable power supply in the region which may reduce the carbon emissions by reducing dependence on DG sets. The land requirement for this project is also substantially reduced with innovatively designed vertical GIS substation and monopole towers with micro-piling. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: China

What: lands its first reusable spacecraft as state media hails it as an ‘important breakthrough’

When: published on 7th September 2020

China has successfully launched and landed an experimental reusable spacecraft, according to the state-run Xinhua news agency which lauded the achievement as an “important breakthrough.”

The spacecraft was launched on a Long March-2F rocket from the Jiuquan launch center located in Inner Mongolia on Friday.

It spent two days in orbit and returned to the scheduled landing site on Sunday, Xinhua said.

There are very few details on the project which appeared to be shrouded in secrecy. There are no official images of the spacecraft. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Lt Guv

What: launches online performance appraisal system for JKAS officers



When: published on 4th September 2020

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday launched the Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) system for Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers at the Raj Bhavan here.

The technological intervention is going to benefit around 1,289 officers and is aimed at bringing more transparency, avoiding loss of appraisal reports during transition, ensuring better monitoring and timely completion of performance appraisals, an official spokesman said.

“The performance appraisal reports (APRs) of KAS officers are submitted on the SPARROW portal. On the same analogy, the government of J-K has decided to switch over from manual to online generation and recording of annual performance reports in respect of members of J-K Administrative Service on this system,” he said after the launch. ([Read more](#))





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