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GOVERNMENT GOES DIGITAL

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IS RESHAPING TODAY'S PUBLIC SECTOR

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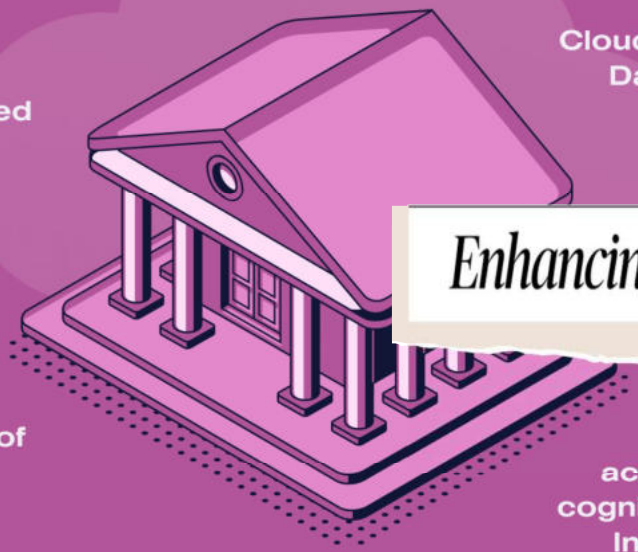

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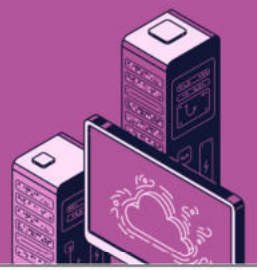
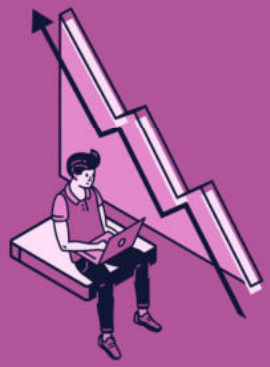
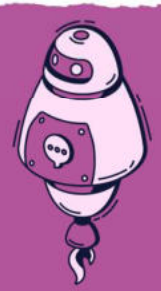


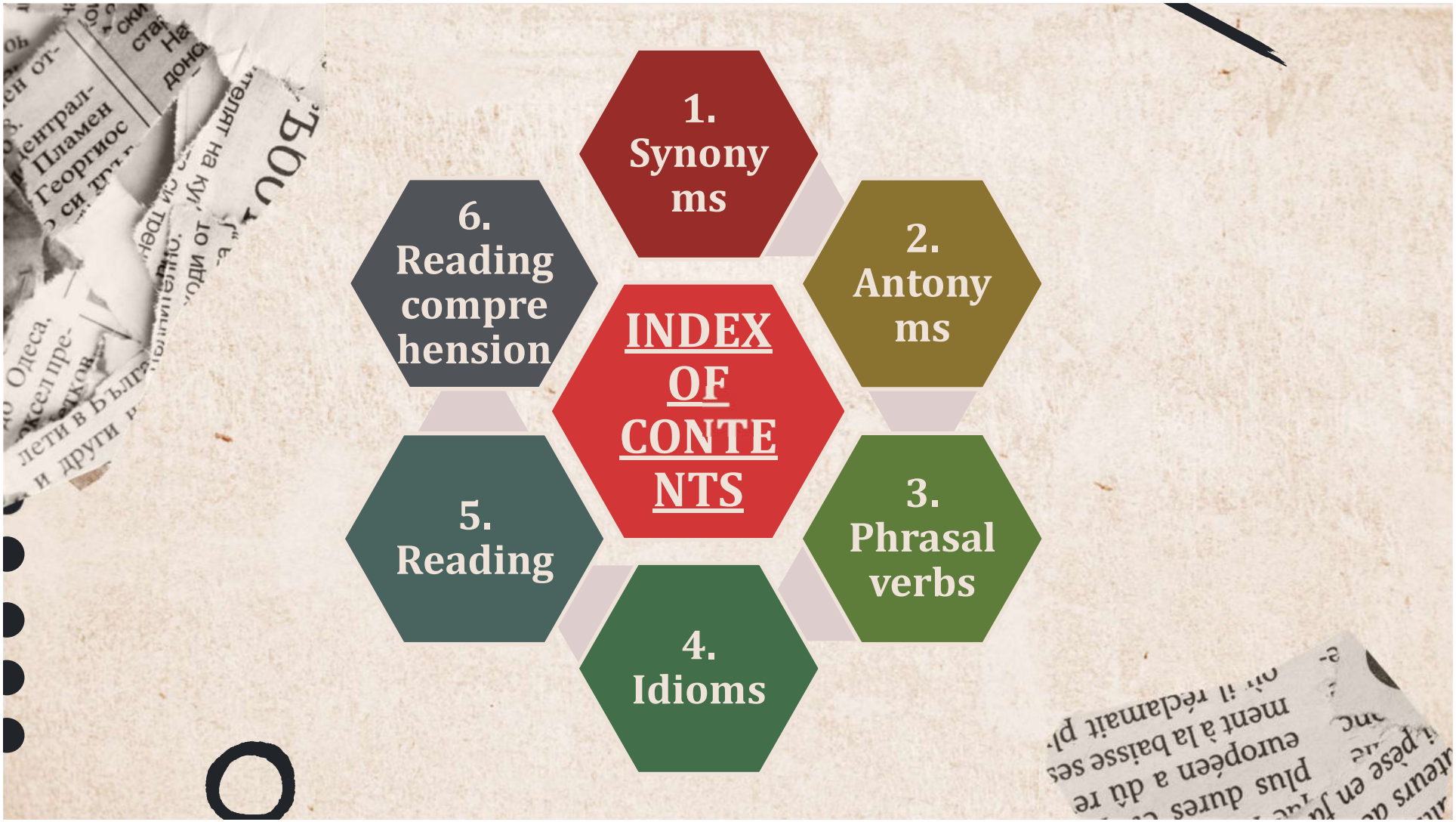
Enhancing governance the digital way



New sources of innovation to enhance constituent experiences and improve services

Innovation accelerators like cognitive / Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and robotics

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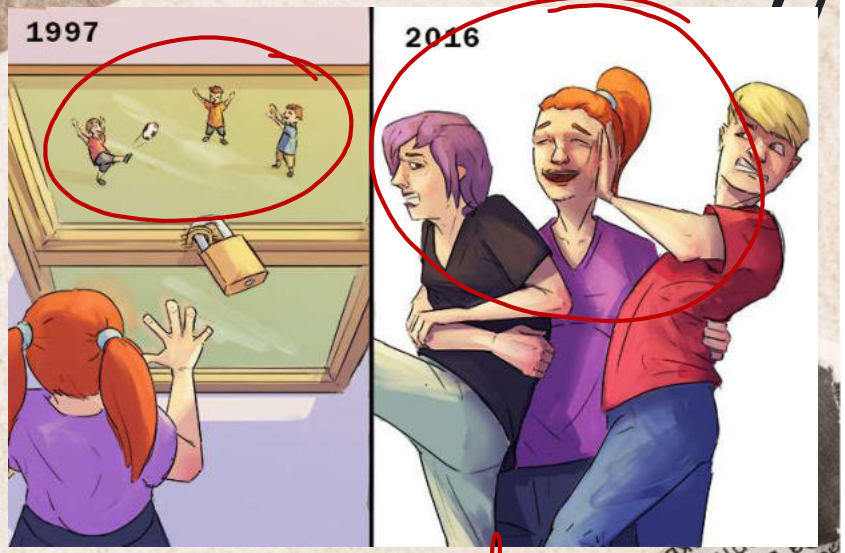
1. Inextricably

Part of Speech: Adverb

Meaning: In a way that is impossible to separate or disentangle.



Extract - removal

Hindi Translation: अविच्छेद्य रूप से

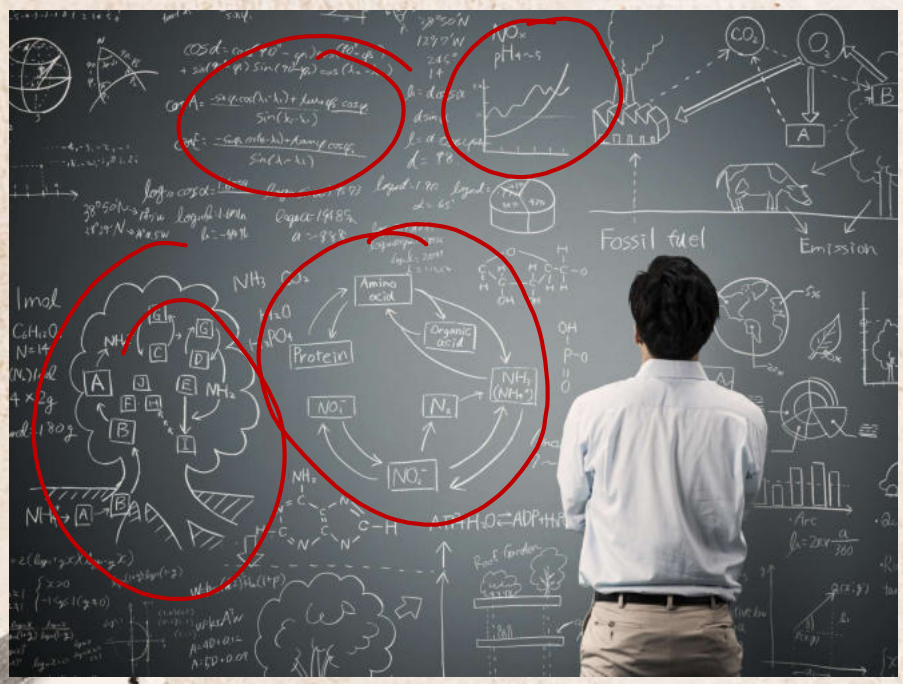
Synonyms:

1. Indivisibly,
2. inseparably,
3. indistinguishably,
4. irrevocably

Antonyms:

1. Separably,
2. loosely,
3. independently,
4. unrelatedly

Example Sentence: The efficiency of public service delivery is inextricably linked to the skills of the workforce.



2. Paradigm

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A typical example or pattern of something; a model.

Hindi Translation: प्रतिमान / आदर्श

Synonyms:

1. Model,
2. pattern,
3. archetype,
4. prototype

(नमूना)

Exemplary
Precedent
Conventional
Traditional

Antonyms:

1. Anomaly, → Unique
2. deviation,
3. exception,
4. irregularity

diversify
Variation

3. Adept

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Highly skilled or proficient in something.

Ad

Hindi Translation: कुशल / निपुण

Synonyms:

1. Skilled,
2. proficient,
3. expert,
4. accomplished

Antonyms:

1. Incompetent,
2. inept,
3. unskilled,
4. amateurish

Example Sentence: Government employees need to become adept at using digital platforms

4. Commendable

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Deserving praise or admiration.

Hindi Translation: सराहनीय

Synonyms:

1. Admirable,
2. praiseworthy,
3. laudable,
4. meritorious

Antonyms:

1. Blameworthy,
2. reprehensible,
3. disgraceful,
4. unworthy

Example Sentence: The government's commitment to enhancing digital literacy is commendable.

5. Bolster

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To support or strengthen.

Hindi Translation: समर्थन करना / मज़बूत बनाना

Synonyms:

1. Reinforce,
2. fortify,
3. enhance,
4. sustain

Antonyms:

1. Undermine,
2. weaken,
3. degrade,
4. impair

Example Sentence: The digital transformation aims to bolster the capabilities of government employees.

6. Challenges

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Difficult tasks or problems requiring effort to overcome.

Hindi Translation: चुनौतियाँ

Synonyms:

1. Difficulties,
2. obstacles,
3. hurdles,
4. predicaments

Antonyms:

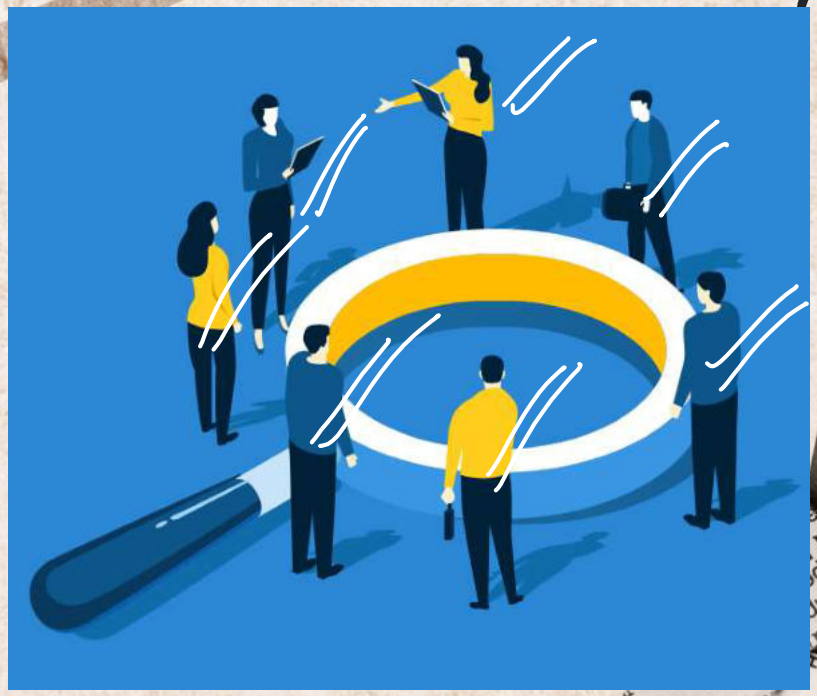
1. Opportunities,
2. solutions,
3. advantages,
4. prospects

Example Sentence: It is imperative to address the challenges of digital governance.

7. Transparency

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The quality of being open and clear.



Hindi Translation: पारदर्शिता

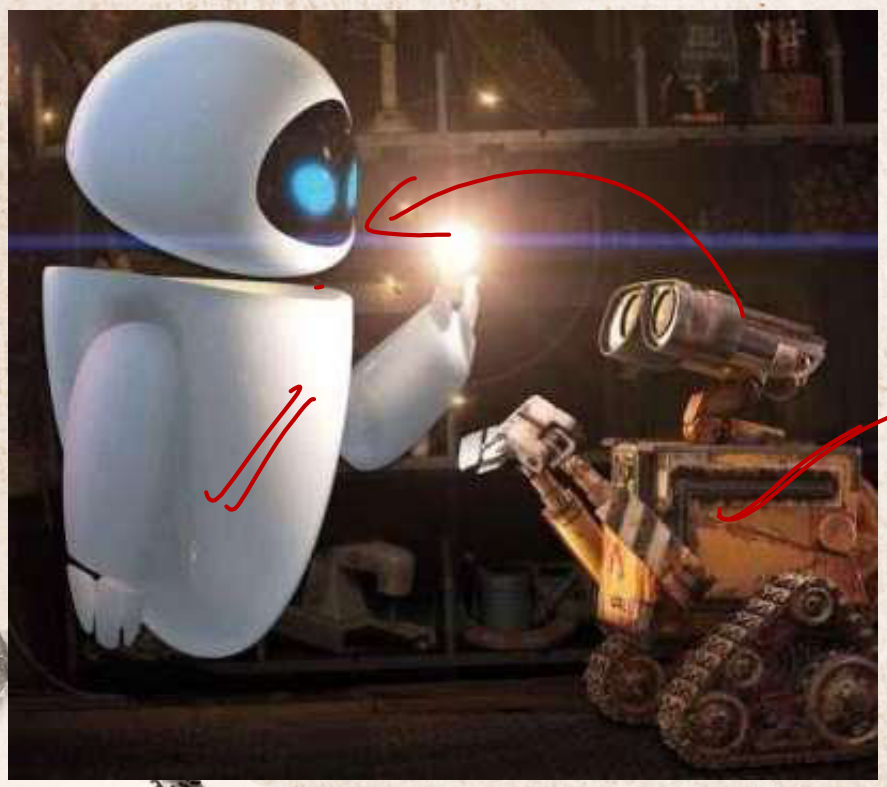
Synonyms:

1. Openness,
2. clarity,
3. accountability,
4. honesty

Antonyms:

1. Secrecy,
2. obscurity,
3. ambiguity,
4. deceit

Example Sentence: Real-time communication promotes transparency in governance.



8. Streamlined

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Designed or organized to be more efficient.

Hindi Translation: सुव्यवस्थित

Synonyms:

1. Simplified,
2. optimized,
3. efficient,
4. organized

Antonyms:

1. Complex,
2. cluttered,
3. disorganized,
4. inefficient

Example Sentence: Digital workflows have streamlined government operations.

Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

Made strides

- **Meaning:** Achieved progress or advancements.

Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

- **Equipped with**

- **Meaning:** Provided with the necessary tools or resources.

Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

Change the game

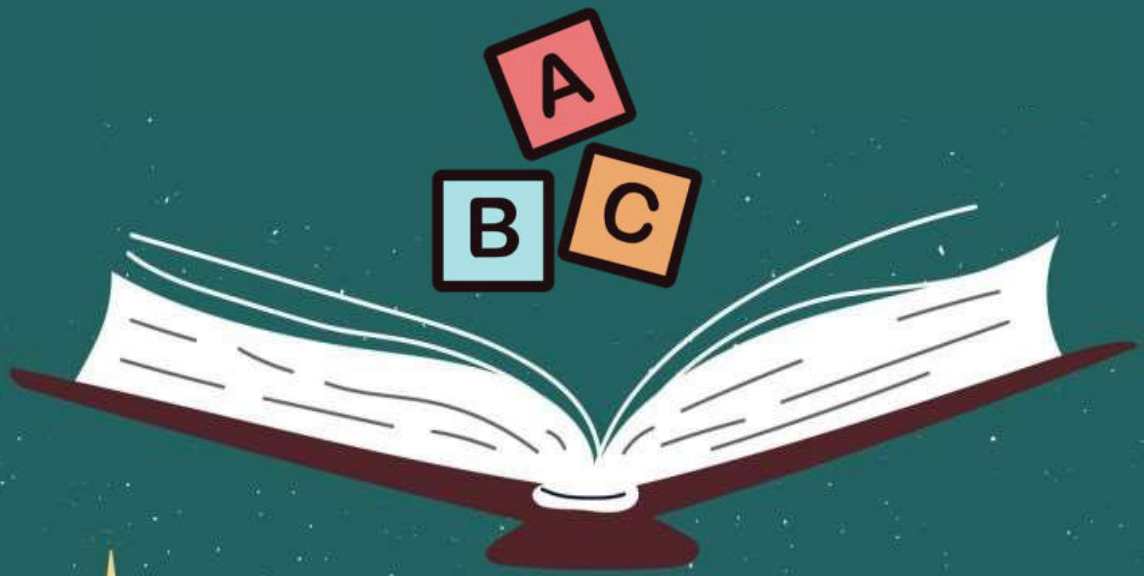
- **Meaning:** To revolutionize or significantly alter the way things are done.
- **Usage:** Digital tools like the Government e-Marketplace have the potential to change the game in public procurement

Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

Hit the ground running

- **Meaning:** To start a task or project with enthusiasm and efficiency from the very beginning.
- **Usage:** Employees trained on the iGOT Karmayogi platform can hit the ground running when implementing digital governance practices.

SHALL WE READ?



In recent years, India has embarked on an ambitious journey toward digital governance — a transformation designed not only to improve citizen services but also to bolster the capabilities of government employees. This effort underscores a critical truth: the efficiency of public service delivery is inextricably linked to the skills and competencies of the workforce behind it. Yet, despite the strides made, the question remains — what more needs to be done to fully realise the potential of this digital shift? At its core, governance is a complex web of decision-making processes that involves stakeholders, from government bodies and non-governmental organisations to local community leaders and influential citizens.

Chanakya's governance principles have left a lasting impact, particularly in South Asia, shaping modern governance theories, public administration, and strategic diplomacy, with the Arthashastra's insights into statecraft, economic policy, and ethical leadership continuing to serve as a framework for political strategy and governance ethics. In this context, building the capacity of participants to integrate digital tools has become essential to reimagining governance at every level. Digital governance represents a paradigm shift in how government employees and associated service providers or intermediaries such as contractors should engage with their work.

The adoption of technology in governance facilitates more effective communication, informed decision-making, and streamlined workflows. As public expectations evolve, so too must the skill-set of those in governance roles. The pressing need for government employees to become adept at navigating digital platforms is paramount in a world that is increasingly technology-driven. Initiatives such as the iGOT Karmayogi platform have taken centre-stage. Launched in 2020, this online training portal aims to equip government officials with essential skills in data analytics, public administration, and digital technologies.

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The flexibility of personalised learning paths fosters continuous improvement — a vital trait where adaptability defines success. Equally transformative is the e-Office initiative, which digitises government workflows, drastically reducing reliance on paperwork and enhancing operational efficiency. By automating le management, workflows, and grievance redress, the initiative promotes real-time communication and transparency. Another initiative is the transition of procurement processes to the online sphere, with platforms like the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) playing a crucial role.

The government's commitment to enhancing digital literacy is commendable, with various programmes aimed at familiarising employees with the essential tools of e-governance, cybersecurity, and digital communication. However, as we celebrate these advancements, it is imperative to recognise the challenges that lie ahead in this digital governance journey.

1. Why is digital literacy among government employees considered vital for the success of digital governance initiatives in India?

A. It reduces government expenditure on training programs.

B. It equips employees to effectively use digital tools for decision-making and workflow management.

C. It ensures that government policies are formulated faster.

D. It eliminates the need for public participation in governance.

2. What is the likely reason behind the introduction of platforms like iGOT Karmayogi and e-Office?

A. To reduce the number of government employees.

B. To align with Chanakya's principles of governance and statecraft.

C. To enhance the skills and efficiency of government officials in the digital era.

D. To automate all government processes without human involvement.

Q3. What tone does the author primarily adopt in the passage?

A. ~~Critical and disapproving~~

B. Optimistic (+ve) yet cautionary

C. ~~Indifferent and neutral~~

D. ~~Highly skeptical~~ and dismissive

E. ~~Sarcastic and mocking~~

Q4. Which initiative mentioned in the passage focuses on equipping government officials with skills in data analytics, public administration, and digital technologies?

A. Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

B. Arthashastra Training Program

C. iGOT Karmayogi

D. Digital India Literacy Campaign

E. e-Office Initiative

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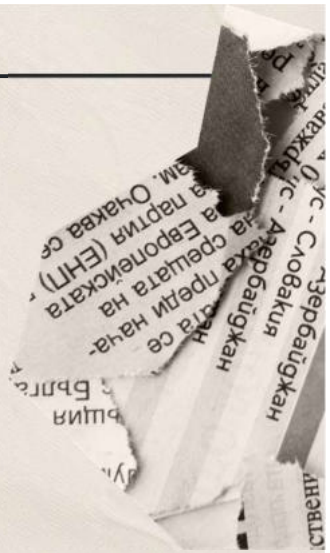

Match the columns

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Column A	Column B
A. Pivotal	P. Privileged to know
B. Profound	Q. Guide or direct
C. Herald	R. Easing of tensions
D. Disengagement	S. Deep, thoughtful
E. Détente	T. Of crucial importance
F. Steer	U. Withdrawal or separation
G. Privy	V. Pay attention
H. Heed	W. Messenger, announcer

Answer

A. Pivotal	T.
B. Profound	S.
C. Herald	W.
D. Disengagement	U.
E. Détente	R.
F. Steer	Q.
G. Privy	P.
H. Heed	V.

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

WRITE A PRECIS ON TODAY'S ARTICLE

WRITE SYNONYMS FOR THE WORD 'Bolster'

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Editorial 2 :

Despite these initiatives, hurdles remain that could undermine progress. The resistance to change among some segments of the workforce presents a tangible challenge. Bureaucratic structures can sometimes be slow to adapt, with varying levels of enthusiasm and readiness among employees. While some quickly embrace new technologies, others may benefit from extra training and support to effectively navigate the digital landscape. The government must foster an environment that encourages innovation while providing the necessary resources for those who may resist or struggle to adapt.

The lack of incentives raises concerns that government initiatives such as the iGOT Karmayogi platform could become merely attendance trackers. True success should not be measured by participation numbers alone but by the platform's ability to deliver real value to employees. It is worth considering whether these trainings lead to meaningful outcomes — such as opportunities to apply new skills through relevant job postings — rather than just enhancing performance reviews. Additionally, the digital divide is a pressing issue, especially in rural areas where access to high-speed Internet and digital tools can be limited.

Without addressing this disparity, we risk leaving many employees, and by extension, many citizens behind in an increasingly digital world. Cybersecurity also looms large as a concern in the digital governance landscape. As government operations shift online, the risk of data breaches and cyberattacks escalates. Protecting sensitive information is non-negotiable, and training employees in cybersecurity protocols is critical to fortifying digital governance systems. Finally, the need for continuous learning cannot be overstated. The rapid evolution of digital tools necessitates ongoing training and upskilling opportunities to ensure that employees remain capable and condent in their roles. Ensuring that capacity-building programmes remain dynamic and adaptable to new developments is crucial.

1. Hurdles

Meaning: Obstacles or difficulties that impede progress.

Part of Speech: Noun

Hindi Translation: बाधाएँ

- **Synonyms:** Obstacles, barriers, impediments, challenges
- **Antonyms:** Aids, assistance, support, solutions
- **Example Sentence:** Despite the initiatives, hurdles remain that could undermine progress.

2. Tangible

Meaning: Perceptible by touch; clear and definite; real.

Part of Speech: Adjective

Hindi Translation: ठोस

Synonyms: Concrete, substantial, material, evident

Antonyms: Intangible, abstract, vague, insubstantial

Example Sentence: The resistance to change presents a tangible challenge.

3. Bureaucratic

Meaning: Relating to the business of running an organization, or government.

Part of Speech: Adjective

Hindi Translation: प्रशासनिक

- **Synonyms:** Administrative, official, regulatory, procedural
- **Antonyms:** Unofficial, informal, spontaneous, flexible
- **Example Sentence:** Bureaucratic structures can be slow to adapt.

4. Foster

Meaning: To encourage or promote the development of something.

Part of Speech: Verb

Hindi Translation: बढ़ावा देना

Synonyms: Promote, cultivate, nurture, support

Antonyms: Hinder, suppress, stifle, discourage

Example Sentence: The government must foster an environment that encourages innovation.

5. Incentives

Meaning: Something that motivates or encourages someone to do something.

Part of Speech: Noun

Hindi Translation: प्रोत्साहन

- **Synonyms:** Motivation, encouragement, inducement, stimulus
- **Antonyms:** Deterrent, disincentive, discouragement, hindrance
- **Example Sentence:** The lack of incentives raises concerns about the effectiveness of the initiatives.

6. Disparity

Meaning: A great difference.

Part of Speech: Noun

Hindi Translation: असमानता

Synonyms: Inequality, difference, gap, disparity

Antonyms: Equality, similarity, uniformity, parity

Example Sentence: The digital divide is a pressing issue, especially in rural areas.

7. Escalates

Meaning: To increase rapidly or intensify.

Part of Speech: Verb

Hindi Translation: बढ़ाना

Synonyms: Intensifies, increases, rises, magnifies

Antonyms: Decreases, diminishes, abates, subsides

Example Sentence: The risk of data breaches and cyberattacks escalates as operations shift online.

8. Non-negotiable

Meaning: Not open to discussion or modification.

Part of Speech: Adjective

Hindi Translation: अडिग

Synonyms: Unchangeable, absolute, fixed, mandatory

Antonyms: Negotiable, flexible, adaptable, conditional

Example Sentence: Protecting sensitive information is a non-negotiable aspect of governance.

9. Fortifying

Meaning: Strengthening or securing against attack.

Part of Speech: Verb

Hindi Translation: मजबूत करना

Synonyms: Strengthening, securing, reinforcing, bolstering

Antonyms: Weakening, undermining, diminishing, impairing

Example Sentence: Training employees in cybersecurity protocols is critical to fortifying systems.

10. Dynamic

Meaning: Characterized by constant change, activity, or progress.

Part of Speech: Adjective

Hindi Translation: गतिशील

Synonyms: Energetic, active, changing, vibrant

Antonyms: Static, unchanging, inactive, fixed

Example Sentence: Capacity-building programmes must remain dynamic and adaptable.

1. What is a primary challenge mentioned in the passage regarding workforce adaptation to new technologies?

A) Lack of government initiatives

B) Resistance to change among some workforce segments

C) Abundance of resources

D) High-speed Internet availability

E) Overwhelming enthusiasm for innovation

Q2. According to the passage, what should success not be measured by?

A) Employee engagement
B) Participation numbers alone
C) Innovation levels
D) Skill application opportunities
E) Attendance rates

Q3. What is identified as a significant issue in rural areas in the context of digital governance?

A) Overabundance of digital tools
B) High-speed Internet access
C) Access to training programs
D) Digital divide
E) Workforce enthusiasm

Q4. What critical concern is raised in relation to cybersecurity as operations shift online?

A) Employee training

B) Increasing data breaches and cyberattacks

C) Lack of participation

D) Abundance of digital tools

E) Government funding

Q5. Why is ongoing training and upskilling important according to the passage?

A) To ensure employees feel confident

B) To enhance performance reviews

C) To keep pace with the rapid evolution of digital tools

D) To maintain bureaucratic structures

E) To increase participation numbers

ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. C

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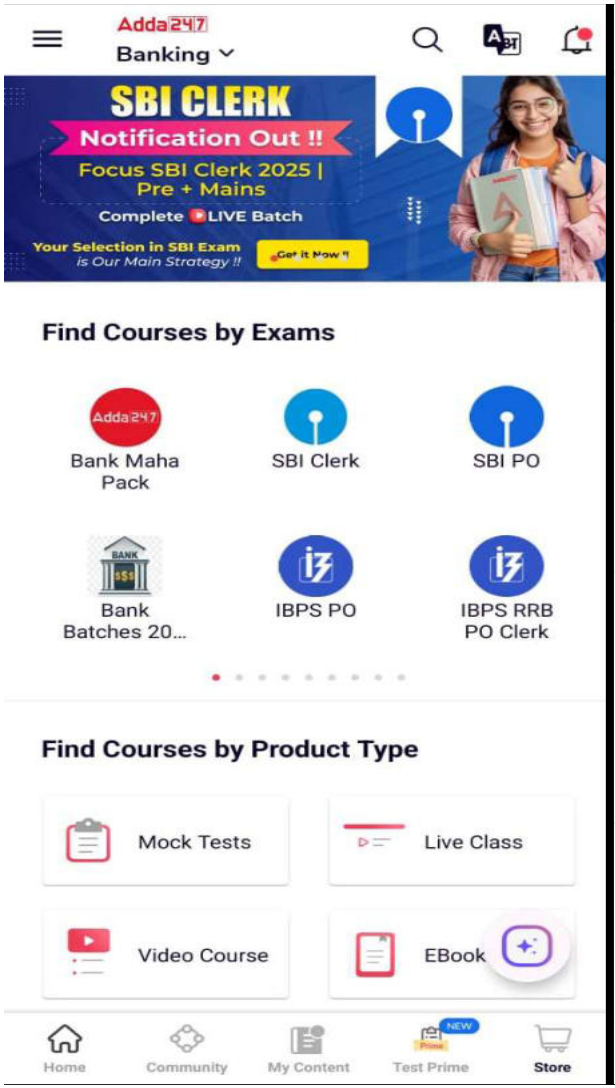
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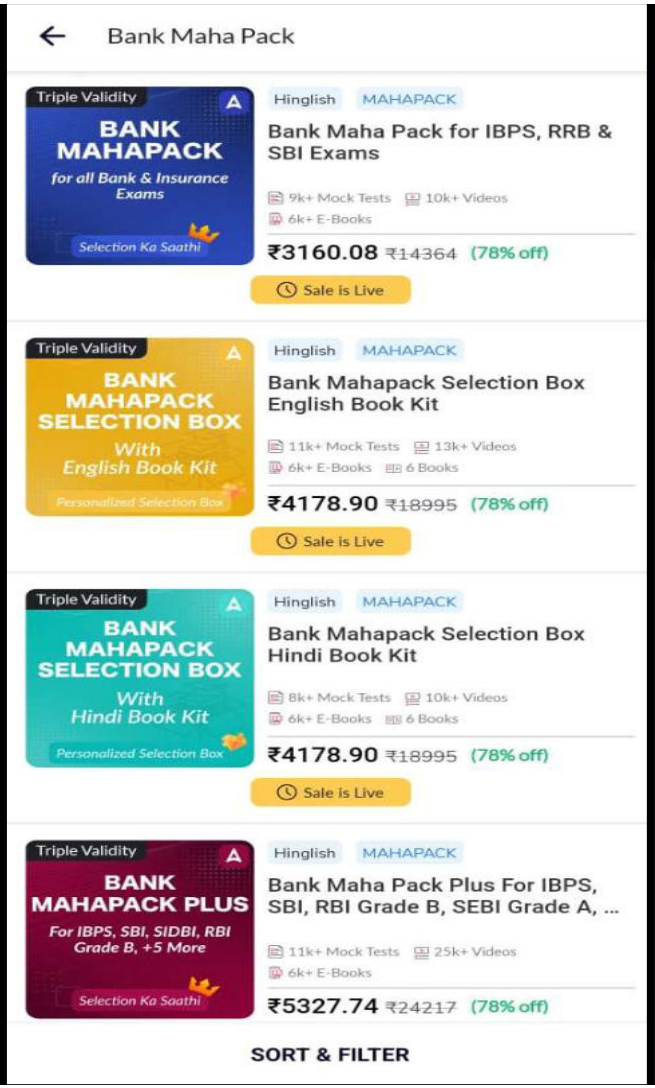
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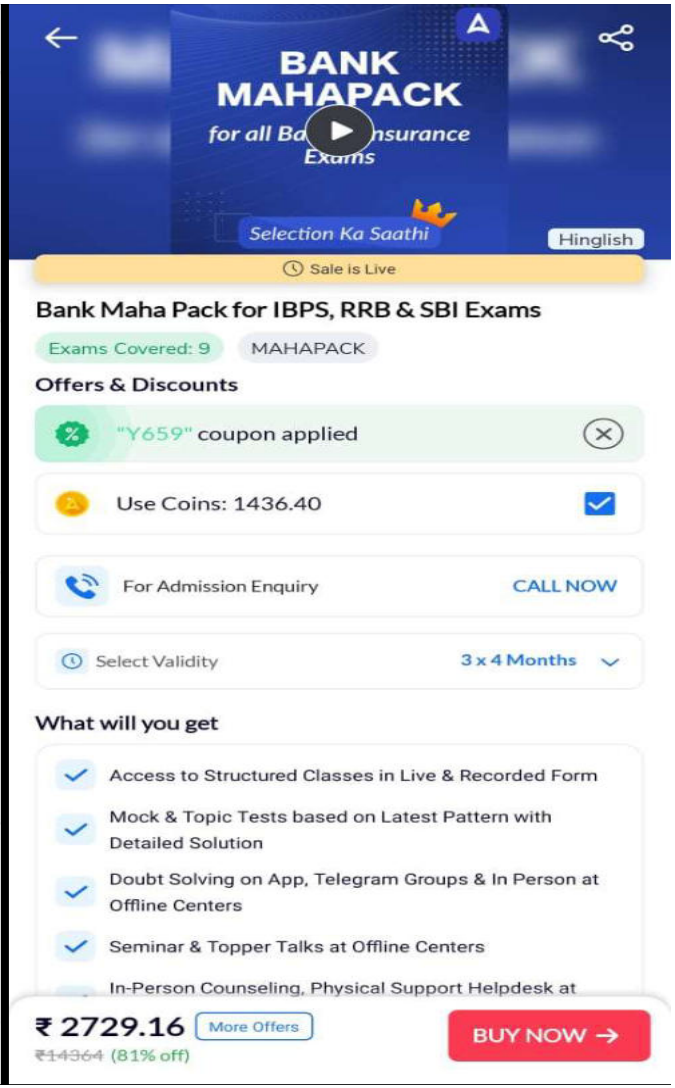
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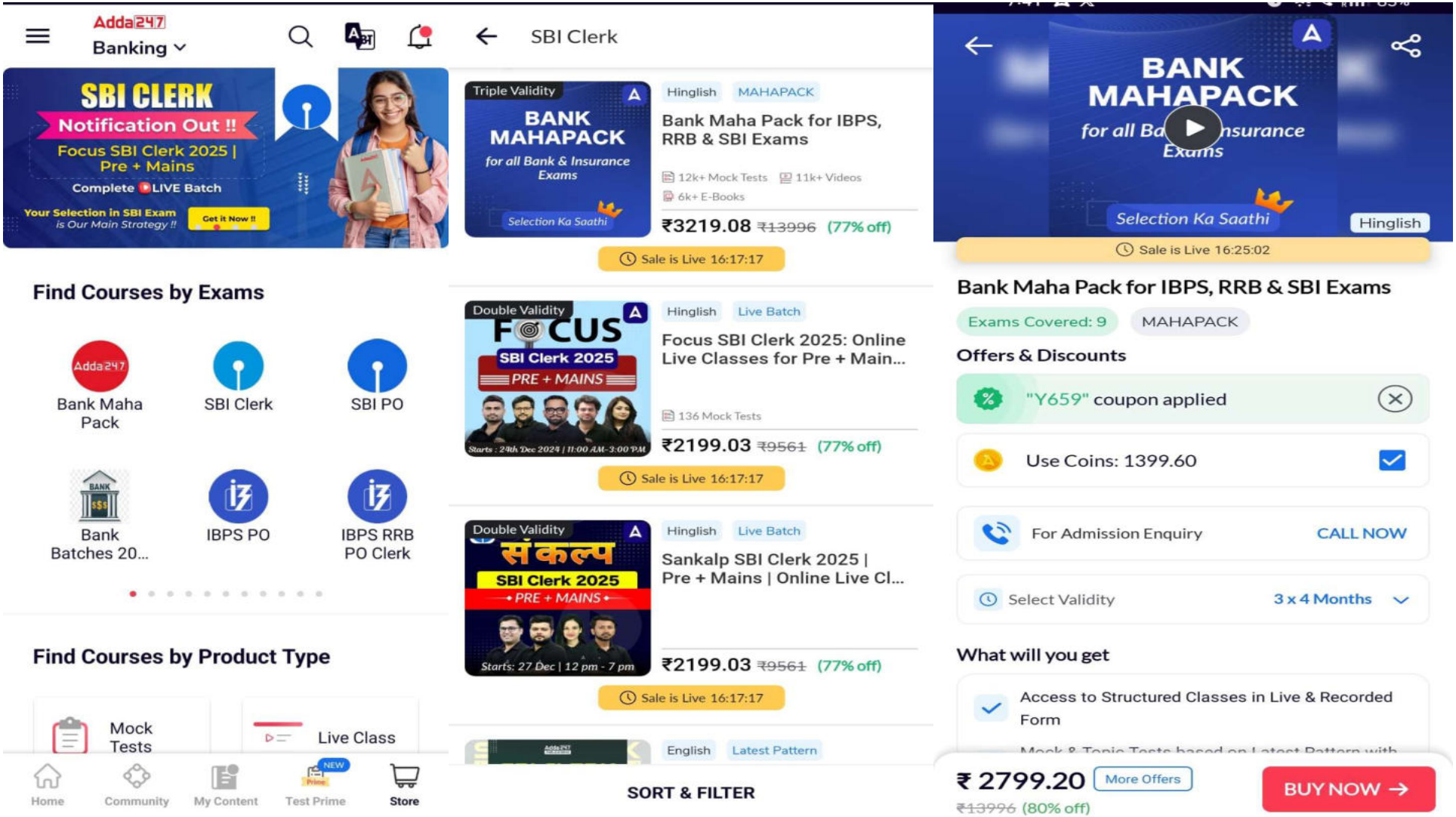
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