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# PMDDKY: प्रधानमंत्री धन ध्यान कृषि योजना









## DISPARITY

## असमानताओं

the quality or state of being different

*Inequality*

### SYNONYMS

- Dissimilitude
- Incongruity ✓
- Distinction ✓
- Discrepancy ✓
- Divergence ✓

### ANTONYMS

- Analogy
- Resemblance ✓
- Conformity ✓
- Congruity ✓

*Par-Equal*  
*Parity - Equality*



### FORMS

Adjective-(disparate)

*Disparage - बेचिहरे*  
*(v)*

There is a clear disparity in education levels across regions, while a few states have achieved remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Confirm*





**SUBSUME**

to have as part of a whole

Consolidate

**SYNONYMS**

- Enfold ✓
- Integrate ✓
- Comprehend ✓
- Assimilate ✓

Encompass

Amalgamate

**समाहित करना**

Verb

**ANTONYMS**

- Omit ✓
- Preclude ✓
- Eliminate ✓
- Mislay ✓

Evade  
Shun

(Prevent)  
Disconnect

Hissa hoga to ese hi 😊

**FORMS**

Noun-(subsumption)

Her personal goals were (Vn) by the greater mission of the team.





## RECKLESS

लापरवाह

(Hasty)

to have as part of a whole

Careless

### SYNONYMS

Hasty

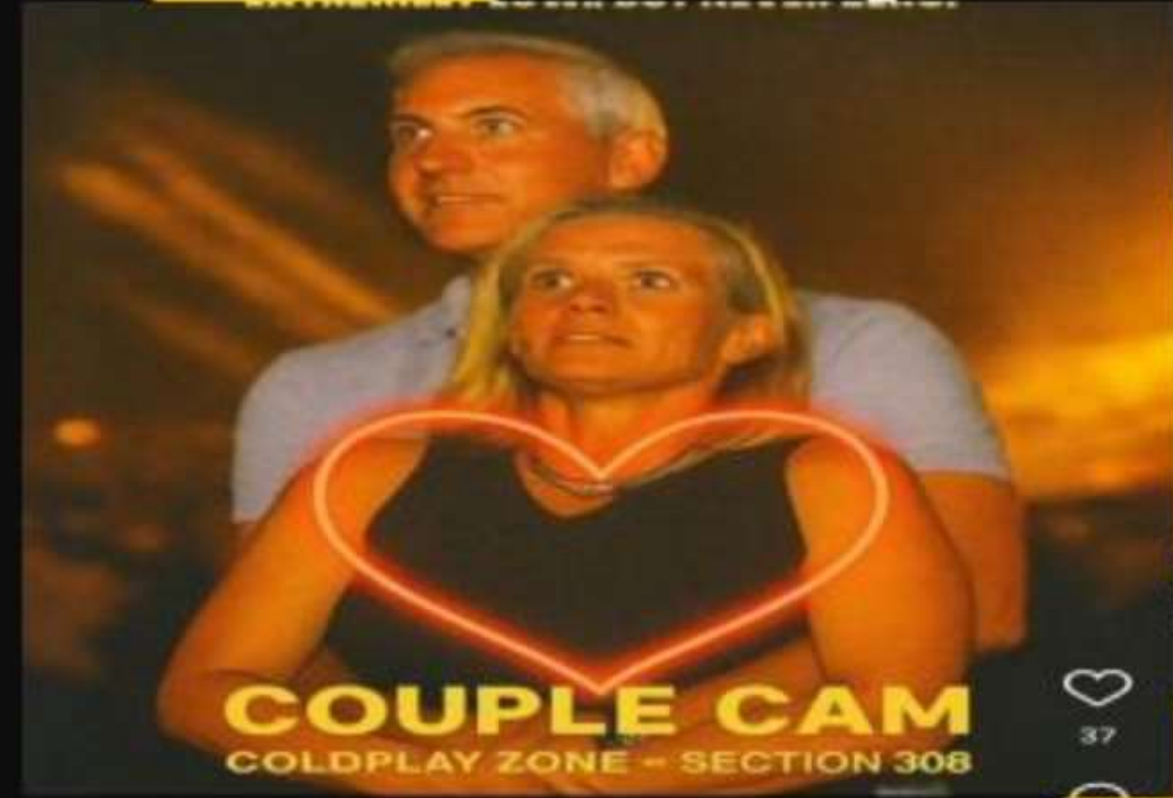
- Nonchalant ✓
- Impetuous ✓
- Audacious =
- Blithe ✓
- Brass ✓

Daredevil

### ANTONYMS

- Heedful ✓
- Timid ✓
- Vigilant ✓
- Discerning ✓

Prudent / Sagacious (2)



### FORMS

Noun-(recklessness)

The judge criticized the officer's \_\_\_\_\_ during the operation.





## APPORTION

बांटना (VerG)

to give as a share or portion ✓

### SYNONYMS

- Allocate ✓
- Assign ✓
- Dispense ✓
- Prorate ✓

### ANTONYMS

- Hoard ✓
- Accumulated ✓
- Withheld ✓
- Begrudge ✓



### FORMS

Noun-(apportionment)

The teacher apportioned the project work among students, but one lazy student just \_\_\_\_\_ all the easy tasks and didn't share.





# EUPHORIA

उत्साह

(N)

a state of overwhelming usually pleasurable emotion

## SYNONYMS

- Ecstasy ✓
- Elation ✓
- Frenzy ✓
- Exhilaration ✓
- Glee ✓

Bliss

Rapture

Jubilation

## ANTONYMS

- Despair ✓
- Misery ✓
- Melancholy ✓
- Gloom ✓

Torment

Somber

Anguish

Plight / Predicament

AAJ KHUSH TOH BAHUT HOGE  
TUM



## FORMS

Adjective-(euphoric)

She felt euphoria when she got her dream job, but her friend was full of \_\_\_\_\_ after being rejected.





**KINDLED**

संदीप्त

being on fire

**SYNONYMS**

- Ignited
- Aroused ✓
- Smoldering ✓
- Combusting ✓
- Conflagrant ✓

**ANTONYMS**

- Smothered
- Doused
- Quenched ✓
- Dowsed ✓

**FORMS**

Noun-(kindling)



Her words kindled hope in my heart, but his rude reply quickly \_\_\_\_\_ it.



**BOWDLERIZE**

सेंसर करना

(Verb)

to remove objectionable parts from

me trying to understand  
when my mom says  
"waha usko hata kar  
waha se woh de"

kisko hatana? kedar se?  
kya dena?

**SYNONYMS**

- Expurgate ✓
- Purge ✓
- Redact ✓
- Censor ✓

**ANTONYMS**

- Reveal ✓
- Approve ✓
- Authorize ✓
- Sanction ✓

**FORMS**

Noun-(bowdlerization) ✓

Critics condemned the \_\_\_\_\_ of classic literature as an attack on artistic integrity. ✓





## EXIGUOUS

अल्प

(Adm)

less plentiful than what is normal, necessary, or desirable

### SYNONYMS

- Sparse ✓
- Meagre ✓
- Paltry ✓
- Trifling ✓

Scarc  
Scant

### ANTONYMS

- Ample ✓
- Lavish ✓
- Copious ✓
- Bountiful ✓

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### FORMS

Noun-(exiguity) ✓

The \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence led to the suspect's release.





## GAINSAY

to declare not to be true ✓

विरोध करना

(वेग)

### SYNONYMS

- Refute ✓
- Rebut ✓
- Disavow ✓
- Repudiate ✓
- Traverse ✓

### ANTONYMS

- Concede ✓
- Embrace ✓
- Profess ✓
- Espouse ✓



### FORMS

Noun-(gainsayer)

She politely gainsaid the claim, while her friend immediately \_\_\_\_\_ with it.





## ACCOST

## आक्षेप करना

to approach and speak to (someone) often in an angry, aggressive, or unwanted way

### SYNONYMS

- Encounter ✓
- Hail ✓
- Waylay ✓
- Intercept ✓
- Bother ✓

### ANTONYMS

- Evade ✓
- Shun ✓
- Dodge ✓
- Eschew ✓



### FORMS

Noun-(accosting)

She was \_\_\_\_\_ by a stranger asking for money late at night.





**PETULANT**

चिड़चिड़ा

easily irritated or annoyed

✓ (AOM)

**SYNONYMS**

- Grumpy ✓
- Fretful ✓
- Peevish ✓
- Crotchety ✓

Can't be herous

**ANTONYMS**

- Gregarious ✓
- Cordial ✓
- Amiable ✓
- Genial ✓

Amiable

**FORMS**

Noun-(petulance)



Bada log ke sath e baat to hai  
E log ko gussa bada jaldi aata hai

The petulant child kept crying for candy, while his sister waited \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner.

✓ (AOM)





## PHRASAL VERBS

• **Roll out** – When a new initiative or policy is introduced in phases, it's said to be "rolled out."

*Example: The government plans to roll out this scheme after thorough consultations with states.*

• **Zero in on** – To focus precisely on something. ✓

*Example: Officials must zero in on districts that have persistently underperformed in agricultural productivity.*

• **Scale up** – To increase the size or scope of something.

*Example: The scheme may fail unless efforts to scale up credit access are taken seriously.*



## IDIOMS

- **The bigger picture** – Refers to the overall perspective, beyond minor details.

*Example: While subsidy debates continue, the bigger picture demands attention to long-term sustainability.*

- **Fall through the cracks** – To be neglected or overlooked.

*Example: Without a district-specific approach, tribal farmers may fall through the cracks.*

- **On the ground** – In real-life conditions or practical settings.

*Example: Policies that appear promising on paper often struggle on the ground.*



**Root Word: "phil" (Greek *philos* – love or fondness)**

**1. Philanthropy (noun)** ✓

(how)

Meaning: Love for helping others ✓

Example: Her philanthropy helped build schools and provide free meals.

**2. Philosophy (noun)** ✓

Meaning: Love of wisdom or ideas

Example: His philosophy was to stay calm even during tough times.

**3. Bibliophile (noun)** ✓

Meaning: Lover of books ✓

Example: The bibliophile spent weekends reading rare and old books.

**4. Anglophile (noun)**

Meaning: Lover of British culture ✓

Example: The Anglophile drinks English tea and watches BBC news daily.



The Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), a scheme approved by the Union Cabinet, is to be implemented through the convergence of 36 existing schemes across 11 Departments. According to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the scheme seeks to address the "disparities" in productivity between States, and even among districts within a State. The Centre's pet schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) and the PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) as well as relevant State schemes, to be identified by the District Dhan Dhaanya Samitis, will be **subsumed** in the PMDDKY. Local partnerships with the private sector will also be promoted under the proposed scheme, which will begin in October during the rabi crop season. The scheme is to get an annual outlay of ₹24,000 crore for six years. Modelled on NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme, the Centre will identify 100 districts based on low productivity and cropping intensity and less credit disbursement. The hope is that the scheme will result in higher productivity, value addition in agriculture and allied sectors, local livelihood creation, leading to increased domestic production and self-reliance. This convergence of schemes must be viewed in the background of decreasing public spending on agriculture.



$$\frac{4}{10}$$

$$\frac{8}{10}$$



The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, in the latest report on Demands for Grants, had observed a continuous decline, from 3.53% in 2021-22 to 3.14% (2022-23), 2.57% (2023-24), 2.54% (2024-25) and 2.51% (2025-26), of the allocations for agriculture as a percentage of total Central Plan outlay.

This aggregation of all schemes under one umbrella suggests that the Government wants uniformity in running the welfare, financial and technical schemes in the agriculture sector. It is keen to add States' measures too in the new scheme. It remains to be seen how effective such uniformity will be on the ground as further decrease in public investment in agriculture could be disastrous. Private-public partnerships should be for the larger good of self-reliance, particularly in the production of foodgrains, edible oil and pulses. The progress of area coverage under kharif crops, released last week, points to a decrease in the sowing of oil seeds and popular pulses. Though it promotes national uniformity, it is welcome that the new scheme will function based on 'District Plans' that will be aligned to the national goals of crop diversification, conservation of water and soil health, self-sufficiency in agriculture and allied sectors. For the PMDDKY, the Centre will monitor 117 key indicators of progress on a monthly basis. But to make it more participatory, States, local self governments, primary agriculture cooperative societies, agriculture universities and organisations of farmers and traders must be involved in this process.



## 1. [Inference – Complex Judgment]

**Which of the following statements is best supported by the passage, though not explicitly stated?**

- A) The success of PMDDKY may depend more on de-centralised execution than central financial outlay. ✓
- B) Agricultural productivity disparity is primarily due to uneven rainfall patterns. ✗
- C) The scheme's core objective is to increase exports of Indian agricultural products. ✗
- D) The scheme disregards existing state-level initiatives in favour of centralised uniformity. ✗
- E) District-level differences in crop diversity are irrelevant to the implementation model. ✗



## 2. [Fact-Based – Advanced Statement Validation]

Which of the following can be concluded from the passage?

- I. The scheme will directly ~~re~~place PM-KISAN and PMFBY.
- II. District-level planning is being encouraged within a ~~national~~ alignment.
- III. Monthly progress tracking is being institutionalized for accountability.
- IV. Public-private partnerships will be restricted to ~~(non-core regions)~~ only.

- A. I and III
- B. II and III ✓✓
- C. I, II, and III ✓
- D. II, III, and IV ✗
- E. III and IV ✗



### 3. [Tone Analysis – Advanced]

Which best captures the overall tone of the passage?

- A. Applauding the scheme's visionary goals
- B. Alarmist regarding future agricultural decline
- C. Balanced, yet cautiously critical of fiscal reduction
- D. Indifferent toward execution strategies
- E. Euphoric about structural reform





#### 4. [Odd Sentence Out – Logical Consistency]

Identify the sentence that does NOT align logically with the tone and content of the passage:

False

- A. PMDDKY integrates both Centre and State-level schemes for holistic agricultural development. ✓
- B. Private sector participation is encouraged for achieving self-reliance in food production. ✓
- C. The Centre will monitor 117 indicators, ensuring monthly transparency and accountability. ✓
- D. Critics suggest that public investment in defense should match agricultural subsidies. ✗
- E. District Plans are aligned with national goals such as crop diversification and soil conservation.



## 5. [Purpose-Based Question]

What is the primary purpose of introducing the PMDDKY, as suggested by the passage?

- A. To appease farmer unions demanding subsidies
- B. To create uniformity by integrating scattered welfare schemes into a single strategic framework
- C. To phase out older agricultural acts that lack modern relevance
- D. To redistribute agricultural land holdings
- E. To privatize the agricultural sector through external investments



## 6. [Paradox Identification]

Which of the following reflects a paradox or contradiction present in the passage?

- A. The government's push for convergence happens despite political resistance from states
- B. PMDDKY requires local customization while being centrally standardized
- C. Crop productivity is rising, yet farmer incomes are declining
- D. Districts with good infrastructure are still selected for development
- E. Farmers favor traditional crops despite high-yield alternatives



For many cricket lovers in Bengaluru and Karnataka, the one lingering disappointment was the persisting failure of Royal Challengers Bengaluru to win the Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy. Virat Kohli may have been king across the world but in the IPL he was not, until a dramatic change of fortunes at the very end of his career. The cup win in 2025 was to be the crowning glory of Kohli, RCB, and, eventually, Bengaluru itself. But tragically enough, the stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium during the victory celebrations on June 4 upended that glory. In its probe of the stampede that killed 11 and left 71 injured, the John Michael D'Cunha Commission has come down severely on the RCB management and the police. It has pinpointed the cause as "not regulating the entry into the gates and making **reckless** announcements with regard to the entry into the stadium". It has named many and recommended legal action against them while discussing how such gatherings can be made safer and the medical backups that may be required. But its terms of inquiry were limited and missed the bigger picture. Blame must be **apportioned** to all stakeholders who just did not think of the consequences of calling for such a large gathering and going ahead with it without the permissions and arrangements. The police must be faulted for not beefing up the arrangements at the stadium's entry and exit points.



But it may not be fair to blame them for allowing the event — it had practically become a fait accompli as the administration was going along with the celebrations and the **euphoria**.

The stadium event was among the three planned that day. As if to kick off the celebrations, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah felicitated the team in an open-air event outside the Vidhana Soudha in the morning. These celebrations set the tone for what unfolded that day. To their credit, the police did refuse to allow the planned victory parade on an open bus. And at the Vidhana Soudha, where only a few among the lakhs who had gathered got to see their favourite stars, an announcement was made that people could proceed to the stadium which has a seating capacity of just 32,000. In a broader sense though, the stampede was a reflection of the realities of urban life too, where massive flash crowds can generate from communities sharing a common passion and kindled by social media. Urban planners and managers have little clue on how to handle such mobilisations, which have resulted in stampedes at religious, social and cultural events, leading to the loss of hundreds of lives.



## 7. [Inference – Underlying Theme]

What is the underlying theme connecting the mention of Vidhana Soudha, the stadium, and the Chief Minister?

- A. A reflection of anti-police sentiment among citizens
- B. A testament to how sports unify political factions
- C. A chaotic blend of celebration and administrative failure
- D. Miscommunication between government and sporting bodies
- E. A glorification of celebrity culture in urban politics



## 8. [Tone & Attitude – Nuanced Tone Recognition]

What tone does the author adopt in analyzing the Commission's inquiry into the stampede?

- A. Analytical and fully endorsing
- B. Appreciative but subtly disapproving
- C. Persuasive and emotionally charged
- D. Detached and superficial
- E. Mocking and contemptuous



## 9. [Odd Sentence Out – Logical Intrusion]

Find the sentence that logically does NOT fit with the rest:

— False

- A. Bengaluru's metro infrastructure cannot accommodate daily commuters. ✓
- B. The police refused to allow the open bus parade.
- C. Social media mobilized thousands in minutes. ✓
- D. The morning event at Vidhana Soudha drew huge crowds. ✓
- E. The stadium's seating capacity was far below the crowd size. ✓



## 10. [Assumption – Underlying Belief]

Which assumption underlies the critique of RCB's event management?

- A. That ticketing alone can prevent stampedes
- B. That infrastructure is never capable of managing large gatherings
- C. That crowd psychology and digital media were underestimated
- D. That sporting events should always be government-led
- E. That only fans were responsible for the chaos





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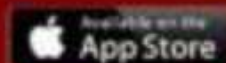
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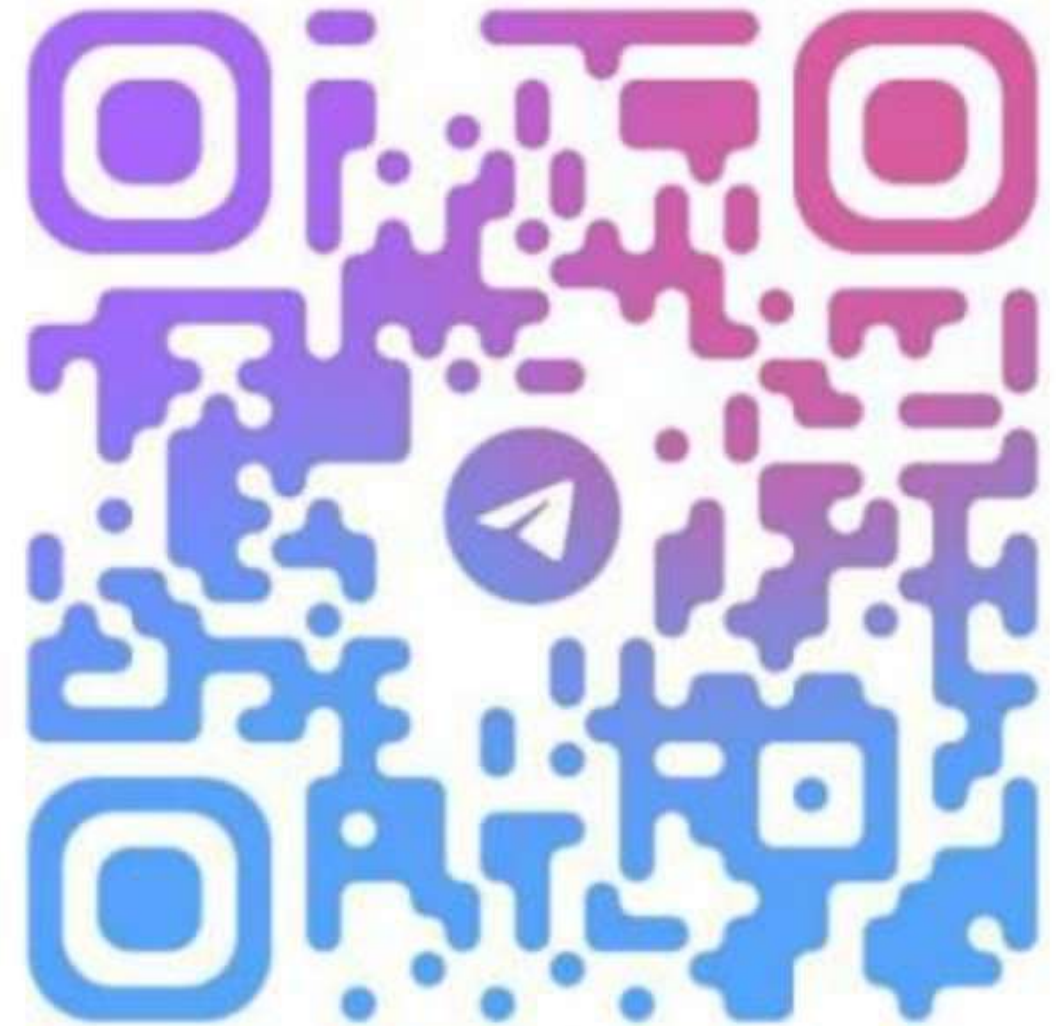




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