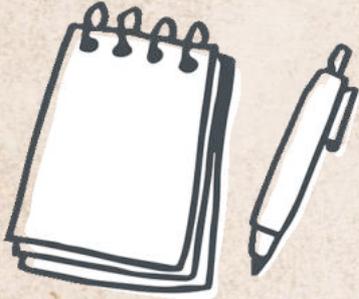
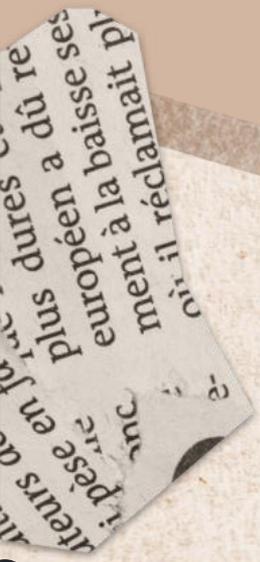
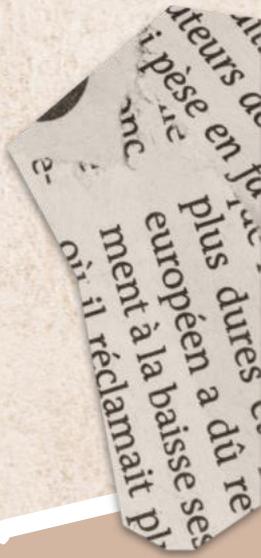




EDITORIAL ANALYSIS



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ECONOMIC SURVEY

A pragmatic picture

The Economic Survey sets out challenges to India's growth



Express View on Economic Survey: Business, not as usual

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Reading

1. Daunting

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Intimidating or causing fear or anxiety



Hindi Translation: भयावह / कठिन

Synonyms:

1. Intimidating,
2. overwhelming,
3. discouraging,
4. challenging

Antonyms:

1. Encouraging,
2. easy,
3. manageable,
4. simple

Example Sentence: The daunting task of climbing Mount Everest requires years of training.





2. Pessimism

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A belief that bad things will happen or seeing the negative side.



Hindi Translation: निराशावाद

Synonyms:

1. Negativity,
2. hopelessness,
3. cynicism,
4. gloom

Antonyms:

1. Optimism,
2. hopefulness,
3. positivity,
4. confidence

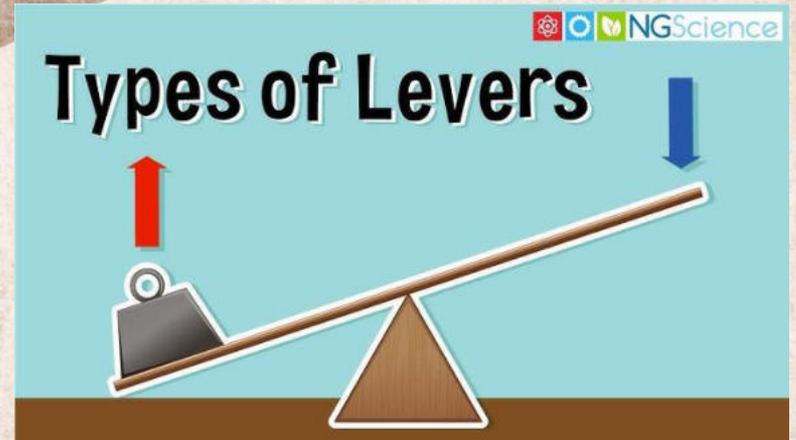
Example Sentence: His constant pessimism made it difficult for the team to stay motivated.



3. Levers

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A tool used to move something or a means of achieving a result.



Hindi Translation: उत्तोलक / साधन

Synonyms:

1. Tools,
2. mechanisms,
3. handles,
4. instruments

Antonyms:

1. Barriers,
2. obstacles,
3. blockages,
4. hindrances

Example Sentence: The government used economic levers to stabilize the market.





4. Surplus

Part of Speech:

Noun/Adjective

Meaning: An amount that is more than needed.



Hindi Translation: अधिशेष / अतिरिक्त

Synonyms:

1. Excess,
2. extra,
3. overflow,
4. abundance

Antonyms:

1. Deficit,
2. shortage,
3. lack,
4. scarcity

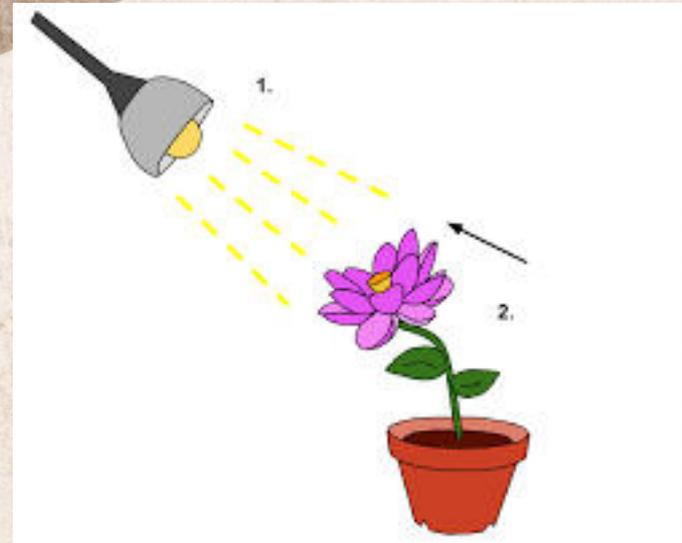
Example Sentence: The country had a surplus of food due to a good harvest.



5. Stimulus

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Something that encourages growth or activity.



Hindi Translation: प्रेरक / उत्तेजना

Synonyms:

1. Incentive,
2. motivation,
3. boost,
4. spur

Antonyms:

1. Hindrance,
2. deterrent,
3. obstacle,
4. suppression

Example Sentence: The financial stimulus package helped revive the economy.





6. Mounted

Part of Speech: Verb/Adjective

Meaning: Increased in intensity or quantity; fixed in place.



Hindi Translation: बढ़ा हुआ / सुसज्जित

Synonyms:

1. Increased,
2. escalated,
3. fixed,
4. installed

Antonyms:

1. Reduced,
2. lowered,
3. dismantled,
4. detached

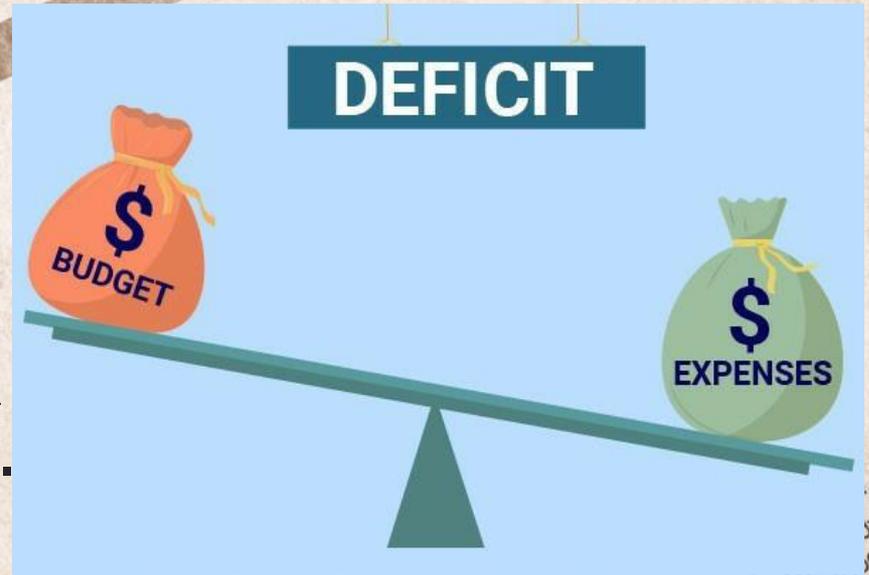
Example Sentence: Tension mounted between the two rival groups before the match



7. Deficit

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The amount by which something is less than required.



Hindi Translation: घाटा / कमी

Synonyms:

1. Shortfall,
2. loss,
3. debt,
4. insufficiency

Antonyms:

1. Surplus,
2. excess,
3. profit,
4. abundance

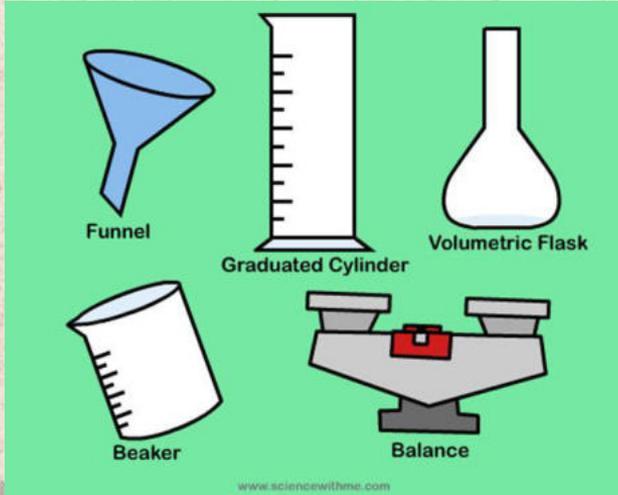
Example Sentence: The government is trying to reduce its budget deficit through new policies.



8. Apparatus

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A set of tools, equipment, or a system used for a purpose.



Hindi Translation: उपकरण / तंत्र

Synonyms:

1. Equipment,
2. machinery,
3. device,
4. system

Antonyms:

1. Disorganization,
2. chaos,
3. disorder,
4. dismantling

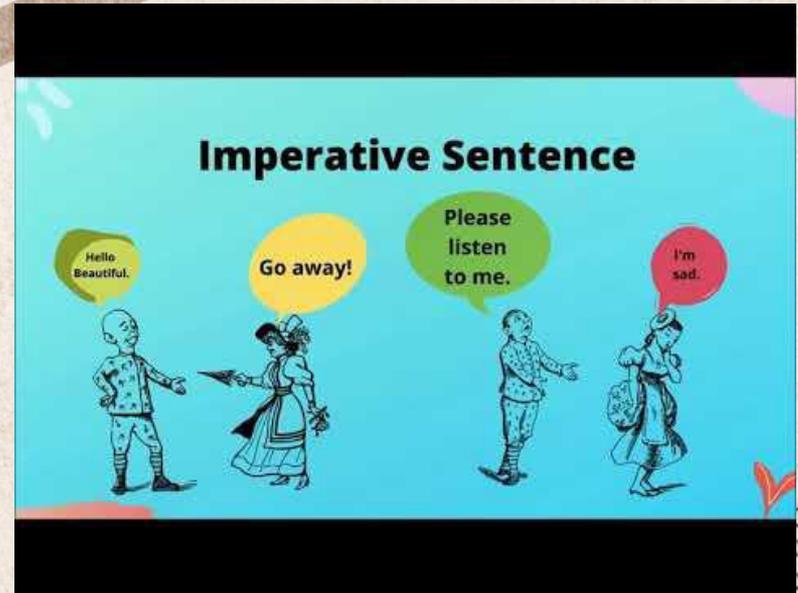
Example Sentence: The firefighters used advanced breathing apparatus during the rescue operation.



9. Imperative

Part of Speech:
Adjective/Noun

Meaning: Extremely important or necessary.



Hindi Translation: अनिवार्य / अत्यावश्यक

Synonyms:

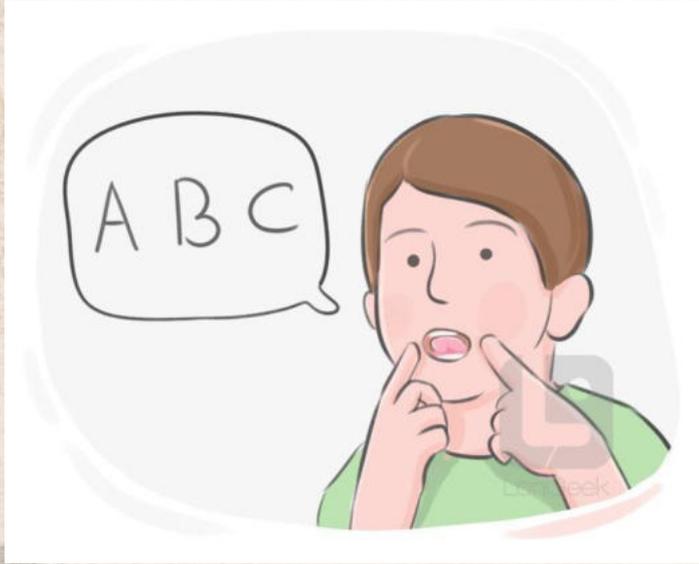
1. Crucial,
2. essential,
3. urgent,
4. mandatory

Antonyms:

1. Optional,
2. unnecessary,
3. trivial,
4. avoidable

Example Sentence: It is imperative to follow safety guidelines during an emergency.





10. Articulate

Part of Speech: Adjective/Verb

Meaning: Expressing thoughts clearly and effectively.



Hindi Translation: स्पष्ट / अभिव्यक्त करना

Synonyms:

1. Express,
2. communicate,
3. eloquent,
4. coherent

Antonyms:

1. Mumble,
2. unclear,
3. inarticulate,
4. hesitant

Example Sentence: The speaker was able to articulate his ideas with great clarity.



Idioms

1. Two-way street – A situation where mutual effort is needed.

0 Example: "Trust is indeed a two-way street."

2. Take off – Become successful or start rapidly increasing.

0 Example: "The private investment cycle has not taken off despite strong balance sheets."

phrasal verbs

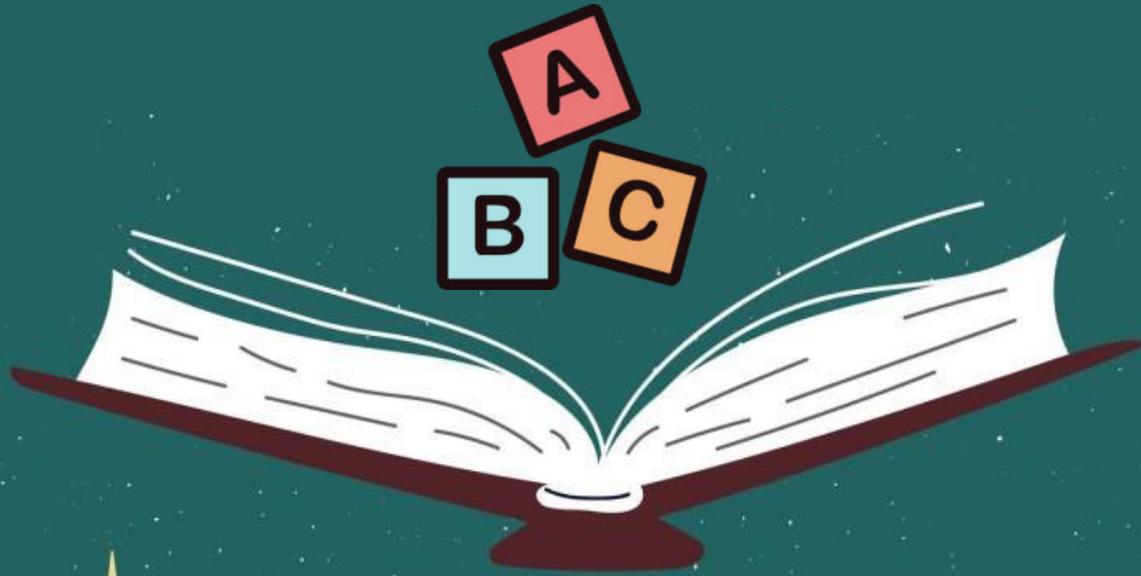
1. Talk about – Discuss or mention something.

0 Example: "The Economic Survey talks about the trust deficit among economic agents."

2. Take off – Start to succeed or grow rapidly.

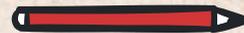
0 Example: "The private investment cycle has not taken off despite favorable conditions."

SHALL WE READ?



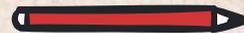
With rather uncharacteristic frankness, the Economic Survey 2024-25 talks about the “trust deficit” among economic agents in the country, overcoming which could help pave the path for a Viksit Bharat. Trust is indeed a two-way street. And it is perhaps because of this trust deficit that the private investment cycle has not taken off, despite the “tailwind” of strong firm and bank balance sheets. The survey says, and rightly so, that “wiping out the trust deficit in the country is imperative and government agencies have to set the agenda in this regard”. But, only a narrow interpretation of this statement would view government agencies as limited solely to the IT department, CBI and ED — it includes the entire state apparatus. Building trust may well be the key, but the question is whether this spirit finds reflection in the budget and the government’s working.

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The **Narendra Modi** government has articulated the goal of **Viksit Bharat@2047**. Achieving this would require growing at around 8 per cent for a decade or more as per the Survey. This appears to be a daunting task. To put this growth trajectory in perspective — the economy is expected to grow at 6.4 per cent this year, between 6.3 and 6.8 per cent in 2025-26 as per the Survey, and average around 6.5 per cent between 2025 and 2029 as per the IMF. But what will be the drivers of growth? With globalisation “on the retreat”, the Survey says that the “domestic growth levers will be relatively more important than external ones in the coming years”. This export pessimism, at a time when China has registered a trade surplus of almost \$1 trillion, is rather odd, especially considering India’s share in global trade. It reflects the Modi government’s approach to trade, which has been marked more by fear than hope. Notwithstanding that, the Survey argues that sustaining high growth over the next two decades will require a “deregulation stimulus”, not a fiscal or monetary stimulus. It has mounted a strong argument for “rolling back regulation significantly”. Or to put it bluntly, “getting out of the way”. There can be no quarrels with this. Excessive regulations, after all, increase costs for business.

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Q1. What is the predominant tone of the article?

A) ~~Optimistic~~

B) Critical 

C) ~~Neutral~~

D) ~~Encouraging~~

E) ~~Appreciative~~



Q2. What is the main reason the Economic Survey 2024-25 emphasizes overcoming the “trust deficit”?

- A) To improve the efficiency of law enforcement agencies
- B) To increase taxation for economic growth
- C) To reduce corruption in government agencies
- D) To enhance international trade agreements
- E) To encourage higher levels of private investment

Export → Delegations

Q3. Why does the article suggest that achieving Viksit Bharat@2047 might be difficult?

- A) The economy is expected to shrink in the coming years
- B) Private investment has already peaked, leaving little room for growth
- C) The required economic growth rate is significantly higher than current projections 
- D) India is facing a severe trade deficit with China
- E) Global economic conditions are highly favorable for India's growth



Q4. What contradiction does the article highlight regarding India's trade outlook?

- A) India's trade policies are not aligned with its economic growth strategy
- B) India is increasing exports while imposing stricter import regulations
- C) The government is optimistic about exports while reducing domestic manufacturing
- D) Despite India's small share in global trade, the government is overly reliant on exports
- E) India's economic policies favor multinational corporations over local businesses



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Synonyms of adverse

- 1 unfavorable
- 2 Harmful
- 3 inimical
- 4 deleterious
- 4 fatal
- 5 pernicious
- 6 noxious
- 7 negative
- 8 detrimental
- 9 baneful
- 10 lethal
- 11 slanderous
- 12 imperil
- 13 perishable

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Synonyms : -adverse

- 1 catastrophic
- 2 calamitous
- 3 disastrous
- 4 unfortunate
- 5 unlike
- 6 unfavorable
- 7 negative
- 8 hostile
- 9 detrimental
- 10 harmful
- 11 damaging
- 12 destructive
- 13 threatening
- 14 injurious
- 15 fatal

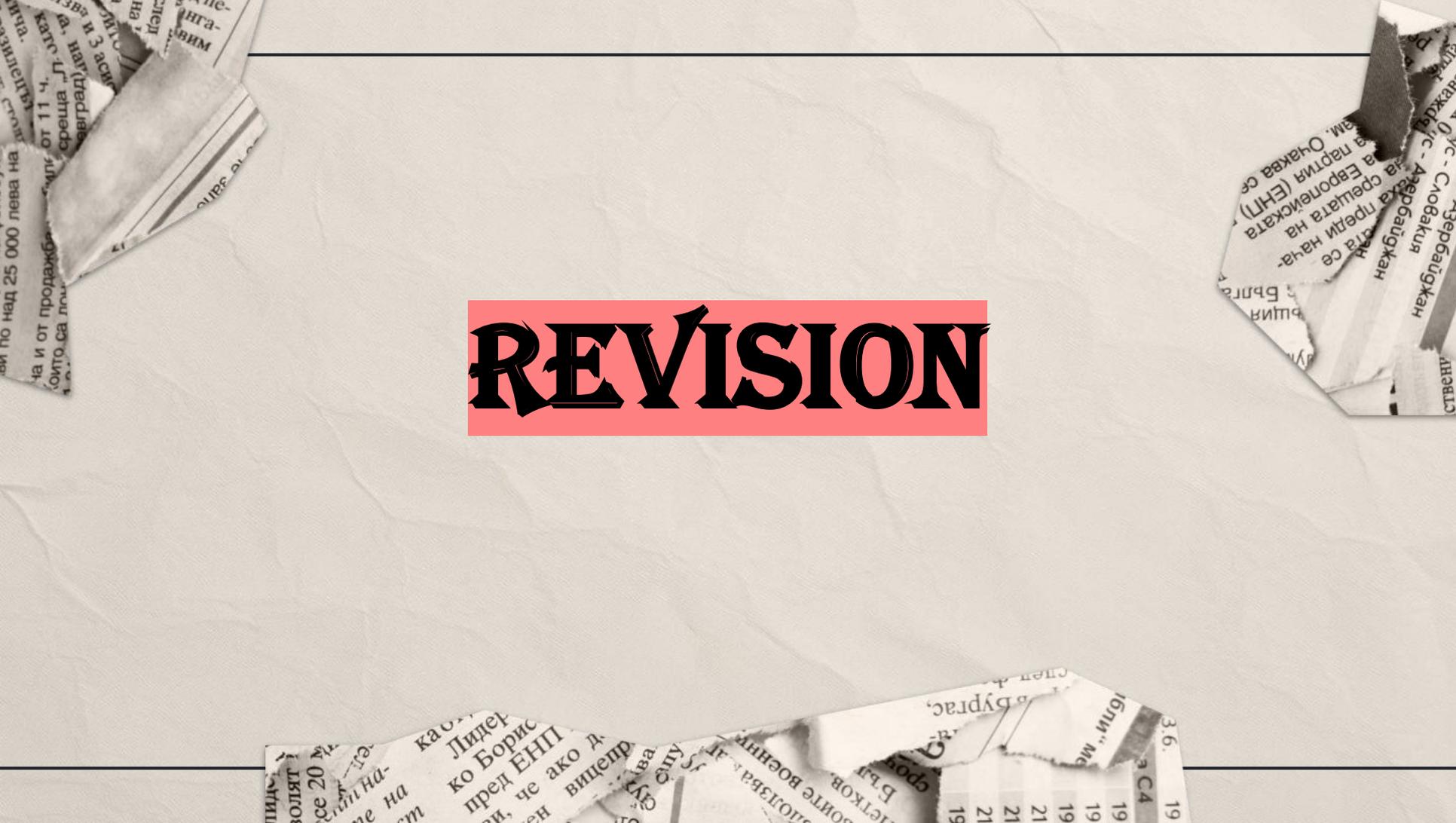


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Synonyms of Adverse :-

1. Harmful
2. Deterimental
3. Lethal
4. Fatal
5. Noxious
6. Unfavorable
7. Deleterious
8. Negative
9. Imperil
10. Perishable
11. Perinicious
- 12 baneful
13. Inimical
- 14 slanderous
15. Toxic
16. Ruinous
17. Poisonous

REVISION



Match the columns

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Column A

Column B

A. Consistent

P. Feeling upset or wronged

B. Mandate

Q. To win or succeed after a struggle

C. Adverse

R. A small stream or creek

D. Impermissible

S. Harmful or unfavorable

E. Aggrieved

T. Not allowed or prohibited

F. Brook

U. Unchanging or steady over time

G. Barring

V. Except for, or excluding

H. Prevail

W. An official order or command

Answer

A. Consistent

B. Mandate

C. Adverse

D. Impermissible

E. Aggrieved

F. Brook

G. Barring

H. Prevail

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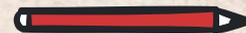
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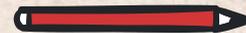
Parliament's Budget session has begun amid a significantly changed backdrop. India's growth is seen faltering after four years of healthy post-pandemic growth, the stock markets are tumbling, the rupee is losing ground faster than expected, and the major drivers that have been spurring the economy — domestic demand and public sector capex — are sputtering, while private investments remain insipid. For context, the ve years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 have seen government capex increase at a compounded annual growth rate of 16%, household investments by 12%, while corporate outlays were up only 6%, despite a steep tax rate cut for them. A slowdown in the well-moving economic levers is, thus, a cause for concern. That the new U.S. administration seems determined to upend global trade and taxation arrangements, is also unsettling.

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The Economic Survey 2024-25, has warned that, with globalisation in retreat, India must focus on domestic factors to spur growth higher while becoming more competitive vis-à-vis rival markets looking to attract foreign investors. The Survey's prognosis that real GDP growth may be in the range of 6.3% to 6.8% in 2025-26, from the 6.4% pace estimated for this year, acknowledges that economic momentum may slip further in the face of new headwinds. That the Survey's authors have posited that anything short of a growth pace of around 8% over at least a decade would make it tough to realise India's aspiration to be a developed nation by 2047, is significant, along with their warning that a 'business as usual' approach risks fomenting economic stagnation

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