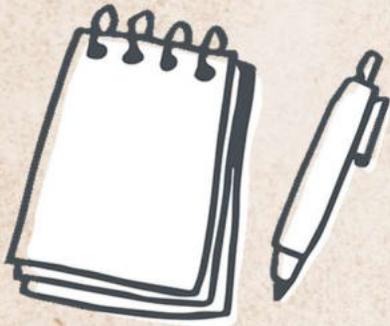


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The price of success
Kerala's rising maternal mortality ratio
is not yet a cause for concern



1. Rapid

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Happening quickly or
swiftly



Hindi Translation: तीव्र

Synonyms:

1. Quick, ✓
2. fast, ✓
3. swift, ✓
4. accelerated ✓

Antonyms:

1. Slow, ✓
2. gradual, ✓
3. sluggish, ✓
4. delayed ✓

Example Sentence: The rapid growth of technology has transformed industries worldwide.

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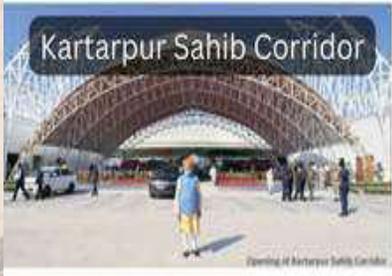
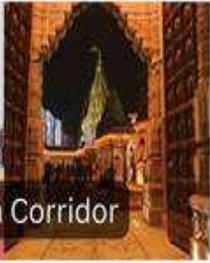
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2. Revive

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: : Restore to life or consciousness

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Hindi Translation: पुनर्जीवित करना

Synonyms:

1. Resuscitate, ✓
2. rejuvenate, ✓
3. restore, ✓
4. reinvigorate ✓

Antonyms:

1. Suppress, ✓
2. extinguish, ✓
3. destroy, ✓
4. decay ✓

Revival
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Rekindle
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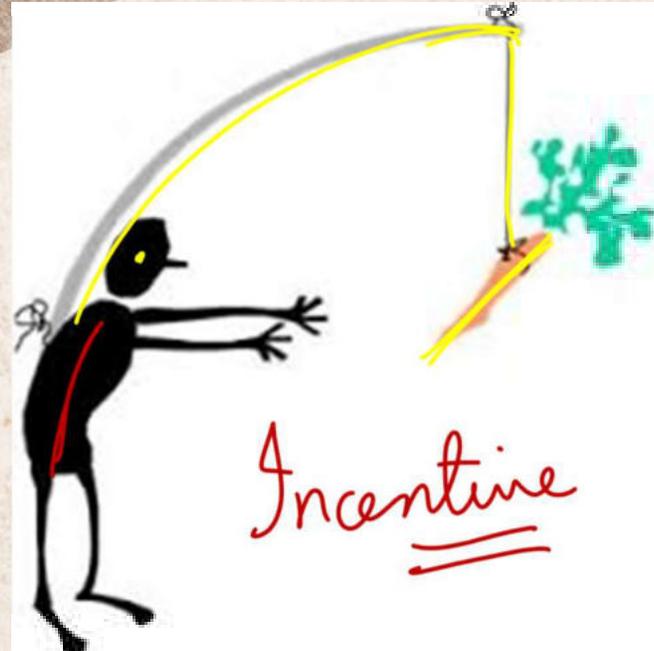
Energize, lively

Example Sentence: Efforts are being made to revive the ancient traditions of the region

3. Incentivize

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: Motivate or encourage
to take action.



Hindi Translation: प्रोत्साहित करना

Synonyms:

1. Motivate, ✓
2. encourage, ✓
3. stimulate, ✓
4. spur ✓

Lucrative
Exorbitant

Prosperous
Accelerate

Antonyms:

1. ~~Dissuade,~~
2. ~~discourage,~~
3. ~~deter,~~
4. ~~demotivate~~

Remunerative
Affluent

Example Sentence: The government introduced tax cuts to incentivize investments in renewable energy.



4. Trail

Part of Speech: Noun/Verb

Meaning: A path or track; follow behind.

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Hindi Translation: निशान / पीछे चलना

Synonyms:

1. Path, ✓
2. track, ✓
3. trace, ✓
4. follow ✓

Antonyms:

1. Lead, ✓
2. guide, ✓
3. advance, ✓
4. precede ✓

Example Sentence: The hikers followed the trail through the
dense forest

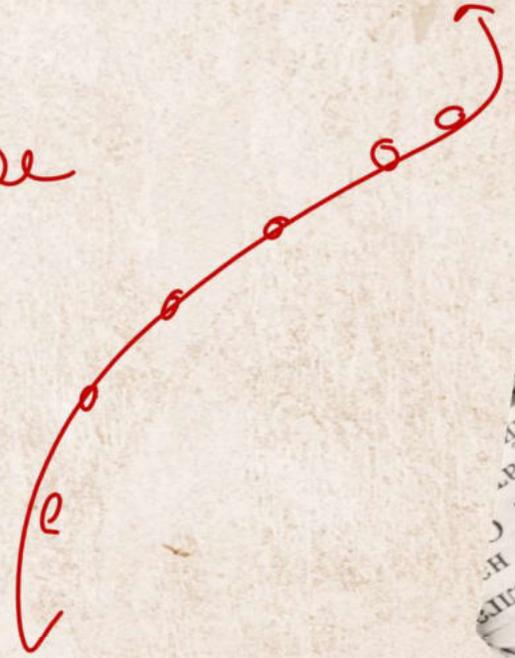
Avenue Chase

Allay

Trek

Pursue

Endeavour



5. Inordinate

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Exceeding reasonable
limits



Hindi Translation: अत्यधिक

Synonyms:

1. Excessive, ✓
2. undue, ✓
3. exorbitant, ✓
4. disproportionate

Antonyms:

1. Moderate, ✓ *Mundane*
2. reasonable, ✓ *Pragmatic*
3. adequate, ✓ *Suffice*
4. minimal, ✓ *Trivial*

Example Sentence: He spent an inordinate amount of time on the project.

*Overwhelming Profound
Torrent*

Extravagant Amplified

Exorbitant



DELIMITATION



6. Delimitation

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The act of setting boundaries.

X
X
X

Hindi Translation: सीमांकन

Synonyms:

1. Demarcation,
2. boundary-setting,
3. division,
4. marking

Antonyms:

1. Unrestrictedness,
2. indeterminate,
3. boundary-less,
4. amalgamation

Example Sentence: The delimitation of electoral constituencies is a crucial part of the democratic process.

Confine
Encirclement

Parameter
Enclose
Marking

7. Herald

Part of Speech: Noun/Verb

Meaning: A sign that something will happen.



Hindi Translation: अग्रदूत / घोषणा करना

Synonyms:

1. Announce, ✓
2. signal, ✓
3. proclaim, ✓
4. foretell, ✓

fore
Pre

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Ominous } Bod
Portent }

Antonyms:

1. Conceal, ✓
2. suppress, ✓ Veil ✓
3. retract, ✓
4. hide, ✓

Example Sentence: The first robin is a herald of spring's arrival.



Mortality

Mortality, in the simplest terms, is the state of being mortal or subject to death. For health and demographic purposes, it is often studied in quantitative terms as the mortality rate – a measure of the number of deaths in a given population during a specific period.

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8. Mortal

Part of Speech:

Adjective/Noun

Meaning: Subject to death.

God is immortal.

X
X
X

Hindi Translation: नश्वर

Synonyms:

1. Perishable ✓
2. human ✓
3. fatal ✓
4. deadly ✓

Antonyms:

1. Immortal ✓
2. eternal ✓
3. everlasting ✓
4. divine ✓

Example Sentence: The story emphasized that even the mightiest heroes are mortal.

deadly, vulnerable

Ephemeral

Trans
change

Transient

fallible

Susceptible

Evanescent

9. Skewer

Part of Speech: Noun/Verb

Meaning: A long pin for holding food; criticize sharply. 7



Hindi Translation: सींक / कठोर आलोचना करना

Synonyms:

1. Pierce, ✓
2. impale, ✓
3. puncture, ✓
4. stab ✓

Tab Prickle

Antonyms:

1. Mend, fortify
2. heal, Amends
3. support, bolster
4. praise, aid help

Peck
Spick
Perforate

Example Sentence: The journalist skewered the politician's policies in the editorial.



10. Delaminate

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To split into layers.



Hindi Translation: परतों में विभाजित करना

Synonyms:

1. Separate, ✓
2. split, ✓
3. peel, ✓
4. divide ✓

Antonyms:

1. Bond, ✓
2. unite, ✓
3. fuse, ✓
4. adhere ✓ *cohesion*

Example Sentence: The old plywood began to delaminate due to moisture exposure. ✓

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Idioms

1. Too much of a good thing

o **Meaning:** Excess of something beneficial can become harmful.

o **Hindi:** किसी अच्छी चीज़ की अधिकता हानिकारक हो सकती है

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Idioms

2. Sucker punch

o **Meaning:** A sudden and unexpected setback or difficulty.

o **Hindi:** अप्रत्याशित झटका

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Idioms

3. Got further, first

o **Meaning:** Progressed or advanced faster than others.

o **Hindi:** सबसे पहले आगे बढ़ना

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Idioms

4. Bring in its wake

o **Meaning:** To cause or lead to something as a result.

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Phrasal Verbs

1. Heralded in

o **Meaning:** Announced or signaled the beginning of something.

o **Hindi:** शुरुआत करना

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Phrasal Verbs

2. Skewering the best

o **Meaning:** Distorting or negatively affecting the best aspect.

o **Hindi:** बिगाड़ना

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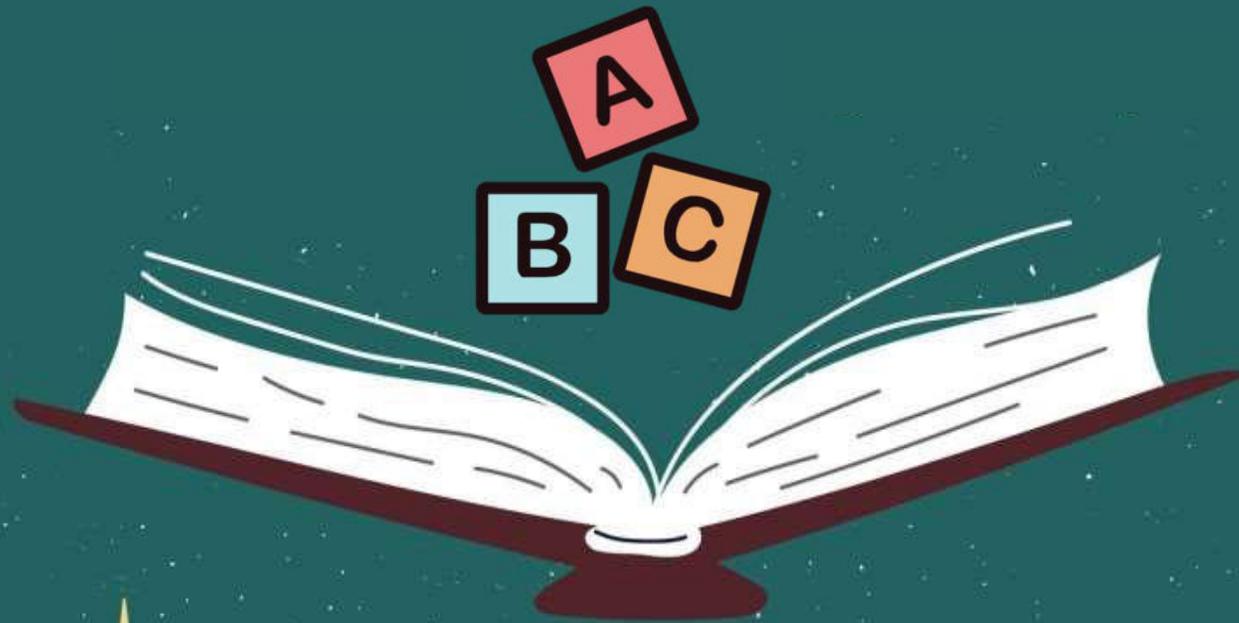
Phrasal Verbs

3. Levelling out

o **Meaning:** Stabilizing or becoming balanced.

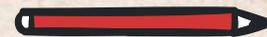
o **Hindi:** स्थिर होना

SHALL WE READ?



There can be too much of a good thing, after all. The demographic transition that Kerala has heralded in the country has now delivered a sucker punch to the State, with its maternal mortality ratio climbing. Kerala led the shift to the phase of low fertility and low mortality in India, and got further, first. As the fertility level dropped, the number of births came down, thereby skewering the best maternal mortality rate (calculated as the number of deaths for every 1,00,000 live births) of the country, in Kerala. The State led the demographic transition by achieving the total replacement level fertility rate in 1987-88, and the other southern States followed in the mid-2000s. A TFR of 2.1 is considered the replacement level, indicating the number of children a woman must have in order for the society to maintain its size across generations. Below this level the population size falls. In fact, this has led to moments of anxiety, politically for the southern States that feel that with their sub-replacement level fertility rates, they will be at a disadvantage when it comes to the proposed delimitation exercise of Lok Sabha seats based on population figures.

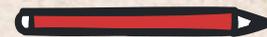
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In theory, demographic transition occurs when a historical shift happens from high birth rates and high death rates to low birth and death rates, aided by advancements in education, economic development and technology. Such a transition is said to have occurred in most parts of the world, allowing the world to stabilise from the unprecedented growth forecast by Malthus, and then move on to reduce population growth, and birth rates. The theory posits four stages – moving from stable population to a rapid population growth, levelling out and finally, a decline.

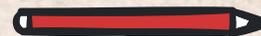
Nations that have reached there, including South Korea, are struggling to revive population growth, and even incentivising childbearing does not seem to have the intended effect, as the fertility rate continues to drop. While it is impossible to stop a demographic transition in its tracks, governments must prepare for the trail of consequences that it will bring in its wake. There will be far-reaching economic and societal consequences as the proportion of the working-age population comes down and the aged population increases, placing an inordinate burden on the resources of nations.

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It is, therefore, important to strengthen public finances and social support systems in preparation for a growing elderly population. Health-care financing will have to be improved, and policies that support equal participation in household chores must be prioritised.

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Q1. How does Kerala's demographic transition impact its political influence in India?

- A) It increases its influence due to higher fertility rates compared to other states.
- B) It decreases its influence during delimitation due to sub-replacement fertility rates. 
- C) It strengthens its representation in the Lok Sabha due to population stability.
- D) It makes Kerala less relevant in national policy discussions.
- E) It provides Kerala with a leadership role in population control policies.



Q2. What is a potential consequence of Kerala's demographic transition as described in the passage?

- A) Increased maternal mortality due to better healthcare systems.
- B) A growing working-age population sustaining economic growth.
- C) An aging population that places a significant burden on resources. 
- D) Political stability due to equitable population distribution.
- E) Stabilized population growth and reduced economic challenges.



Q3. Why is it difficult for nations like South Korea to reverse population decline despite incentivizing childbirth?

- A) The fertility rate has stabilized at replacement levels.
- B) Incentives fail to address societal and economic factors deterring childbirth.** 
- C) Economic development has led to increased birth rates.
- D) Incentives focus only on short-term population growth.
- E) There is insufficient education about demographic transitions.



Q4. What can be inferred about the implications of sub-replacement fertility rates for Kerala?

- A) It ensures economic growth due to a larger workforce.
- B) It reduces the burden on healthcare financing and social support systems.
- C) It creates a stable population size without adverse effects.
- D) It could lead to a decline in population size, causing political and economic challenges. 
- E) It increases the likelihood of achieving a higher maternal mortality ratio.





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@utkarshalagh5281 · 3 hr ago

India recently won both men's and women's titles in the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup, a game that originated in India centuries ago but is not yet recognized as one of the world's most popular sports. The sports background in India is not well established except for a few games like cricket and chess, where many players have brought laurels to the nation. But these players, besides those from cricket, have not received the appreciation and support they deserve. Moreover, the country was greatly disappointed at the Paris Olympics where we finished without a single gold. India's sports federations should review their own functioning and the government should develop sporting infrastructure to raise the profile of Indian sports such as kho kho.

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A. Nurture

P. To stir up or provoke (e.g., emotion or a fire).

B. Vary

Q. A great victory or achievement.

C. Stark

R. To care for and encourage the growth or development of something.

D. Acclaim

S. Of vital importance; crucial or necessary.

E. Inaugural

T. The power or right to give orders, make decisions, or enforce obedience.

F. Triumph

U. To obtain possession or control of something again.

G. Authority

V. To change or alter, especially in form, appearance, or nature.

H. Regain

W. Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.

I. Conducive

X. Severe or sharply clear, often in contrast, or bare and unadorned.

J. Stoke

Y. To praise enthusiastically and publicly.

K. Imperative

Z. Relating to the beginning or first in a series.

Answer

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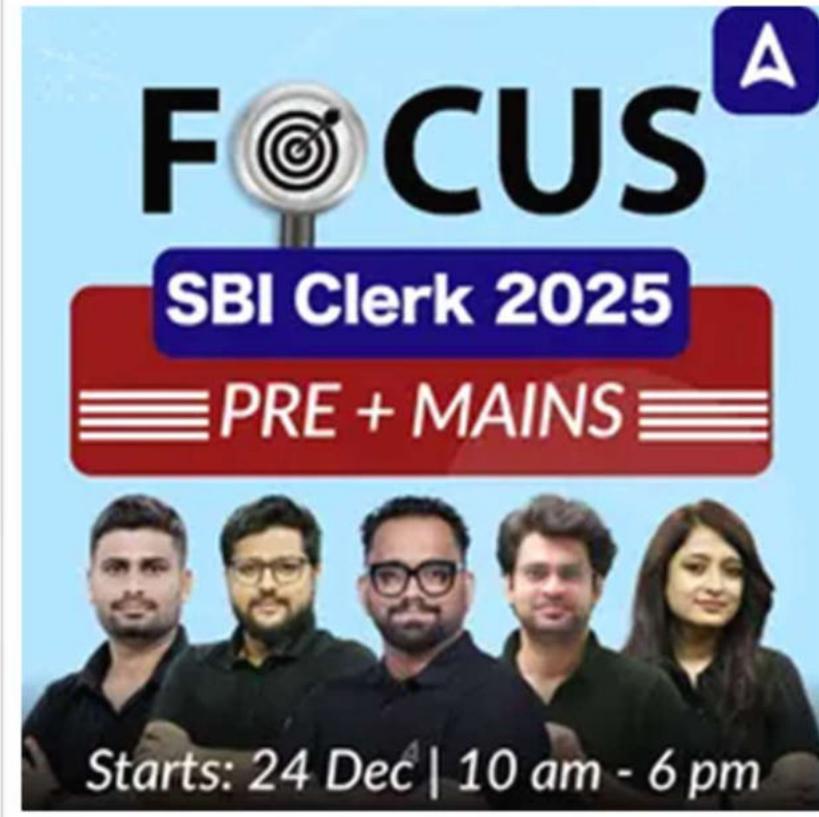


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