

# Current Affairs



# 35 Quiz Questions

(with explanatory notes)



**1. Who will be the Chief Guest for Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2021?**

**a) Joe Biden**

**b) Boris Johnson**

**c) Yoshihide Suga**

**d) Angela Merkel**

# **1. (b) Boris Johnson**

**UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson will be the Chief Guest for Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2021. He has accepted PM Narendra Modi's invitation to the event, informed Dominic Raab, UK Foreign Secretary during his talks with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar on December 15, 2020.**

**2. Who has been named  
Social Entrepreneur of the  
year 2020?**

**a) Sujoy Santra**

**b) Sandeep Patel**

**c) Ashraf Patel**

**d) None of the Above**

## **2. (c) Ashraf Patel**

**Ashraf Patel was awarded the social entrepreneur of the year award. The award was presented by Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani at a virtual ceremony in November 2020. Ashraf Patel is the co-founder of two organizations -Pravah and ComMutiny Youth Collective that train the youth for leadership roles.**

**3. India has been ranked at which position in the Human Development Index 2020?**

**a)111**

**b)131**

**c)123**

**d)108**

### **3. (b) 131**

**India has been ranked at 131st place among 189 countries in Human Development Index 2020. The index is a measure of a nation's health, standards of living and education.**



**4. Which among the following extinct animals was spotted in Spiti Valley, India?**

**a) Indian aurochs**

**b) Northern Sumatran rhinoceros**

**c) Pink-headed duck**

**d) Himalayan Seow**

## **4. (d) Himalayan Seow**

**The Himalayan Seow, which was believed to be extinct, was spotted recently at Hurling village in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh by a team of wildlife experts of Wildlife Division Spiti.**

**5. Who won the Ramanujan Prize  
for Mathematicians for the year  
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**a) Dr Carolina Araujo**

**b) Cédric Villani**

**c) Andrew Wiles**

**d) Grigori Perelman**

## **5. (a) Dr. Carolina Araujo**

**Dr. Carolina Araujo was honoured with the Ramanujan Prize for Mathematicians for the year 2020. She is a mathematician from the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, Rio de Janeiro.**

**6. Which state has brought into force a land grabbing prohibition Act?**

**a) Madhya Pradesh**

**b) Maharashtra**

**c) Rajasthan**

**d) Gujarat**

## **6. (d) Gujarat**

**The Gujarat state government brought into force the Gujarat Land Grabbing Prohibition Act on December 16, 2020. The Act has been enforced to take strict legal action against land mafias who have illegally occupied land that belongs to the government, common farmers or public trusts and religious organisations.**

# **7. Which nation will host G7 Summit in 2021?**

**a) France**

**b) UK**

**c) Canada**

**d) US**

## **7. (b) UK**

**The G7 Summit 2021 will be hosted by the United Kingdom and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson had extended an invitation to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the summit. PM Modi has accepted the invitation.**



**8. Which nation will be hosting ICC Women's World Cup 2022?**

**a) Australia**

**b) England**

**c) South Africa**

**d) New Zealand**

## **8. (d) New Zealand**

**The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 will be held from March 4-April 3, 2022 in New Zealand. The 31-day match schedule was announced on December 15, 2020 by the International Cricket Council (ICC).**

**9. Which city has been selected as the second venue for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023?**

**a) Puri**

**b) Cuttack**

**c) Balasore**

**d) Rourkela**

## **9. (d) Rourkela**

**Odisha's Rourkela has been selected as the second venue for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 besides the capital city Bhubaneswar.**

**10. Which nation has been witnessing protests from the members of San Isidro Movement?**

**a) Mexico**

**b) Libya**

**c) Algeria**

**d) Cuba**

## **10. (d) Cuba**

**San Isidro Movement, a movement by artists and activists demanding greater freedom of expression, has been gaining momentum in Cuba, a country under an authoritarian communist regime for over six decades.**

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**12. Which Ministry has launched the Economic Diplomacy website?**

**a) Home Ministry**

**b) External Affairs Ministry**

**c) Tourism Ministry**

**d) Corporate Affairs Ministry**

# **12.(b) External Affairs Ministry**

**The External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched the Ministry's Economic Diplomacy website on December 16, 2020. The website aims to showcase India's economic strengths as well as sectoral and state-wise strengths.**

**13. Mohammad Amir has announced his retirement from International cricket. He played for which nation's national cricket team?**

- a) Bangladesh**
- b) England**
- c) Afghanistan**
- d) Pakistan**

## **13.(d) Pakistan**

**Pakistani pacer Mohammad Amir confirmed his retirement from International cricket to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on December 17, 2020.**

**14. Which nation topped the Human Development Index 2020?**

**a) Switzerland**

**b) Denmark**

**c) Norway**

**d) Iceland**

## **14.(c) Norway**

**The Human Development Index 2020 has been topped by Norway, followed by Ireland at the second position, Switzerland at third, Hongkong and Iceland both at fourth and Germany at the sixth position.**

**15.The 55-year-old Chilahati-Haldibari rail link is set to reopen between India and which nation?**

**a)Nepal**

**b)Bhutan**

**c)Bangladesh**

**d)Myanmar**

## **15.(c) Bangladesh**

**India and Bangladesh are all set to reopen the 55-years-old Chilahati-Haldibari rail link to enhance connectivity and transport between India and Bangladesh. The inauguration took place during a virtual bilateral summit between PM Modi and PM Sheikh Hasina on December 17, 2020. The link was cut off during the 1965 India-Pakistan War.**



**16. India has decided to contribute how much fund to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)?**

**a) USD 1 million**

**b) USD 2 million**

**c) USD 1.5 million**

**d) USD 2.5 million**

## **16.(a) USD 1 million**

**India has decided to contribute USD 1 million to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to ensure an atmosphere of clean sport globally.**

**17. What is the name of the Indian Navy's second Project 17A stealth guided-missile frigate?**

- a) Himgiri**
- b) Aravalli**
- c) Sahyadri**
- d) Sivalik**

## **17.(a) Himgiri**

**Indian Navy's second Project 17A Frigate 'Himgiri' was launched on December 14, 2020 at the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) in Kolkata. The frigate is the second of the total seven Nilgiri-class Project 17A stealth guided missile frigates that are being constructed for the Indian Navy.**

**18. Indian ride-sharing company  
Ola will be setting up its first  
electric scooter factory in which  
state?**

**a) Karnataka**

**b) Goa**

**c) Tamil Nadu**

**d) Telangana**

## **18.(c) Tamil Nadu**

**Ola on December 14, 2020 signed an agreement with the Tamil Nadu state government to set up its first electric scooter factory worth Rs. 2,400 crores.**

**19. India has decided to collaborate with which nation through a new virtual hub to distribute vaccines?**

**a) Russia**

**b) Japan**

**c) US**

**d) UK**

## **19.(d) UK**

**India has decided to collaborate with the United Kingdom through a new virtual hub for distributing vaccines for Covid as well as for other deadly viruses.**



**20. When is Vijay Diwas observed?**

**a) December 15th**

**b) December 16th**

**c) December 17th**

**d) December 18th**

# **20.(b) December 16th**

**Vijay Diwas is observed annually on December 16, 2020 to commemorate India's historic victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war, which led to the liberation of East Pakistan and creation of Bangladesh.**

**21. Which state's cabinet has approved a proposal to provide free COVID-19 vaccine to all people in the state?**

**a)Goa**

**b)Delhi**

**c)Uttar Pradesh**

**d)Bihar**

## **21. (d) Bihar**

**The Bihar Cabinet on December 15, 2020 approved a proposal to provide free COVID-19 vaccine to the people in the state. This was one of the poll promises of the ruling Nitish Kumar-led JDU government in the recently concluded Bihar Assembly polls.**

**22. Government has approved how much financial assistance for sugarcane farmers?**

**a)Rs 4000 crore**

**b)Rs 3500 crore**

**c)Rs 5000 crore**

**d)Rs 2000 crore**

## **22. (b) Rs 3500 crore**

**The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved assistance of about Rs 3,500 crore for sugarcane farmers (Ganna Kisan) on December 16, 2020.**

**23. Which Indian tennis player won the doubles title at the Al Habtoor Tennis Challenge 2020?**

- a) Karman Kaur**
- b) Prarthana Thombare**
- c) Rutuja Bhosale**
- d) Ankita Raina**

## **23. (d) Ankita Raina**

**Indian Tennis player Ankita Raina clinched her third doubles title of the season, winning the Al Habtoor Tennis Challenge with Georgia's Ekaterine Gorgodze in Dubai on December 12, 2020.**



**24. The RBI's first Automated Banknote Processing Centre will be set up in which city?**

**a) Bhopal**

**b) Pune**

**c) Jaipur**

**d) Lucknow**

## **24. (c) Jaipur**

**The Reserve Bank of India will be setting up its first Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in Jaipur for storage, receipt and dispatch of currency notes. The decision was taken to effectively deal with the increasing circulation of banknotes.**

**25. Whose 70th death anniversary was observed on December 15, 2020?**

**a) Jawaharlal Nehru**

**b) Lal Bahadur Shastri**

**c) Bipin Chandra Pal**

**d) Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel**

## **25. (d) Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel**

**Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's 70th death anniversary was observed on December 15, 2020. He was the first Deputy Prime Minister of India and was also popularly known as the Iron Man of India, as he helped in the integration of the Princely States with the Indian Union.**

**26. The United States has imposed sanctions against which nation for purchasing surface-to-air missiles from Russia?**

**a)Iran**

**b)Sudan**

**c)Turkey**

**d)Israel**

## **26. (c) Turkey**

**The United States on December 14, 2020 imposed sanctions on Turkey for purchase of S-400 surface-to-air missile system from Russia and urged Ankara to resolve the problem "immediately in coordination with the US".**

**27. When will ISRO launch communication satellite CMS-01?**

- a) December 16th**
- b) December 17th**
- c) December 14th**
- d) December 21st**

## **27. (b) December 17**

**The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch communication satellite CMS-01 aboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C50) on December 17, 2020. This would be India's 42nd Communication Satellite.**



**28. Which three nations held the first trilateral working group meeting on December 14 on the use of Chabahar port?**

**a) India, Iran, Afghanistan**

**b) Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan**

**c) India, Iran, Uzbekistan**

**d) India, Turkmenistan, Iran**

## **28.(c) India, Iran, Uzbekistan**

**India, Iran and Uzbekistan held their First Trilateral Working Group Meeting on December 14, 2020 on the joint use of the strategically located Chabahar port. The announcement regarding the meeting was made by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).**

**29. Which Indian telecommunications company launched the world's first satellite-based Narrowband IoT (Internet of Things) Network?**

**a) Reliance Jio**

**b) BSNL**

**c) MTNL**

**d) Airtel**

## **29. (b) BSNL**

**BSNL launched the world's first Satellite-Based Narrowband IoT (Internet of Things) Network in partnership with Skylotech India on December 10, 2020.**

**30. Ambrose Dlamini, who passed away recently after testing positive for COVID-19, was the Prime Minister of which nation?**

**a) Botswana**

**b) Lesotho**

**c) Eswatini**

**d) Malawi**

## **30. (c) Eswatini**

**Eswatini Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini, who had tested positive for COVID-19, passed away after being hospitalised in South Africa. He was 52. The news was confirmed by the nation's government on December 13, 2020.**

**Q. What was the erstwhile name of Eswatini?**

**31. UNESCO has decided to launch an international prize that will be named after which late political figure?**

**a) Indira Gandhi**

**b) Benazir Bhutto**

**c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

**d) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**

## **31. (d) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**

**The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has decided to launch the 'UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International prize'. The prize will be launched in the field of 'creative economy' starting from November 2021. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a Bangladesh politician and was also called the 'Father of the Nation'.**



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**c) Andrew Wiles**

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## **32. (a) Dr Carolina Arajuo**

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**33. When is the International Universal Health Coverage Day observed?**

**a) December 14th**

**b) December 13th**

**c) December 12th**

**d) December 11th**

## **33. (c) December 12th**

**The International Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated on December 12 every year by the United Nations and by several other international organizations. The day aims to raise awareness regarding the need for strong and resilient health systems. The day's theme this year is "Health for all: Protect Everyone."**

**34. Swadhinata Sarak will be opened between India and which nation?**

**a) Nepal**

**b) Bangladesh**

**c) Myanmar**

**d) Bhutan**

## **34. (b) Bangladesh**

**Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen has informed that 'Swadhinata Sarak' between Bangladesh and India will be opened on March 26, 2021. While the road remains functional in India, it will be connecting through Meherpur, Mujibnagar district in Bangladesh in 2021.**

**35. US President Donald Trump recently awarded the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with which award?**

- a) Legion of Peace**
- b) Legion of Merit**
- c) Legion of Greatness**
- d) Legion of Unifier**

## **35. b) Legion of Merit**

**Awarded to Shri Narendra Modi for his leadership in elevating strategic Indo-US ties.**

**This honor is given only to a Head of State or government**