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RIGHT TO INFORMATION

Cripple and scuttle

Governments are discouraging the
exercise of the right to information



1. Empowerment

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Granting power or authority to someone.



Hindi Translation: सशक्तिकरण

Synonyms:

1. Enablement,
2. authorization,
3. liberation,
4. enfranchisement

Antonyms:

1. Disempowerment,
2. suppression,
3. subjugation,
4. oppression

Example Sentence: The RTI Act is aimed at the empowerment of citizens.





2. Dilute

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To weaken or reduce in effectiveness.



Hindi Translation: कमजोर करना

Synonyms:

1. Weaken,
2. reduce,
3. diminish,
4. impair

Antonyms:

1. Strengthen,
2. fortify,
3. enhance,
4. bolster

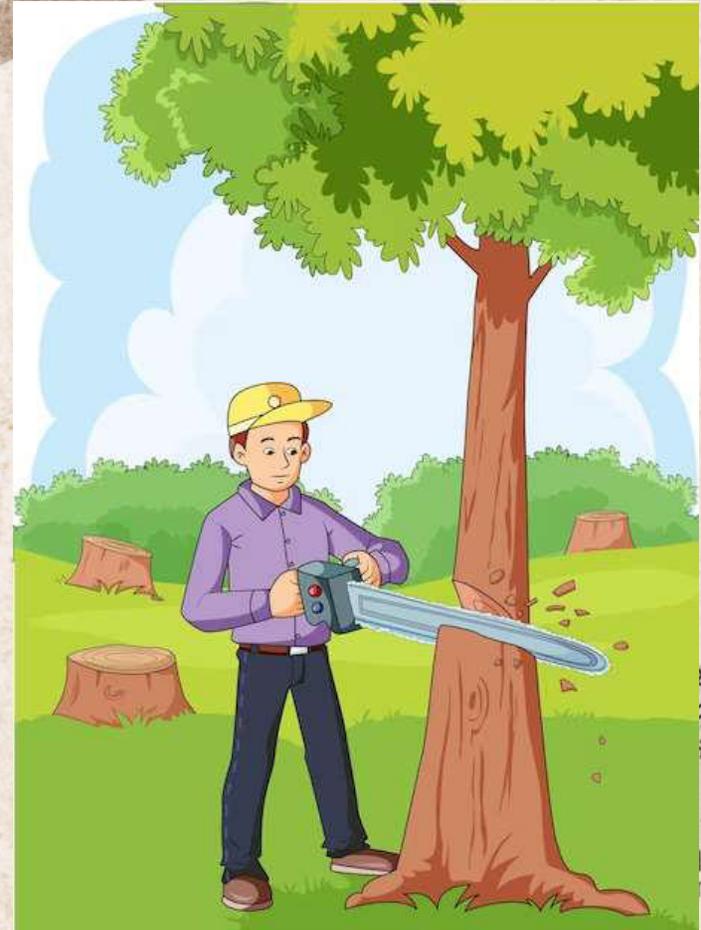
Example Sentence: Amendments to the RTI Act are often attempts to dilute its efficacy.



3. Scuttle

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To deliberately thwart or destroy something.



Hindi Translation: विफल करना

Synonyms:

1. Undermine,
2. sabotage,
3. thwart,
4. disrupt

Antonyms:

1. Support,
2. facilitate,
3. enable,
4. promote

Example Sentence: Attempts to scuttle the RTI Act are not uncommon.



REACTIVE



PROACTIVE



4. Proactive

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Acting in anticipation of future needs or problems.



Hindi Translation: सक्रिय

Synonyms:

1. Anticipatory,
2. forward-thinking,
3. preemptive,
4. energetic

Antonyms:

1. Reactive,
2. passive,
3. indifferent,
4. complacent

Example Sentence: Governments must adopt a proactive approach to filling RTI vacancies.



5. Cripple

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To severely damage or impair the functioning or effectiveness of something.



Hindi Translation: अपंग करना / कमजोर करना

Synonyms:

1. Maim,
2. disable,
3. debilitate,
4. weaken

Antonyms:

1. Strengthen,
2. empower,
3. bolster,
4. fortify

Example Sentence: The lack of funds has crippled the development of essential public infrastructure.





6. Elicit

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To draw out a response, answer, or fact from someone.

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Hindi Translation: प्राप्त करना / उकसाना

Synonyms:

1. Evoke,
2. extract,
3. provoke,
4. induce

Antonyms:

1. Suppress,
2. withhold,
3. stifle,
4. silence

Example Sentence: The teacher's question was designed to elicit thoughtful answers from the students.

7. Defunct

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: No longer existing, functioning, or in use.



Hindi Translation: निष्क्रिय / मृतप्राय

Synonyms:

1. Obsolete,
2. inactive,
3. extinct,
4. inoperative

Antonyms:

1. Operational,
2. active,
3. functioning,
4. existing

Example Sentence: The old factory has been defunct for years and is now abandoned.



8. Impart

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To give, convey, or communicate (information, knowledge, or qualities).

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Hindi Translation: प्रदान करना / साझा करना

Synonyms:

1. Bestow,
2. convey,
3. communicate,
4. transmit

Antonyms:

1. Withhold,
2. conceal,
3. suppress,
4. retain

Example Sentence: Teachers should impart not only knowledge but also values to their students.



9. Revival

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Restoration to life, vigor, or success.



Hindi Translation: पुनरुद्धार / पुनर्जीवन

Synonyms:

1. Resurgence,
2. rejuvenation,
3. renewal,
4. renaissance

Antonyms:

1. Decline,
2. deterioration,
3. stagnation,
4. extinction

Example Sentence: The revival of traditional art forms has brought new life to the cultural heritage of the region.



Idioms

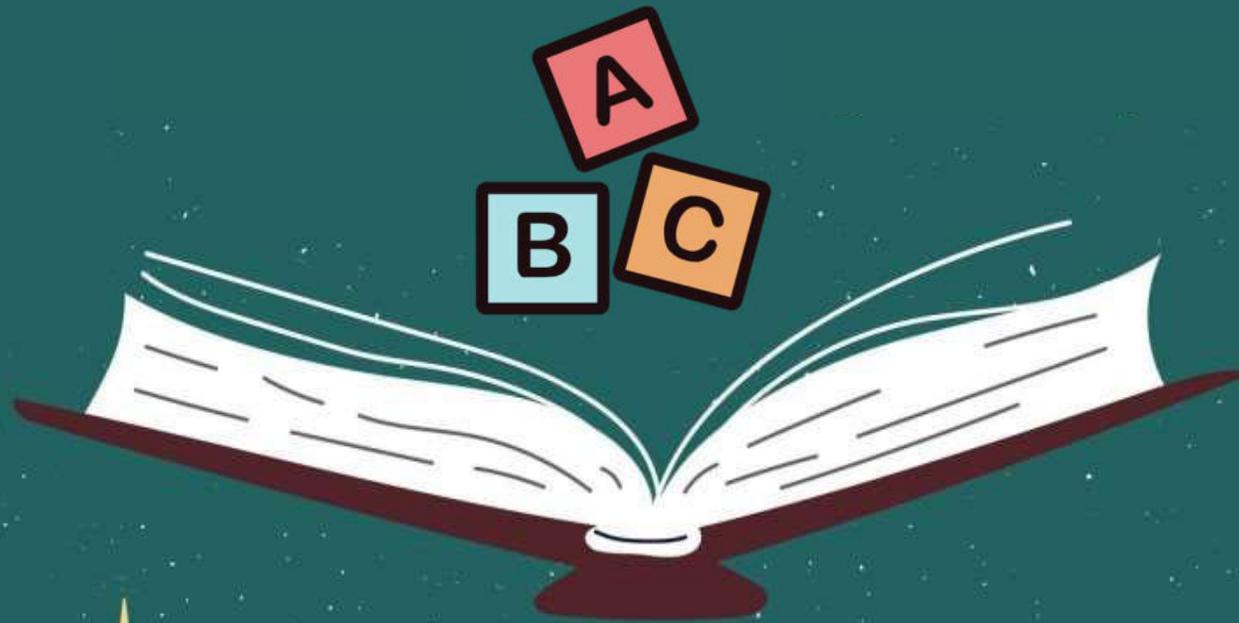
- **Take note of** – To pay attention to or acknowledge something.
- **Spell out** – To explain something clearly and in detail.
- **From various walks of life** – From different backgrounds or professions

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Phrasal Verbs

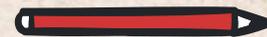
- **Bring about** – To cause or result in a particular outcome.
- **Called for** – To demand or require something to happen.
- **Stripped of** – To remove or take away something essential or valuable.

SHALL WE READ?



Nearly two decades after the passage of the Right to Information Act, it is quite apparent that governments, at least sections of it, are uncomfortable with the idea of transparency and empowerment associated with it. Amendments to dilute its efficacy and attempts to defeat it by delaying or denying information have been quite common for years. Another way to scuttle the law is to cripple the functioning of information commissions at the central and State levels. The issue has surfaced again, with the Supreme Court of India questioning the large number of vacancies in the central and some State Information Commissions.

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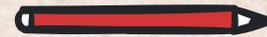
These commissions hear appeals from members of the public who have been denied access to information or have failed to elicit a response from designated information officers in various departments and institutions. A Division Bench has taken note of the fact that there are eight vacancies in the posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission (CIC), while 23,000 appeals are pending before it. In fact, some State-level Information Commissions are almost defunct for want of members to hear the public. Any court is bound to ask, as the Court has now done, how an institution can be of any use if it does not have persons to perform the required duties under the law.

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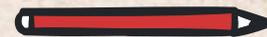
The Court has sought to impart some urgency to the matter by directing the Department of Personnel and Training to spell out in two weeks the timelines for completing the selection process and notifying the appointments of the eight Information Commissioners in the CIC. It has also asked for details about the search committee and the list of applicants for the posts. Similarly, States that have initiated the appointment process but without any definite timeline have been asked to complete the process within a specified time. However, this may not be enough to bring about a revival in the fulfilment of the original purpose of the Act.

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Besides filling up vacancies, not all governments have complied with a Court verdict of 2019 that called for proactive efforts to fill up vacancies in time by advertising them early. The CIC's post was stripped of its autonomy some years ago when the government removed the fixed five-year tenure and made it open-ended. Not much has been done to appoint candidates from various walks of life, as retired civil servants continue to be chosen, a point noted by the Bench in the latest hearing. It is inevitable that a large number of vacancies will result in a huge backlog and ultimately discourage the people from seeking information. It is difficult not to conclude that this is what those in power want.

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1. What has the Supreme Court of India questioned regarding the Central Information Commission (CIC)?

- A) The tenure of Information Commissioners
- B) The transparency of government operations
- C) The large number of vacancies in the CIC 
- D) The quality of information provided by the CIC
- E) The training of designated information officers



2. According to the passage, what has been a significant issue in State-level Information Commissions?

- A) Excessive autonomy**
- B) Lack of financial resources**
- C) Almost defunct status due to lack of members** 
- D) Resistance from government institutions**
- E) Lack of public interest in seeking information**

3. Based on the passage, what could be inferred as a consequence of a large number of vacancies in the CIC and State Information Commissions?

- A) Increased autonomy of information commissions
- B) Reduced transparency and empowerment under the RTI Act 
- C) Enhanced public participation in governance
- D) Faster resolution of appeals
- E) Improved selection of Information Commissioners

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4. What was one result of removing the fixed five-year tenure for Information Commissioners in the CIC?

- A) Increased independence of the CIC
- B) Open-ended appointments leading to reduced autonomy 
- C) Faster resolution of appeals
- D) Appointment of Information Commissioners from diverse backgrounds
- E) Elimination of pending appeals



5. What can be inferred about the government's attitude toward the Right to Information Act based on the passage?

- A) The government fully supports transparency and public access to information.
- B) The government is indifferent to the effectiveness of the Right to Information Act.
- C) The government seeks to enhance the functioning of information commissions.
- D) The government appears to be uncomfortable with the transparency and empowerment associated with the Act.
- E) The government prioritizes filling vacancies in the information commissions promptly.



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Erratic--(synonyms)1.unpre

- 2.inconsistent
- 3.changeable
- 4.variable
- 5.unstable
- 6.unsteady
- 7.unreliable
- 8.undependable
- 9.changing
- 10.ever changing
- 11.full of ups and downs
- 12.wavering
- 13.whimsical
- 14.fickle
- 15.flighty
- 16.giddy
- 17.impulsive
- 18.volatile
- 19.varying

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Synonyms of the word erratic:-

- 1) Unhinged
- 2) Irrational
- 3) Wayward
- 4) Unreliable
- 5) Capricious
- 6) Mercurial mood
- 7) Volatile
- 8) Protean
- 9) Bersek
- 10) Deranged
- 11) Psychotic
- 12) Maniac
- 13) Bonkers
- 14) Insane
- 15) Demented
- 16) Unstable
- 17) Unbalanced

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A. Progressive

P. Strong, irresistible urges or impulses to perform certain actions or behaviors.

B. Rhetoric

Q. To make someone angry or agitated; to provoke or upset.

C. Unhinged

R. A state of dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition.

D. Riled

S. Excessive and unreasonable enthusiasm or devotion to a cause, religion, or ideology.

E. Spurt

T. The art of persuasive speaking or writing, often using exaggerated or manipulative language.

F. Discontent

U. Favoring or promoting change or progress, especially in social or political matters.

G. Compulsions

V. Mentally unstable, disordered, or irrational.

H. Pander

W. Having or displaying an excessively critical or disapproving attitude.

I. Fanaticism

X. A sudden and short burst of something, especially liquid or energy.

J. Judgmental

Y. To cater or indulge someone's desires, often in a way that is considered unethical or selfish.

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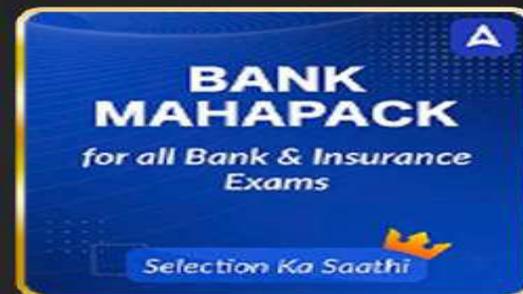
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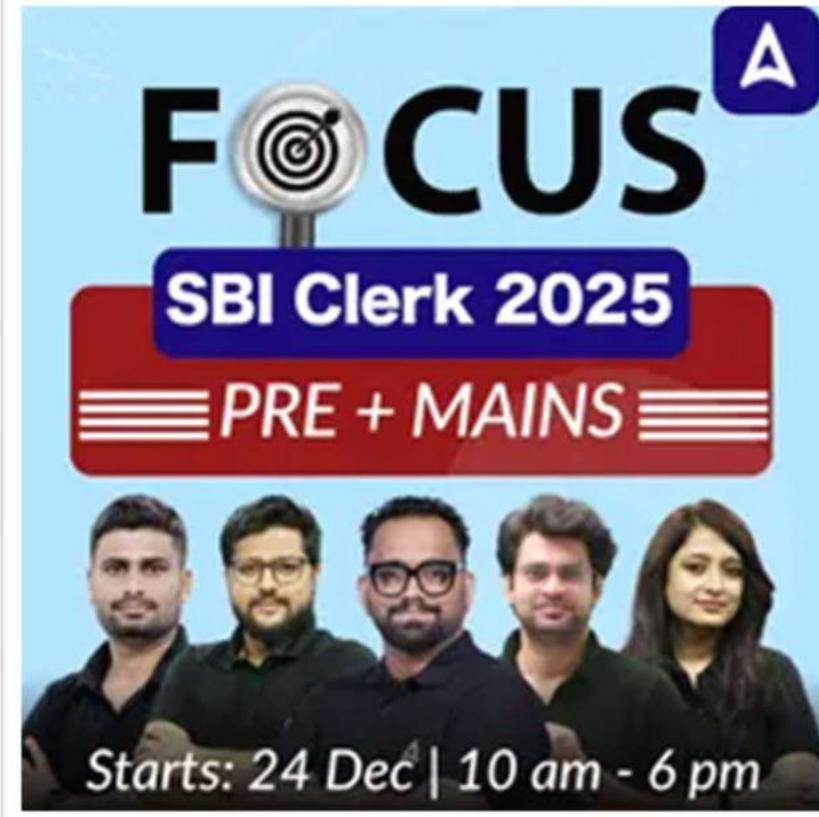


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