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## March GA Quiz 7

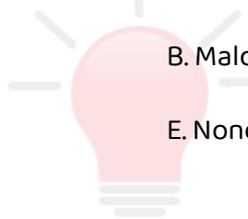
Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

**1. Which firm has adopted a resolution sponsored by India to mark 2023 as 'International Year of Millets'?**

- A. United Nations General Assembly
- B. United Nations Security Council
- C. United Nations Development Programme
- D. United Nations Environment Programme
- E. None of these

**2. India has recently signed a key pact with which country for the sale of "defence material and equipment", which are likely to include BrahMos cruise missiles?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Maldives
- C. Philippines
- D. Canada
- E. None of these



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**3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at which IIT?**

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

**4. India is to fund NRs 246 million for reconstruction of 3 Cultural Heritages in which country?**

- A. Tibet
- B. Bhutan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal
- E. None of these

**5. Who among the following has virtually inaugurated 6 new 'Outreach Service Centers for Communication Disorders' across the country by AIISH, Mysuru?**

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



**6. Which city has also emerged as the best performing municipality among all million-plus municipalities in the first-ever such ranking by the Centre?**

- A. Bhopal                                      B. Gwalior                                      C. Indore  
D. Kochi                                        E. None of these

**7. Which of the following companies has recently tested its Starship SN10 prototype rocket after two recent failed attempts?**

- A. The Boring Company                      B. Tesla, Inc.                                      C. SpaceX  
D. NASA                                        E. None of these

**8. Which company was named the Hindu Group 'Champion Publisher of the Year 2020'?**

- A. WAN-IFRA                                      B. Online News Association                      C. Reporters Without Borders  
D. International Press Institute              E. None of these

**9. Who among the following has launched 'Path Pradarshak' free coaching facility for students who are preparing for competitive examinations across the state?**

- A. Narendra Modi                                      B. Amit Shah                                      C. Yogi Adityanath  
D. Akhilesh Yadav                                      E. None of these

**10. AMNS has recently signed a MoU with which state to set up Integrated Steel Plant with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore?**

- A. Jharkhand                                      B. Madhya Pradesh                                      C. Kerala  
D. Odisha                                        E. None of these

**11. Who among the following has recently presented Uttarakhand Budget 2021-22 with an outlay of INR 57,400 Crores?**

- A. Trivendra Singh Rawat                      B. Yogi Adityanath                                      C. Arvind Kejriwal  
D. Manish Sisodia                                      E. None of these



**12. Who among the following is the author of the book titled “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power: 5 Battlegrounds”?**

- A. Koenraad Elst                      B. Subramanian Swamy                      C. Rajiv Malhotra  
D. Swaminathan Gurumurthy    E. None of these

**13. Pi Beam has launched an electric two-wheeler “PiMo” that can reportedly charge faster than a smartphone and comes with a range of 50 km. Pi Beam is start-up of which IIT?**

- A. IIT Madras                              B. IIT Kolkata                              C. IIT Kanpur  
D. IIT Delhi                                E. None of these

**14. PNB Housing Finance has tied up with which bank for a strategic co-lending service that will facilitate retail home loans at competitive rates?**

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

**15. Which company has announced a partnership with Indonesia's Indika Energy to provide solar, battery storage and EV solutions to the South East Asian nation?**

- A. Fourth Partner Energy              B. Azure Power                              C. ReNew Power  
D. CleanMax Enviro Energy            E. None of these

**16. UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres has stated which year is a ‘make or break year’ to confront the global climate emergency?**

- A. 2020                                      B. 2021                                      C. 2022  
D. 2023                                      E. None of these

**17. Which country's status as a democracy and free society has been downgraded to “partly free” in the latest annual report on global political rights and liberties by Freedom House, a US government-funded NGO that studies political freedom around the world?**

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



**18. Reliance Power has recently formed Joint Venture with which company for 745 MW project in Bangladesh?**

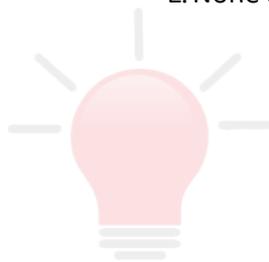
- A. Jera
- B. Chubu
- C. Tohoku
- D. Kansai
- E. None of these

**19. Which country has regained its position as India's Largest Trading Partner?**

- A. Japan
- B. Russia
- C. USA
- D. China
- E. None of these

**20. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently collaborated with which IIT to establish Center of Excellence for 'Games'?**

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Kolkata
- E. None of these



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**Correct answer:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	C	B	D	C	C	C	A	C	D	B	C	D	C	A	B	E	A	D	A

**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** UNGA

**What:** adopts resolution to mark 2023 as 'International Year of Millets'

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution tabled by India along with Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia and Senegal to mark 2023 as the 'International Year of Millets'.

"The UN General Assembly today unanimously adopted resolution initiated by India with Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia and Senegal to mark 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Resolution was co-sponsored by 70+ countries," tweeted India in UN, NY.

Meanwhile, TS Tirumurti, permanent representative of India to the United Nations, took to Twitter to thank all the countries who co-sponsored the resolution, saying that this is a big step to promote nutritional and ecological benefits of millets to the millets as a key component of food basket and effect policy changes.[\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** India

**What:** signs key pact with Philippines for sale of 'defence equipment'

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

India on Tuesday signed a key pact with the Philippines for the sale of "defence material and equipment", which are likely to include BrahMos cruise missiles.

Philippine Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, who was also present at the pact's signing ceremony in Manila, has reportedly said that his country is buying BrahMos missiles.



Philippine Department of National Defense (DND) said on Facebook on Tuesday that Defence Undersecretary Raymundo Elefante and India's Ambassador to the Philippines Shambu S. Kumaran signed an "implementing arrangement" for "procurement of defence material and equipment".

The Facebook post said Lorenzana was also present at the signing ceremony.[\(Read more\)](#)

### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PM Modi

**What:** to inaugurate Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee research institute at IIT Kharagpur on Feb 23

**When:** published on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at IIT Kharagpur virtually on Tuesday. Prime Minister Modi will also address the 66th convocation ceremony of IIT Kharagpur at 12:30 pm on February 23.

Governor of West Bengal Jagdeep Dhankar, Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Union Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre will also be present during the event.

Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research is a super speciality hospital set up by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur with support from the Union Education Ministry. Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute is driven by the Prime Minister's vision that India's future will be shaped by investment in science and innovation and driven by research talent, according to the Prime Minister's Office.[\(Read more\)](#)

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** to fund NRs 246 million for reconstruction of 3 Cultural Heritages in Nepal

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

India will be funding Nepali Rs 246 million for the reconstruction of three more Cultural Heritage projects in Nepal after six out of the 28 heritage sites contracts have already been reconstructed.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Contract Agreements for restoration and reconstruction were signed on Wednesday for Jestha Varna Mahavihara in Lalitpur, Suligyang Gumba, and Shermathang Gumba located in Sindhupalchowk district, according to Ministry of External Affairs Ministry (MEA) release.



However, the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) will be providing technical assistance for the restoration of Jestha Varna Mahavihara while other two will be undertaken by Central Level Project Implementation Unit (CLPIU), it added.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** On World Hearing Day, Dr. Harsh Vardhan

**What:** virtually inaugurates 6 new 'Outreach Service Centers for Communication Disorders' across the country by AIISH, Mysuru

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare today virtually inaugurated six new 'Outreach Service Centers for Communication Disorders' across the country by All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru on the occasion of World Hearing Day in the presence of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**The new six Outreach Service Centres are:**

1. Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Science, Patna, Bihar
2. Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bidar, Karnataka
3. Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi, Karnataka
4. Karnataka Institute of Medical Science, Hubballi, Karnataka
5. AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
6. Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Kolar, Karnataka

## 6. Hints to remember

**Who:** Indore

**What:** ranks No.1 in million-plus municipalities in India; NDMC tops among small civic bodies

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021



India's cleanest city Indore has also emerged as the best performing municipality among all million-plus municipalities in the first-ever such ranking by the Centre. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has been ranked as the best among municipalities that have less than one million population.

The Municipal Performance Index report ranking 114 civic bodies was released by the Union housing and urban affairs minister on Thursday. The ranking has been done on parameters of service delivery, planning, financial systems, and governance practices.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** SpaceX

**What:** successfully tests Starship SN10 rocket after 2 failed attempts

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

SpaceX successfully tested its Starship SN10 prototype rocket after two recent failed attempts.

The rocket prototype was launched on Wednesday to an altitude of 10,000 kilometers and then landed back on the ground. However, the rocket exploded about six minutes after landing.

The test launch is deemed successful because the goal was to gather information on how the flaps work to control the rocket when it is horizontal as it is falling back to earth.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Awards

**What:** are presented to recognize outstanding work done by news publishers in digital media

**When:** published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The Hindu Group won 2 golds and 2 silvers at WAN IFRA's South Asian Digital Media Awards, culminating in being called 'Champion Publisher of the Year', owing to the greatest tally on the points table. Among other winners were BBC News, Malayalam Manorama, Mathrubhumi, ABP, NDTV Merging, TV18 and The Quint

The World Association of News Publishers or WAN-IFRA, is an international organisation of the world's press, with a network of 3,000 news publishing companies and technology entrepreneurs, and 60 member publisher associations representing 18,000 publications in 120 countries.[\(Read more\)](#)



## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** UP CM Yogi Adityanath

**What:** launches 'Path Pradarshak,' free coaching classes for competitive exams in state

**When:** published on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday (February 15, 2021) launched 'Path Pradarshak' free coaching facility for students who are preparing for competitive examinations across the state.

This scheme has been launched under 'Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Yojana' and the idea was conceived when students from Uttar Pradesh were stuck in Kota during the nationwide lockdown in March.

Yogi said that when around 30,000 students had got stuck in Kota and Prayagraj, we decided to offer such facilities here in the state. He inaugurated the coaching facility via video conferencing, where he also interacted with students.

Yogi said that Abhyudaya Yojana is just a part of a bigger mission and is going to be a stepping stone to the life of young aspirants in Uttar Pradesh.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** AMNS India

**What:** to set up Rs 50,000 crore steel mill in Kendrapada

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

In a major boost to Odisha's industrial landscape, the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited (AMNS India) on Thursday signed an MoU with the state government to set up a 12 mtpa integrated steel complex in Kendrapada district with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore.

The deal was signed here in presence of chief minister Naveen Patnaik and executive chairman of ArcelorMittal LN Mittal. The development came two days after Mittal met Union steel minister Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi where discussion about the proposed project was held, sources said.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Uttarakhand CM

**What:** presents ₹57,400 cr budget for FY22 with health, infra in focus

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Thursday presented a ₹57,400.32 crore budget for 2021-22 in the Assembly here with emphasis on health, rural infrastructure, education, employment generation and agriculture. Tabling the budget in the post-lunch session of the Assembly, the chief minister said it will help in fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

The budget contains the vision of a self-reliant Uttarakhand which is essential to the realisation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a self-reliant India, he said.

The chief minister began his budget speech by saluting those who fought for the statehood of Uttarakhand and to those who are always ready to lay down their lives to protect the country's borders and people from all sections combating the challenge posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.[\(Read More\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** New Book "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power: 5 Battlegrounds"

**What:** authored by Rajiv Malhotra

**When:** published on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

With Artificial Intelligence helping "biological materialism sneak in through the back door", the world is witnessing a real clash of civilisations with "the battle between algorithm and being" writes Rajiv Malhotra, an internationally acclaimed author and public intellectual, in this seminal deep dive into a phenomenon that is only partially visible, like an iceberg.

Lamentably however, most of India's leaders, public intellectuals, media personalities, policy makers, think tanks and authors are "ignoring the dangers" that lie ahead, "living securely in their comfort zones with like-minded peers", Malhotra, the founder of the Princeton-based Infinity Foundation that specialises in the field of civilisational studies, writes in "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power – 5 Battlegrounds" (Rupa).

Noting that China had created a vast ecosystem of domestic intellectual property in next generation technologies including AI, 5G, nanotechnology, robotics, Virtual/Augmented Reality, aerospace and biotechnology, Malhotra writes that all this while, "the brutal reality is that India's newly minted billionaires were shortsighted – the products of jugaad and selfishness. They achieved instant wealth but failed to anticipate global trends. They became intoxicated with their status as popular icons that were glorified by the media and the government" and even received Padma awards "because they built personal fortunes even though they made precious little contribution toward nation-building".[\(Read more\)](#)



### 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** IIT-Madras startup Pi Beam

**What:** launches electric two-wheeler that can 'charge faster than smartphone'

**When:** published on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

IIT Madras-incubated startup Pi Beam has launched an electric two-wheeler -- PiMo -- that can reportedly charge faster than a smartphone and comes with a range of 50 km. Pi Beam aims at selling 10,000 vehicles by the end of next financial year (2021-22).

"As much as 90% of PiMo's product components, including the crucial batteries and controllers, are manufactured in India, thus being one of the few EVs in the local market to thoroughly embody the Make in India spirit," the startup said.[\(Read more\)](#)

### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PNB Housing Finance, Yes Bank

**What:** sign strategic co-lending pact home loans

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

PNB Housing Finance on Friday said it has tied up with Yes Bank for a strategic co-lending service that will facilitate retail home loans at competitive rates.

PNB Housing and Yes Bank will synergise capabilities to provide an efficient and seamless experience to existing and new retail home loan customers, PNB Housing Finance said in a regulatory filing.

This strategic co-lending agreement will offer "convenient and customised retail loans to homebuyers at competitive interest rates", it added.

PNB Housing and Yes Bank will jointly do due diligence and co-originate the loan at an agreed ratio.

PNB Housing will service the customers through the entire loan lifecycle, including sourcing, documentation and collection with an appropriate information sharing arrangement with Yes Bank, the filing said.[\(Read more\)](#)



## 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Fourth Partner Energy

**What:** ties up with Indonesia's Indika Energy

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Fourth Partner Energy, India's leading solar solution firm, on Friday announced a partnership with Indonesia's Indika Energy to provide solar, battery storage and EV solutions to the South East Asian nation.

"The joint venture company Empat Mitra Indika Tenaga Surya (EMITS) is aimed at accelerating Indonesia's renewable energy transition. Like Fourth Partner Energy's India portfolio, EMITS will offer integrated solar, storage and EV charging solutions to Indonesia's businesses," the company said in a statement.

Indika Energy will hold 51 per cent and Fourth Partner Energy 49 per cent stake in EMITS.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** 2021

**What:** is make or break year to confront global climate emergency; UN Chief

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

2021 is a "make or break" year to confront the global climate emergency according to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

"2021 is a make or break year to confront the global climate emergency. The science is clear, to limit global temperature rise to 1.5C, we must cut global emission by 45% by 2030 from 2010 levels," said Guterres commenting on an interim report from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) released earlier this week.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** India

**What:** downgraded from 'free' to 'partly free' in democracy report

**When:** published on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021



India's status as a democracy and free society has been downgraded to "partly free" in the latest annual report on global political rights and liberties by Freedom House, a US government-funded NGO that studies political freedom around the world.

The report titled "Freedom in the World 2021 - Democracy under Siege" said India "appears to have abandoned its potential to serve as a global democratic leader". It said India's fall "from the upper ranks of free nations could have a particularly damaging impact on global democratic standards".

There was no immediate response from Indian officials to the report.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Reliance Power and Japan's JERA

**What:** achieve financial closure of 745 MW-Bangladesh project; Stock hits 5% upper circuit

**When:** published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Anil Ambani-backed Reliance Power and Japan-based JERA are developing a new gas-fired power generation project in Bangladesh, through their joint venture project company. The duo has achieved financial closure for the project with a group of lenders that includes Japan Bank for International Cooperation ("JBIC") & Asian Development Bank ("ADB") and all requisite conditions for availing drawdown under the loan agreements have been satisfied.

The project includes build, own, and operate a 745 MW (net output: 718 MW) natural gas combined-cycle power project in Meghnaghat, Narayanganj, located approximately 40 km southeast of Dhaka (the "Project"/ "Phase 1").

Further, RPower's wholly-owned subsidiary Samalkot Power Limited ("Samalkot Power") has received approval from the Export-Import Bank of the United States ("US Exim Bank") to sell one module of equipment (Module 1) to Samsung C&T Corporation ("Samsung C&T") of South Korea, who is the EPC contractor for the Project, for Rs.1540cr.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** China

**What:** regains slot as India's top trade partner despite tensions

**When:** published on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021



China has regained its position as India's top trading partner despite a decaying relationship between the Asian neighbours.

The two countries were involved in a bloody border conflict last year and saw India ban 220 Chinese tech apps.

But that did not stop China leapfrogging the US in 2020 to become India's biggest trade partner.

Two-way trade between the long-standing economic and strategic Asian rivals stood at \$77.7bn (£55.2bn) last year.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry

**What:** collaborating with IIT Bombay to form Centre of Excellence in Gaming, Animation

**When:** published on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

The Indian government is in the advanced stages of establishing a Centre of Excellence in gaming in the country. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) has announced that it is collaborating with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay to create a Centre for Excellence in gaming and "other related areas".

During the virtual exhibition and prize announcement for "Khel Khel Mein" which is a pan-Maharashtra toy and game design competition, Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting said that IIT will start courses related to VFX, Gaming and Animation from later this year when the session commences. "So, we are at an advanced stage of preparation but let us see when the new session begins in 2021 because from that time onwards it will come into effect," he added. [\(Read more\)](#)





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