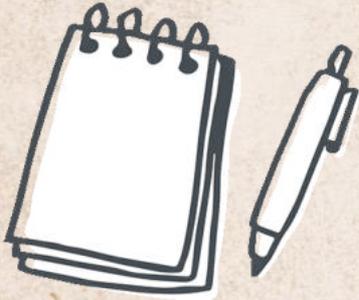
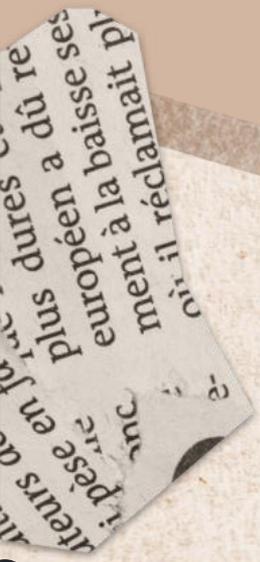
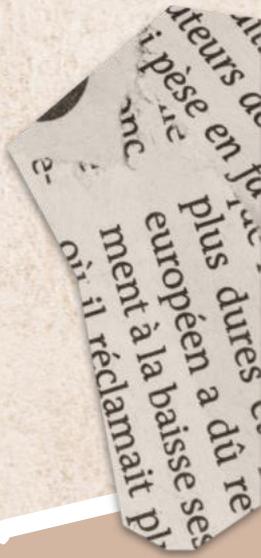




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## **Burrow tragedy**

**India must learn from its mining  
disasters and enforce regulations**



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# 1. Hazard

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** Danger or risk



Wet floor Caution  
△

**Hindi Translation:** खतरा

**Example Sentence:** The slippery floor is a serious hazard to workers.

**Synonyms:**

1. Danger, ✓
2. peril, ✓
3. threat, ✓
4. risk ✓

अंश

Jeopardy Vulnerable

Menace

Imperilment Endangerment

**Antonyms:**

1. Safety, ✓
2. security, ✓
3. protection, ✓
4. assurance ✓

Treacherous Precarious

Contingency



## 2. Viable

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: : Capable of working or succeeding

**Hindi Translation:** व्यवहार्य

**Example Sentence:** The plan is financially viable and can be implemented.

**Synonyms:**

1. Feasible,
2. practical,
3. workable,
4. achievable

Tenable

Efficacious

Durable

} clever  
Pragmatic  
Astute

**Antonyms:**

1. Impossible, ✓
2. impractical, ✓
3. unfeasible, ✓
4. unattainable ✓

# 3. Unscrupulous

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Without moral principles



Scrupulous

**Hindi Translation:** बेईमान ✓

**Example Sentence:** Unscrupulous traders often exploit vulnerable customers.

**Synonyms:**

1. Dishonest, ✓
2. unethical, ✓
3. corrupt, ✓
4. deceitful ✓

fraudulent Cunning

Ruthless Sordid

दोषी

Shameless - नतय

**Antonyms:**

1. Honest,
2. ethical,
3. principled,
4. trustworthy

Mal-Bad .

Machiavellian

Malicious

Mac + Vikan

Conniving

Meticulous  
Unscrupulous



## 4. Connivance

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** Secret agreement to do something immoral



**Hindi Translation:** मिलीभगत

**Example Sentence:** The manager's connivance in the fraud was uncovered.

**Synonyms:**

1. Collusion,
2. conspiracy,
3. complicity,
4. scheme

**Antonyms:**

1. Integrity,
2. innocence,
3. ignorance,
4. openness

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शक्ति

Concurrence  
Endorsement  
Sanction

# 5. Amnesia

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Loss of memory



**Hindi Translation:** भूलने की बीमारी

**Example Sentence:** The accident left him with partial **amnesia**.

**Synonyms:**

1. Forgetfulness, ✓
2. oblivion, ✓
3. memory loss, ✓
4. blackout ✓

**Antonyms:**

1. Memory, ✓
2. recollection, ✓
3. remembrance, ✓
4. retention ✓

Bewilderment Disarray

Preplexity

Befuddledment

Ambiguity

Chaos

Tumultuous



## 6. Antiquated

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Old-fashioned or outdated

**Hindi Translation:** पुराना

**Example Sentence:** The antiquated machinery needs to be replaced.

**Synonyms:**

1. Obsolete,
2. outdated,
3. archaic, - याचीन
4. old-fashioned

**Antonyms:**

1. Modern, ✓
2. new, ✓
3. innovative, ✓
4. contemporary ✓

Bygone Veteran  
fossilized Experience  
Defunct Profound  
Superannuated  
Derisive

# 7. Pickaxes

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** Tools with a pointed end for breaking rocks or soil



**Hindi Translation:** गैंती

**Example Sentence:** Workers used pickaxes to clear the rocky terrain.

**Synonyms:**

1. Mattocks, ✓
2. crowbars, ✓
3. digging tools, ✓
4. spades

**Antonyms:**

1. N/A (specific tool)



# 8. Torrent

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** A strong, fast-flowing stream of water or other liquid



**Hindi Translation:** तेज़ बहाव

**Example Sentence:** The heavy rains turned the small creek into a torrent.

**Synonyms:**

1. Flood, ✓
2. surge, ✓
3. cascade, ✓
4. stream ✓

Deluge  
Submerge  
Engulf

**Antonyms:**

1. Drip, ✓
2. trickle, ✓
3. stagnation, ✓
4. drought ✓

Douse  
Saturate

# 9. Inundate

Part of Speech: Verb

**Meaning:** Overwhelm or flood



**Hindi Translation:** बाढ़ लाना

**Example Sentence:** The city was inundated with complaints after the announcement.

**Synonyms:**

1. ~~Flood,~~
2. ~~overwhelm,~~
3. ~~engulf,~~
4. ~~deluge~~

**Antonyms:**

1. ~~Drain,~~
2. ~~underwhelm,~~
3. ~~deplete,~~
4. ~~dry~~

Stun  
Baffle  
Overrun  
flooded  
Overwhelm  
Overpower  
Subdue  
Devastate



# 10. Excavate

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: Dig out material



**Hindi Translation:** खुदाई करना

**Example Sentence:** The team plans to **excavate** the ancient ruins.

**Synonyms:**

1. ~~Dig,~~
2. ✓ ~~unearth,~~
3. ✓ ~~uncover,~~
4. ✓ ~~hollow out~~

**Antonyms:**

1. ✓ ~~Fill,~~
2. ✓ ~~cover,~~
3. ✓ ~~bury,~~
4. ✓ ~~fill in~~

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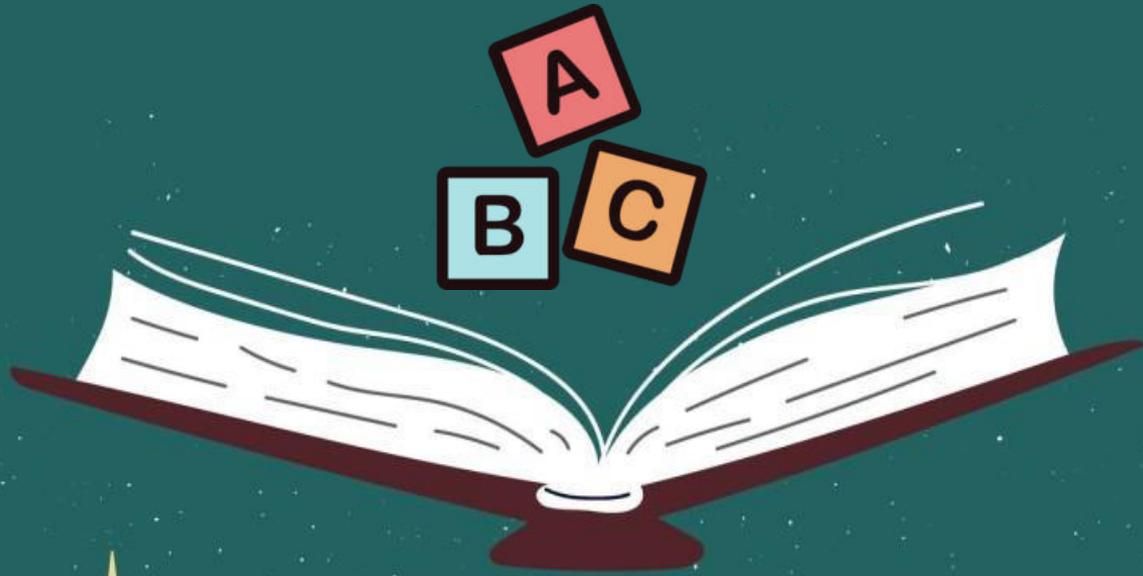
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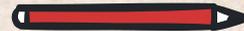
- **Called in as a last resort** – **Sought assistance as the final option after all others failed.**
- **Scooped out** – **Removed or excavated, often using a scooping motion.**
- **Sought out** – **Actively searched for or pursued.**
- **Goes on** – **Continues to happen or exist.**
- **End up** – **Reach a conclusion or outcome, often unintended.**

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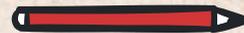
With four deaths so far, the coal mining tragedy in Assam's Dima Hasao district has revived a long-standing debate on the hazardous nature of rat-hole coal mining in India. As opposed to modern coal mining, which is mechanised, the 'rat-hole' points to the crude and antiquated technique of employing people, and even children, to burrow into the ground to scoop out the underground coal. Depending on the depths that they plumb, the odds are high that their pickaxes will often unleash a torrent of water from a hidden aquifer that can suddenly inundate the excavated tunnel — as it is suspected to have happened at Dima Hasao. Because such accidents have recurred over the decades, along with the attendant health and environmental hazards, this mode of mining was banned by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in 2014. The use of proper geological surveys and appropriate machinery would have made the mine economically unviable. The Assam Chief Minister has stated that the mine appeared to be "prime facie" illegal and one abandoned by the State's Mines and Minerals Department. If that is the case, it reflects poorly on the State administration that such mines can be exploited by unscrupulous elements with such ease, despite the ban.

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Surely, this is only a fraction of the unregulated mining that actually goes on. The Supreme Court of India, in 2019, had asked whether it was possible for such mining to continue without the "connivance" of officials, when it was examining the rescue of 15 miners trapped in a rat-hole mine in the East Jaintia Hills in December 2018. A report submitted by a monitoring committee set up by the NGT observed that despite the ban, the demand for coal to power cement manufacturing and thermal power plants in the northeast had sustained and supported rat-hole coal mining. On the other hand, when convenient, State authorities have sought out and even felicitated rat-hole miners, some from Assam, as in 2023, when they were called in as a last resort after advanced machinery and the expertise of professional geologists and earth scientists had failed to rescue 41 construction workers trapped in the large, over-ground Silkiyara tunnel in Uttarkashi. The Dima Hasao operation too, like others, will end and the net success or failure of saving those trapped will induce a familiar amnesia that will be broken only by the next accident. Until decisive action to puncture the economics of rat-hole mining is taken, India is only burrowing the way to another tragedy

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**1. What is the author's implied criticism of the State administration in relation to rat-hole mining?**

- A) The administration has successfully banned rat-hole mining.
- B) The administration is complicit or negligent in allowing illegal mining to persist. 
- C) The administration prioritizes economic development over safety regulations.
- D) The administration lacks the authority to enforce mining bans effectively.



**2. Based on the article, what can be inferred as the primary reason for the continued practice of rat-hole mining despite its ban?**

- A) Lack of awareness among miners about safety hazards.
- B) The economic demand for coal in industrial sectors.
- C) The absence of advanced technology to replace the practice.
- D) Support for traditional mining techniques by environmentalists.

**3. What does the author imply is the key reason why rat-hole mining accidents are likely to recur in the future?**

A) Lack of technological expertise in mining operations.

B) The economic incentives and demand for coal. ←

C) The miners' disregard for safety precautions.

D) The geological challenges specific to the region.



**4. How does the author view the involvement of state authorities in rat-hole mining operations?**

- A) As actively supportive of the practice. (1)
- B) As complicit through negligence or connivance. ←
- C) As largely unaware of illegal mining activities.
- D) As committed to enforcing mining bans effectively.

## 5. What can be inferred about the effectiveness of the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) ban on rat-hole mining?

- A) It has completely stopped the practice.
- B) It has reduced accidents significantly.
- C) It has failed due to enforcement challenges. ←
- D) It has led to technological advancements in mining.

Ambition

**6. What role do economic pressures play in sustaining rat-hole mining practices, according to the article?**

A) They encourage miners to adopt safer methods.

B) They drive demand for coal despite health and safety risks.  

C) They compel state governments to legalize rat-hole mining.

D) They limit investments in alternative energy sources.





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# Match the columns

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Column A	Column B
A. <b>Presumption</b>	P. Measured or evaluated against a standard or reference point.
B. <b>Deterministic</b>	Q. The process of transferring something, especially feelings, from one person or thing to another.
C. <b>Normative</b>	R. An assumption or belief made without proof.
D. <b>Luminosity</b>	S. The quality or state of being luminous; brightness or light emitted by a celestial object.
E. <b>Transference</b>	T. Relating to deep inward feelings rather than intellect or reasoning; gut feelings.
F. <b>Primogeniture</b>	U. Relating to the universe or cosmos, especially on a large scale.
G. <b>Visceral</b>	V. Descendants or offspring, especially of a person or animal.
H. <b>Progeny</b>	W. Establishing or relating to standards or norms.
I. <b>Benchmarked</b>	X. The state of being the firstborn child, especially the right of the firstborn to inherit the family estate.
J. <b>Cosmic</b>	Y. Relating to the concept that every event or state of affairs is determined by

# Answer

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| <b>A. Presumption</b>   | <b>R.</b> |
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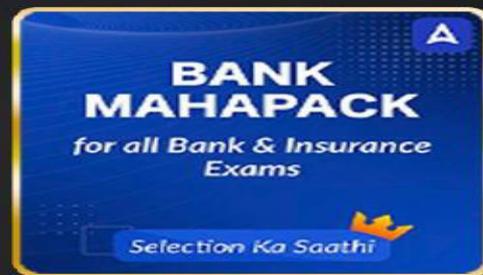
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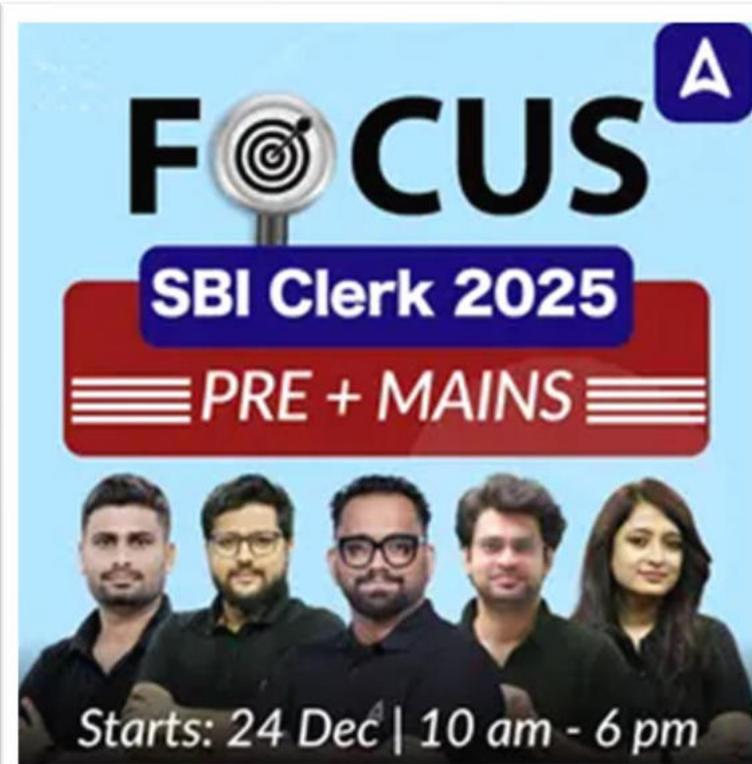


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