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READING

Let's be honest—when it comes to English for some political exams, reading isn't just important; it's everything. Nearly half of the questions—directly or indirectly—are based on how well you read. Don't think I'm saying that to scare you. You don't have to become a speed reader overnight. What you need is smart, consistent reading. That's why I've picked real, relevant content from daily newspapers just for you. It'll train your mind to think, understand, and respond faster. Every passage you read here brings you a step closer to confidence and clarity. Read this, and you've already won half the battle.

VOCABULARY

I know vocabulary can feel overwhelming sometimes—so many words, so little time. But here's the truth: it doesn't have to be that way. This section is designed to help you truly connect with words—not just memorize them. You'll learn them in context, understand how they're used in real life, and slowly start to own them. Everything you see here is from actual newspapers, so it's relevant, real, and reliable. Over time, you'll notice something beautiful—you won't just remember the words, you'll feel them. And that changes everything.

GRAMMAR

Grammar... it has a bit of a reputation, right? You study rules, you memorize exceptions. But here's the thing: grammar doesn't have to be dry or confusing. In fact, it can be one of the most empowering tools you have. We're not going to give you rules—we're going to understand them, together. All examples come from real newspaper content, so you'll see how grammar actually works in real life. Shortcuts, patterns will start to click. You'll begin spotting mistakes instantly, understanding structure intuitively. That's grammar doing its job, and you're becoming your own support system.


IDIOMS & PHRASES

Idioms and phrases—these little expressions that often confuse us in the exam—don't worry, we've got this. I've picked the ones you'll actually come across in exams, pulled straight from daily newspapers. But more importantly, I'll help you understand them in a way that sticks. Not by rote, but through real context and simple meaning. Over time, these phrases will become second nature to you, and you'll be able to use and spot them effortlessly. It's one of those small things that makes a big difference.

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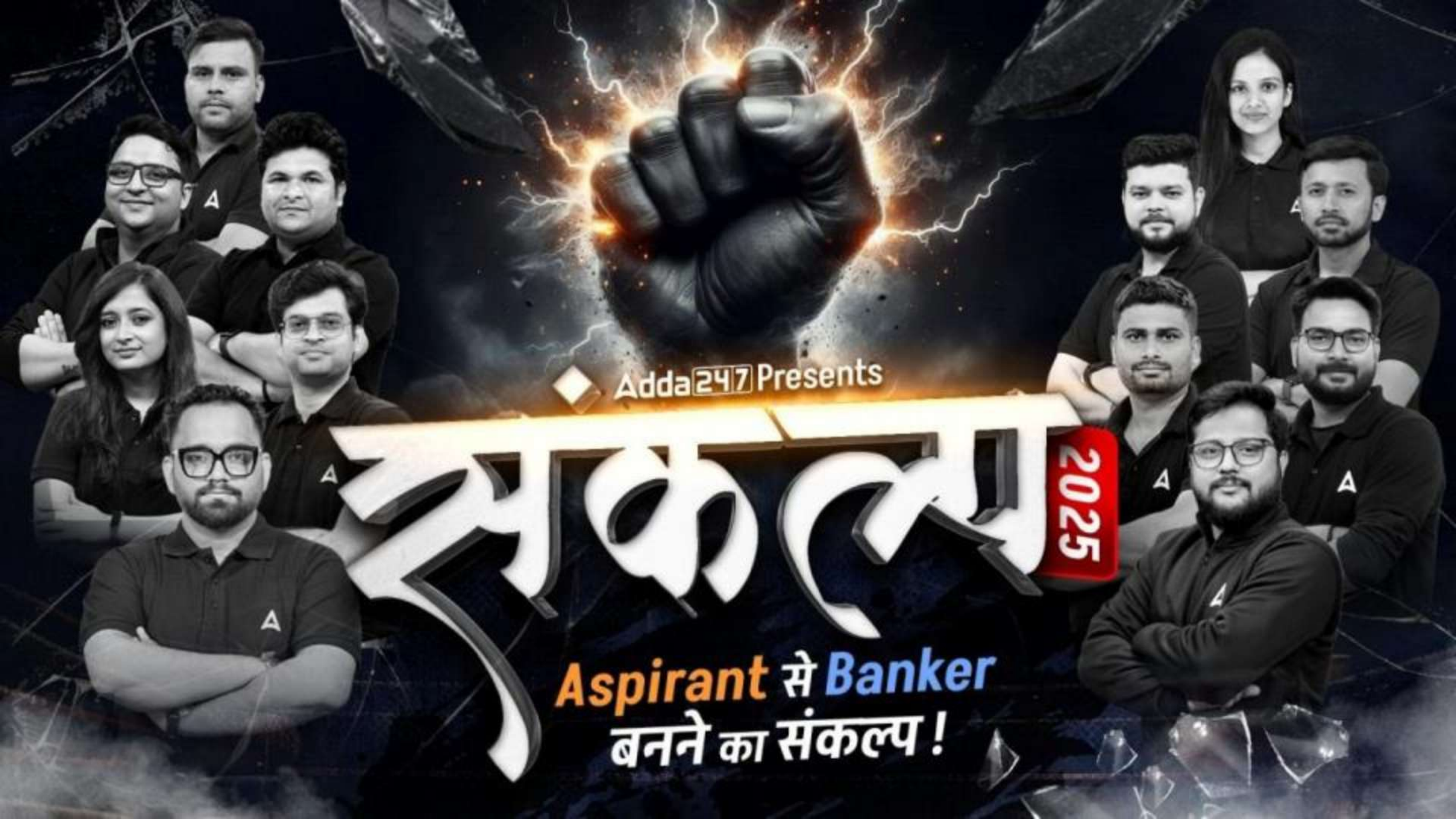
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STOP

Violence Against Women

STOP

Violence Against Women

SAVE
NEED



OMINOUS

अमंगल

Adij

being or showing a sign of evil or calamity to come

SYNONYMS

- Sinister ✓
- Menacing ✓
- Foreboding ✓
- Inauspicious ✓

Dir

Portentous

ANTONYMS

- Auspicious ✓
- Benign ✓
- Prosperous ✓
- Promising ✓

ominous / ominously



FORMS

Noun-(ominousness)

The wind howled _____ through the trees.



APPALLING

भयावह

Adil V

extremely disturbing or repellent

Poll

SYNONYMS

Fearsome

ANTONYMS

- Atrocious ✓
- Gruesome ✓
- Horrid ✓
- Ghastly ✓

Hideous
Dreadful

- Enticing ✓
- Attractive ✓
- Delightful ✓
- Delectable ✓



FORMS

Noun-(appallment)
Verb- appall

The violence in the documentary deeply _____ the viewers.



PLIGHT

दुर्दशा

a very bad or difficult situation
—usually singular

SYNONYMS

Quandary

ANTONYMS

- Predicament ✓
- Tribulation ✓
- Exasperation ✓
- Irritant ✓
- Dilemma ✓

Misfortune

- Pleasure ✓
- Comfort ✓
- Solution ✓
- Advantage ✓

FORMS



While the villagers endured a severe plight, those in nearby cities lived in _____.



IMPERATIVE

आदेशात्मक

forcing one's compliance or participation by or as if by law

SYNONYMS

- Incumbent ✓
- Mandatory ✓
- Obligatory ✓
- Requisite ✓

Vital

Requirement

ANTONYMS

- Elective ✓
- Optional ✓
- Voluntary ✓
- Discretionary ✓

trivial

Minor



FORMS

Noun-(imperativeness)

“Leave immediately,” she said _____, not allowing any argument.



CLAMOUR

कोलाहल (Noun)

loud, confused, and usually inharmonious sound

SYNONYMS

- Commotion
- Cacophony
- Clangor
- Bruit

Up^{roar}
Upheaval
Chaos
Volatility
Turbulence
Riots

ANTONYMS

- Hush
- Lull
- Tranquility
- Still

Serenity
Placidity

FORMS

Adjective-(clamorous)



The _____ of the protesters could be heard across the city.



SPRAWLING

विशाल

to extend outwards from or as if from a central point

SYNONYMS

- Diverging ✓
- Rambling ✓
- Straggling ✓
- Proliferating ✓

Increase

ANTONYMS

- Containing ✓
- Restricting ✓
- Limiting ✓
- Contracting ✓

When you and your sibling are eating maggi and you find he/she has taken much bigger portion le you:



FORMS

Adjective-(sprawled) ✓
Noun- (sprawl) ✓
Verb-(sprawl) ✓

The child was _____ across the couch with toys everywhere.



CONTUMACIOUS

अवज्ञाकारी

(Adm)

to extend outwards from or as if from a central point

SYNONYMS

unruly

ANTONYMS

- Defiant ✓
- Rebellious ✓
- Obstinate ✓
- Recalcitrant ✓

In Subordinate

- Compliant ✓
- Amiable ✓
- Submissive ✓
- Docile ✓

Amicable /

Affable /

Genial - friendly

FORMS

Noun- (contumacy)



The lawyer was held in contempt of court for his _____.



MENDACITY

झूठ

the tendency to tell lies

SYNONYMS

- Fabrication
- Prevarication
- Distortion
- Ambiguity

Dishonesty

Deceit

Pretense

Facade
Charade

Veneer

ANTONYMS

- Veracity
- Truism
- Verity
- Candor

Honesty
Sincerity

FORMS

Adjective-(mendacious)

Anjana is warning people about the harmful effects of Samosa and Jalebi, in a show sponsored by Vimal.



His _____ claims were eventually exposed in court.



LACHRYMOSE

भावुक

given to expressing strong emotion (as sorrow) by readily shedding tears

SYNONYMS

- ①
- Sentimental
 - Emotional
 - Mournful
 - Mawkish

Doleful

Dismal

weepy

Melancholy

Somber

ANTONYMS

- Beaming
- Grinning
- Jovial
- Blithe

② Ecstatic
Jubilant
Upbeat



FORMS

Noun-(lachrymosity)

While her tone was lachrymose, his reply was surprisingly _____.



CAVIL

निरर्थक आपत्ति करना

(Adi)

given to expressing strong emotion (as sorrow) by readily shedding tears

SYNONYMS

- Quibble ✓
- Nitpick ✓
- Complain ✓
- Object ✓

Bicker
FOSS

ANTONYMS

- Accept ✓
- Approve ✓
- Compliment ✓
- Praise ✓

Endorse
applaud
Laud / Exult / Commend



uitty_sankat
@uittysankat

Chalo abhi mast soo jata hunn..
Overthinking:-



FORMS

Noun-(caviller)
Adjective-(caviling)

The manager asked the team not to _____ over the font size in the report.



augment ✓	shoot up
mount	rocket
swell	skyrocket
accumulate	upsurge
amplify	step up
heighten	proliferate ✓
boost	balloon ✓
enhance	snowball
magnify	wax
escalate	accrue
accelerate	appreciate
surge ✓	build up
spike ✓	compound



diminish	compress
lessen	curtail
✓shrink	tighten
✓dwindle	constrict
decline	scale down
abate	✓plummet
subside	slump
✓taper off	erode
ease off	tumble
let up	nosedive ✓
moderate	crash
temper	steepen
contract	deplete



IDIOMS & PHRASAL VERBS

- **Task cut out (for someone)** – To have a difficult task or challenge ahead.

Example: With the project timeline halved, the engineers clearly had their task cut out for them.

- **Turn a blind eye** – To deliberately ignore something wrong or unethical.

Example: The manager turned a blind eye to the toxic behavior of the senior executive.

- **Under one's nose** – When something happens openly in front of someone, often without their awareness or reaction.

Example: The stolen artwork had been hanging in a public gallery right under their nose for years.

IDIOMS

•Run from pillar to post

Meaning – To go to many places or people in search of help or a solution, usually without success.

Example: After her luggage got lost at the airport, she ran from pillar to post trying to recover it.

•Cry foul

Meaning – To protest that something wrong or unfair has happened.

Example: The candidate cried foul after the interview panel ignored his qualifications.

•Put the spotlight on

Meaning – To bring attention or focus to a particular issue or person.

Example: The documentary put the spotlight on the harsh realities faced by migrant workers.

Root Word: "rupt" (to break)

Word	Meaning	Example Sentence
Erupt	To burst out suddenly	The volcano began to erupt after decades of silence.
Disrupt	To break the normal flow or structure	A loud phone call disrupted the entire meeting.
Corrupt	Morally broken or dishonest	The investigation revealed several corrupt officials.
Interrupt	To break in while someone is speaking	Please don't interrupt when someone else is talking.
Rupture	A break or tear in something	He suffered a muscle rupture during the match.
Bankrupt	Unable to pay debts; financially broken	The company went bankrupt after years of poor management.

From Odisha to Karnataka, Bengal to Delhi, violence against women has seen an **ominous** rise over the past few months. What is even more **appalling** is that crimes are being committed in spaces such as school and college campuses or workplaces which are usually presumed to be safe havens. On July 14, a 20-year-old student of Fakir Mohan Autonomous College, Balasore, passed away after suffering 90% burns in an immolation bid. The B.Ed student had taken the extreme step outside the principal's office after her repeated complaints of sexual harassment, against a senior teacher, went unheard. The accused teacher, Samir Sahu, and the principal, Dillip Ghosh, have been arrested, but a precious life would not have been lost had her grievances been redressed in time. She ran from **pillar to post**, taking it right up to the Chief Minister's office, but no one paid attention to her grave complaint. In Bengal, even before a year has passed since a post-graduate student's brutal killing at R.G. Kar Medical Hospital in 2024, a law college student was gang-raped on campus this June; in Mangaluru, two lecturers have been arrested for the alleged rape of a student; in Delhi, a nine-year-old girl's rape and murder led to the Opposition **crying foul** over the collapse of law and order.

No

Little seems to have changed on the ground after Nirbhaya's rape and murder in Delhi in 2012. Stringent laws are in place, but to what effect? The Odisha student's **plight** has put the spotlight on Internal Complaint Committees, mandatory under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013. The Odisha government asked all colleges to form the committees within 24 hours, after the tragic death. Questions should be raised about the manner in which the system failed the student, and the absolute lack of accountability. The annual 'Crime in India' report by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for the year 2023 is yet to be released. Figures available for 2022 show that a total of 4,45,256 cases of 'crimes against women' were registered, showing an increase of 4% over 2021. While the majority of crimes against women were registered under 'cruelty by husband or his relatives' (31.4%), 'assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty' comprised 18.7% of all crimes, and 'rape' was pegged at 7.1%. It must be noted that many crimes go unreported as well. In this backdrop, conversations about sexual violence and gender are **imperative**, and must start early. The **clamour** for justice against a crime should not die down after a few days either, especially when protectors turn predators.

$$\frac{5}{10}$$

$$\frac{9}{10}$$

Q1. Inference Based

Which of the following can be reasonably inferred from the passage?

- A. The Odisha government had already enforced ICCs across colleges prior to the July 14 incident. (X)
- B. The increase in laws has directly led to a decrease in crimes against women. (X)
- C. Institutional failure played a significant role in the tragic death of the Balasore student. ✓
- D. The NCRB data shows a drastic decrease in crimes against women in 2022.
- E. Law enforcement agencies have ensured accountability in every major case.

Q2. Author's Purpose

Why does the author include multiple examples from different states in the first paragraph?

- A) To illustrate that media sensationalizes crimes ✕
- B) To highlight the geographical reach and systemic nature of the problem ✓
- C) To suggest that rural areas are worse than urban ones
- D) To justify stricter punishment for students and teachers
- E) To compare educational systems across states

Q3. Analogy Based Questions

Which of the following real-life situations would most closely mirror the systemic failure highlighted in the passage?

- A) A corporation failing to launch a product due to ^X market analysis errors.
- B) A student being expelled for cheating despite clear evidence of innocence.
- C) A public hospital ignoring repeated patient complaints, leading to death.
- D) A teacher failing to grade papers on time due to a family emergency.
- E) A government delaying a new policy due to budget issues.

Q4. Tone Based Question

Which of the following best characterizes the progression of tone across the passage?

- A) Alarmed → Objective → Optimistic
- B) Apprehensive → Outraged → Prescriptive
- C) Factual → Indifferent → Reflective
- D) Descriptive → Disillusioned → Neutral
- E) Sympathetic → Cynical → Resigned

Q5. Vocab Based Question

In the sentence “She ran from pillar to post... but no one paid attention to her grave complaint,” the word “grave” most nearly means:

- A) Inevitable ✕
- B) Stern ✓
- C) Fundamental ✓
- D) Fatal ✓
- E) Serious ✓

Q6. Title Identification / Main Idea

Which of the following abstract titles best captures the underlying theme of the passage?

- (4/21)
- A) "A Crisis of Policing: Rethinking Urban Safety"
 - B) "The New Indian Feminism: A Legal Perspective"
 - C) "Voices Silenced: Institutional Betrayal and Gendered Violence"
 - D) "Criminal Statistics and Political Reform"
 - E) "Youth Activism in Post-Nirbhaya India"

India's trade data for the first quarter of this financial year (Q1FY26) and for June 2025 are leading to some room for cheer but there is considerable concern as well.

The Commerce Ministry's monthly export-import data indicate that June's merchandise trade saw the sharpest uptick in outbound shipments to the U.S. in 14 months, at a growth rate of 23.5% to \$8.3 billion. This was likely aided by importers wishing to stock up before the July 9 "pause" in "reciprocal tariffs", but now extended to August 1. While overall goods exports in June almost stayed flat at \$35.14 billion (\$35.16 billion, last June), likely on account of softer crude oil prices, Q1FY26 registered a marginal year on year growth of 1.92% at \$112.17 billion. Despite the widening year on year merchandise trade deficit to \$67.26 billion (\$62.1 billion, Q1FY25), it is the impressive growth in services exports, by almost 11% to \$98.13 billion (\$88.46 billion, Q1FY25) that has aided in shrinking India's overall trade deficit by 9.4% in Q1FY26. This mirrors years of India's trade trajectory, where services have outperformed goods exports.

It is important to note that refined petroleum products have traditionally constituted the largest chunk of India's goods export (at about 15%). While many believe U.S.

Stagnant

President Trump is unlikely to stay the course on his threat of a 100% “secondary tariffs” on countries buying Russian crude — to pressure Moscow to end its invasion of Ukraine — **it hits an underbelly** in India’s merchandise trade. India overtook China recently to become the largest importer of Russian crude, forming 36% of its oil imports. This has helped India leverage the cost arbitrage as western European nations maintain a ban on Russian crude imports. But Mr. Trump’s threat makes India’s need to diversify its fuel and energy imports more urgent, as it focuses on electrifying transport and **ramping up** renewables. It also highlights the need for India to diversify and grow merchandise trade, by further leveraging its **sprawling**, labour-intensive micro, small and medium enterprises, which constitutes almost half (46%) its goods exports. Exports in electronic goods (46.93%), tea (32.64%), meat, dairy and poultry (19.7%) and marine products (13.33%), saw steady growth this June when compared with last June. But overall goods exports excluding petroleum and gems and jewellery were almost flat in the same period. With a fortnight to go and three rounds of negotiations to scramble a ‘mini deal’ before the autumn deadline to reach a Bilateral Trade Agreement, the government has its task cut out to reach a favourable outcome. The stakes could not be higher as the U.S. has constituted the largest share of India’s overall exports for some years now, at nearly a fifth (17.7%) of total exports in the last fiscal alone.

Q7. Cause and Effect

Why has India's need to diversify its energy imports become more urgent?

- A. The U.S. has increased prices of natural gas imports.
- B. Indian refineries have stopped processing Russian crude.
- C. Trump's tariff threat targets countries buying Russian oil.
- D. European nations have resumed crude oil trade with Russia.
- E. India has reduced its renewable energy budget.

Q8. Logical Assumption

Which of the following assumptions is necessary for the passage's argument to hold?

- A. India's electronic exports will eventually surpass petroleum exports.
- B. Services exports are not affected by geopolitical tensions.
- C. Future U.S. policy may significantly impact India's trade with Russia.
- D. China will permanently reduce its dependence on Russian crude.
- E. The WTO will intervene in bilateral trade disputes between India and the U.S.

Q9. Vocabulary in Context

In the phrase “it hits an underbelly in India’s merchandise trade,” what does underbelly most nearly refer to?

- A. A growing sector with untapped potential
- B. A politically sensitive area for foreign investment
- C. A core strength in India’s export strategy
- D. A hidden vulnerability or weak point ✓
- E. A banned category under WTO guidelines

Q10. Critical Reasoning – Evaluation

Which of the following, if true, would most ~~weaken~~ the concern about Trump's tariff threat to India?

False

- A. India has already signed a long-term crude oil contract with Russia.
- B. India has increased its oil imports from Saudi Arabia and the UAE.
- C. The U.S. imports less than 5% of India's petroleum exports.
- D. Russia has agreed to supply crude oil at a fixed rate until 2030.
- E. The Indian government plans to nationalize its energy sector.



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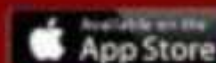
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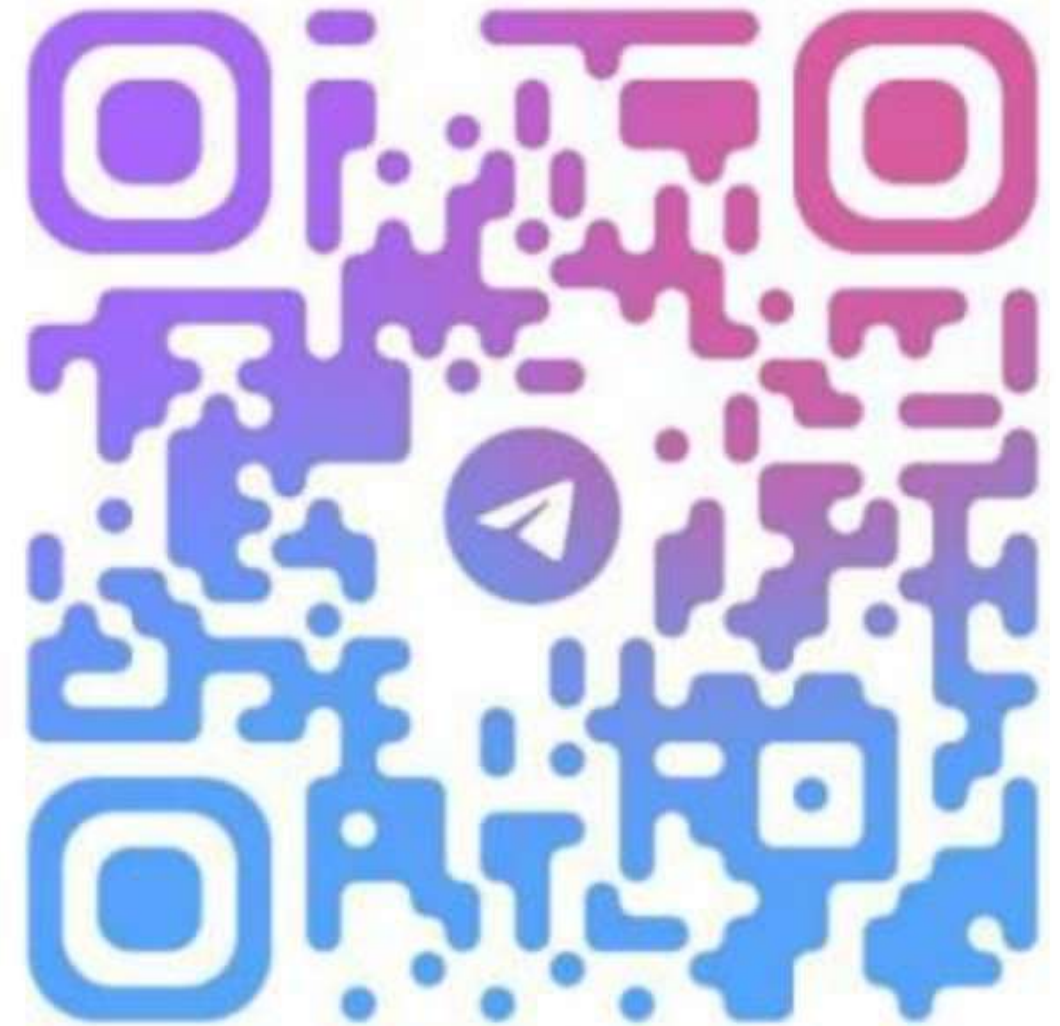
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