

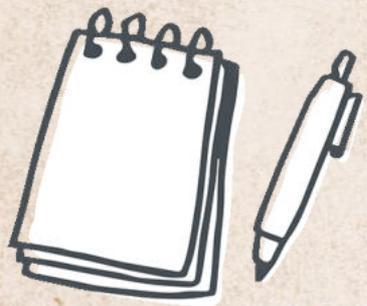
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# EDITORIAL ANALYSIS



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03/02/2025





*Budget 2025 overlooks joblessness*

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Reading

# 1. Ingenious

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Clever, original, and inventive.



**Hindi Translation:** चतुर / कुशल

**Synonyms:**

1. Creative,
2. innovative,
3. resourceful, (result)
4. brilliant

**Antonyms:**

1. Unimaginative,
2. dull,
3. ordinary,
4. unoriginal

**Example Sentence:** His ingenious solution to the problem impressed everyone

Prolific

Clever

Astute

(Indigenous)

Tyero

Aboriginal

Embryonic

Native

Naive



**accord:**

agreement or harmony; an official treaty

## 2. Accord

Part of Speech: Noun/Verb

**Meaning:** Agreement or  
harmony.

**Hindi Translation:** समझौता / सहमति

**Synonyms:**

1. Agreement,
2. treaty,
3. pact,
4. consensus

**Antonyms:**

1. Disagreement,
2. conflict,
3. discord,
4. dispute

**Example Sentence:** The two countries signed a **peace accord** after years of negotiations.

fall in with Concede  
cohere Synchronize  
Conform Allocate  
Harmonize Bargain

# 3. Mandate

Part of Speech: Noun/Verb

**Meaning:** An official order or instruction



**Hindi Translation:** आदेश / अधिकार

**Synonyms:**

1. Directive ✓
2. command, ✓
3. decree, ✓
4. authorization ✓

Directive

**Antonyms:**

1. Prohibition, ✓
2. ban, ✓
3. denial, ✓
4. refusal ✓

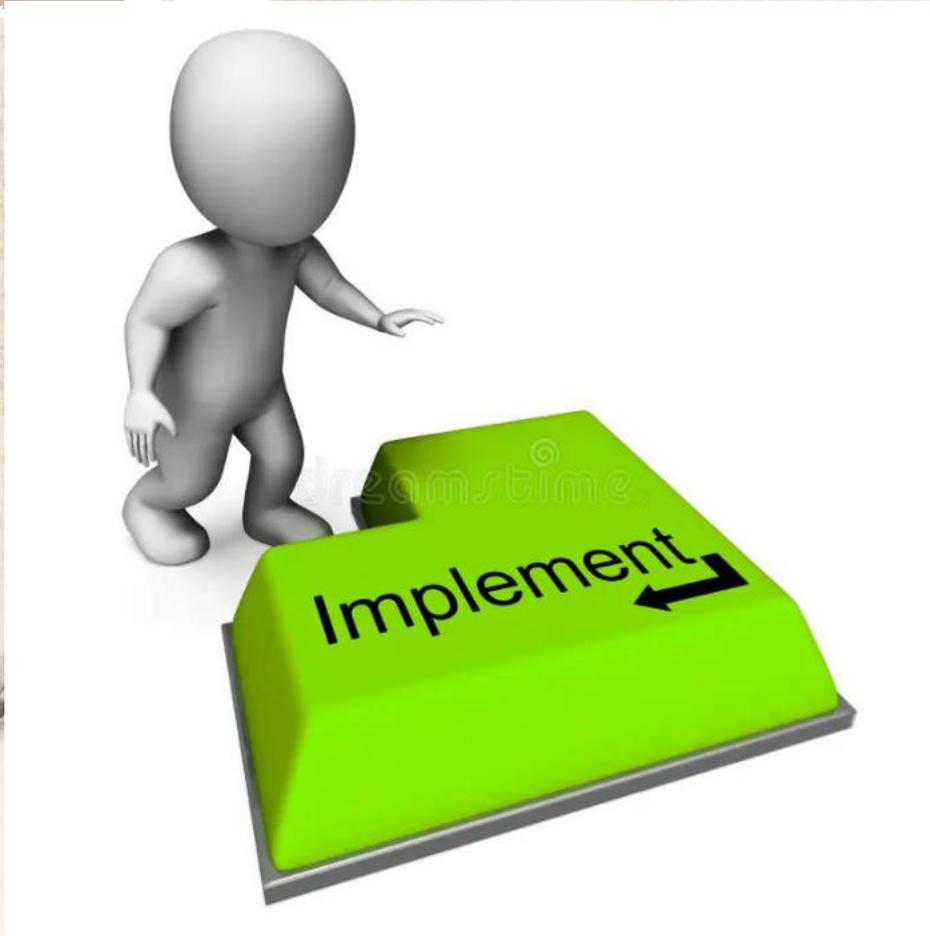
अधिसूचना

Authorization Ordinance

Edict

Proclamation

**Example Sentence:** The new government received a strong mandate to implement reforms.



## 4. Implement

Part of Speech: Verb

**Meaning:** To put into effect or execute.



**Hindi Translation:** लागू करना / कार्यान्वित करना

**Synonyms:**

1. Enforce, ✓
2. execute, ✓
3. apply, ✓
4. carry out ✓

Effect  
Invoke

**Antonyms:**

1. Neglect, ✓
2. abandon, ✓
3. ignore, ✓
4. halt ✓

Render  
Prosecute  
Lite

**Example Sentence:** The company decided to implement new safety measures in all factories.

# 5. Bleak

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Lacking hope or positivity; cold and miserable.

*B + leak*  
*boy*



**Hindi Translation:** निराशाजनक / सूना

**Synonyms:**

1. Gloomy,
2. hopeless,
3. dreary,
4. desolate

**Antonyms:**

1. ~~Cheerful,~~
2. ~~promising,~~
3. ~~bright,~~
4. ~~hopeful~~

**Example Sentence:** The future seemed bleak for the struggling company.

Desolate

Despair

Melancholy

Despondent

Sorrowful

Pessimistic

forlorn, futile, Dismal





## 6. Inundating

Part of Speech: Verb

**Meaning:** Flooding or overwhelming with things or people.



**Hindi Translation:** बाढ़ लाना / भर देना

**Synonyms:**

1. Overwhelm, ✓
2. flood, ✓
3. engulf, ✓
4. deluge ✓

Submerge  
Douse  
Overflow

Surge

**Antonyms:**

1. Drain, ✓
2. relieve, ✓
3. clear, ✓
4. empty ✓

Elevation

Saturate

**Example Sentence:** The office was inundated with customer complaints after the product recall.

# 7. Dwindle

Part of Speech: Verb

**Meaning:** To gradually decrease in size, number, or strength



**Hindi Translation:** घट जाना / सिकुड़ना

**Synonyms:**

1. Decrease, ✓
2. diminish, ✓
3. shrink, ✓
4. decline ✓

*Alleviation*

*lessen*

*Mitigate*

*Drop*

*Abandon*

**Antonyms:**

1. Increase, ✓
2. grow, ✓
3. expand, ✓
4. escalate ✓

*growth*

**Example Sentence:** The company's profits continued to dwindle due to poor management.



## 8. Foregone

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Inevitable or predetermined



**Hindi Translation:** निश्चित / पहले से तय

**Synonyms:**

1. Inevitable, →
2. predetermined,
3. settled,
4. unavoidable

**Antonyms:**

1. Uncertain,
2. doubtful,
3. unpredictable,
4. optional

**Example Sentence:** The team's victory was a foregone conclusion after their dominant performance.

forego

Surrendered Eschewed

Succumbed

Waived

Apprehension, skeptical

# 9. Exorbitant

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Unreasonably high or excessive.



**Hindi Translation:** अत्यधिक / बहुत महंगा

**Synonyms:**

1. Outrageous, ✓
2. excessive, ✓
3. overpriced, ✓
4. unreasonable ✓

Inflated

Unreasonable

Immoderate

Unjustifiable

**Antonyms:**

1. Reasonable, ✓
2. affordable, ✓
3. moderate, ✓
4. fair ✓

**Example Sentence:** The hotel charged an exorbitant price for a single night's stay.



## 10. Propensity

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** A natural tendency to behave in a certain way.



**Hindi Translation:** प्रवृत्ति / झुकाव

**Synonyms:**

1. Tendency,
2. inclination,
3. predisposition,
4. habit

*Penchant \**

*Proclivity*

*Affinity*

**Antonyms:**

1. Disinclination,
2. aversion,
3. reluctance,
4. resistance

*Habitual*

*Bias*

*leaning*

**Example Sentence:** He has a strong propensity for taking risks in business.

# Idioms

**1. The axe has fallen on –** A situation where cuts or reductions are made.

**0 Example:** "The axe has fallen on government expenditure."

# Idioms

**2. Dampening effect** – A negative impact that slows down activity.

**0 Example:** "Such deep cuts would have a dampening effect on investment and consumption."

# Idioms

**3. It is well known that –** A fact that is widely accepted.

**0 Example:** "It is well known that the consumption propensity of wage earners is higher than that of profit earners."

# phrasal verbs

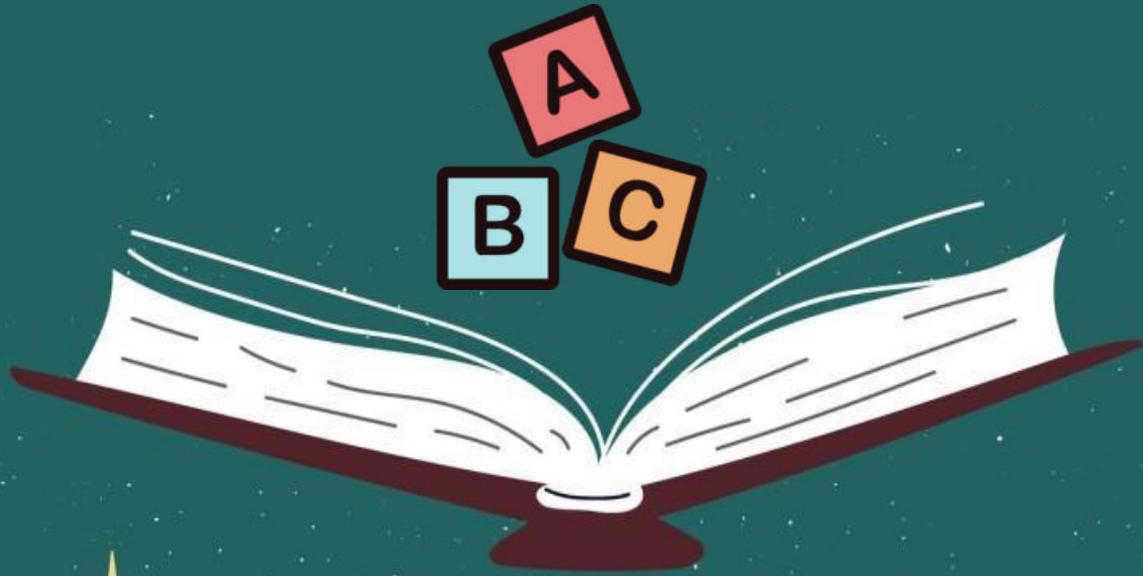
**1. Fall short of –** Fail to reach a target or expectation.

**0 Example:** "Capital expenditure is falling short of the target by over ₹92,000 crore."

**2. Counterbalance by –** Offset the effect of something by introducing another factor.

**0 Example:** "The Finance Minister has sought to counterbalance the deflationary impact by enhancing the annual rebate."

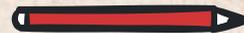
# SHALL WE READ?



The previous Budget, presented in July 2024 after the Lok Sabha election, had accorded priority to employment and skill development, given the nature of the election mandate. The Finance Minister had announced a Prime Minister's Package of five schemes and initiatives to facilitate job and internship opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a five-year period with a central outlay of ₹2 lakh crore. However, the Budget speech delivered in Parliament on February 1, 2025, did not refer to the Prime Minister's Package even once. The document on implementation of Budget 2024-25 announcements states that a "draft Cabinet note on Employment Linked Incentive scheme is under finalisation" and "several meetings have been held with the Ministry of Labour and CII to discuss the relationship between capital expenditure and employment generation". In other words, the future of the scheme looks bleak.

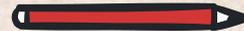
The September 2024 report of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) revealed that in 2023-24, the youth unemployment rate (for those aged 15-29 years) had increased to 10.2% and the unemployment rate among graduates was 13%. Time series data from the PLFS show that the share of the workforce engaged in regular or salaried employment in the post-pandemic period has shrunk, while the share engaged in agriculture and informal self-employment has risen.

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The latest Economic Survey also shows that average real earnings of self-employed male workers in India fell from ₹9,454 in 2017-18 to ₹8,591 in 2023-24. The monthly real wages of regular/salaried male workers also fell from an average of ₹12,665 in 2017-18 to ₹11,858 in 2023-24. Surplus labour inundating the job market, combined with high food inflation, have severely squeezed the real incomes and livelihoods of an overwhelming majority of India's workforce. For a Finance Minister to overlook this is disingenuous. The advanced estimates of GDP have already projected a decline of the real GDP growth rate to 6.4% in 2024-25 from 8.2% last year. In keeping with this, there is a slowdown in the Centre's net tax revenues in 2024-25. With the Finance Minister keen on adhering to the fiscal consolidation path, the axe has fallen on government expenditure. Total expenditure is now likely to be over ₹1 lakh crore short of Budget Estimates (BE), with capital expenditure falling short of the target by over ₹92,000 crore. The consumption effect of income tax breaks, in contrast, would be far more limited and concentrated in urban areas. Public expenditure on rural and urban development, agriculture, education, food subsidy, energy, transport, and health are all being axed.

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**1. According to the Budget speech on February 1, 2025, what was the status of the Prime Minister's Package for employment and skill development?**

- a) It was expanded with increased funding
- b) It was briefly mentioned but not detailed
- c) It was not referenced at all 
- d) It was merged with other schemes
- e) It was discontinued officially



**2. What economic trend did the latest Economic Survey highlight regarding real earnings of self-employed male workers between 2017-18 and 2023-24?**

- a) A steady increase in real earnings
- b) A decline from ₹9,454 to ₹8,591
- c) No change in earnings
- d) A sharp rise due to inflation adjustments
- e) A fluctuating trend without a clear pattern



**3. Based on the data in the passage, which of the following can be inferred about the employment scenario post-pandemic?**

- a) There has been a significant increase in regular salaried jobs
- b) The agriculture and informal self-employment sectors have absorbed more workforce 
- c) The unemployment rate for youth has decreased significantly
- d) Government initiatives have largely resolved employment concerns
- e) The private sector has played a dominant role in reversing job losses



**4. The passage suggests that the decline in the Centre's net tax revenues in 2024-25 is most likely due to:**

- a) Increased corporate taxation
- b) Inflation-driven increase in public spending
- c) Expansion of public welfare schemes
- d) Reduction in employment opportunities in rural areas
- e) Lower economic growth and reduced earnings ←



S @sakshiingale4756 · 18 hr ago  
Ans -Prevail  
Thank you, ma'am, for the informative session and for your hard work in making learning engaging and valuable. Your efforts and dedication are truly appreciated!"❤️



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D @DorothyBrown-j5d · 11 hr ago  
Thanks for sharing such valuable information!  
A bit off-topic, but I wanted to ask: My OKX wallet holds some USDT, and I have the seed phrase. (alarm fetch churn bridge exercise tape speak race clerk couch crater letter). Could you explain how to move them to Binance?



R @RavinderTigdanya · 8 hr ago  
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REVISION

# Match the columns

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Column A	Column B
A. Daunting	P. A shortfall or lack of something
B. Pessimism	Q. A mechanism or tool used to apply force
C. Levers	R. Set up or positioned on something
D. Surplus	S. Encouragement or incentive to take action
E. Stimulus	T. A feeling of hopelessness or negativity
F. Mounted	U. An obstacle that seems intimidating
G. Deficit	V. A surplus or excess amount
H. Apparatus	W. Urgently necessary or important
I. Imperative	X. To express clearly or effectively
J. Articulate	Y. A tool or piece of equipment

# Answer

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TODAY'S ARTICLE**

**WRITE SYNONYMS FOR THE WORD ‘**

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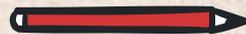
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The Economic Survey sets out  
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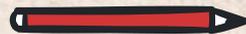
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