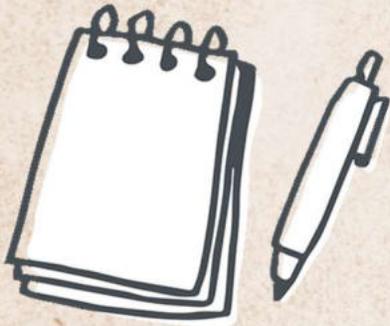


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MISSPELT

1. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Potencial
- b) Potantial
- c) Potential 
- d) Potensial
- e) None of these

MISSPELT

2. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Bonanza ←
- b) Bonnanza
- c) Bonanxa
- d) Bonanzia
- e) None of these

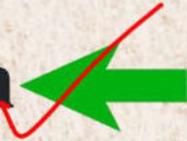
MISSPELT

3. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Redding
- b) Readyeng
- c) Readying 
- d) Readieng
- e) None of these

ONE WORD QUESTIONS

4. Which word means "the act of distributing resources"?

- a) Misuse
- b) Allocation 
- c) Hoarding
- d) Deprivation
- e) Confusion

ONE WORD QUESTIONS

5. Which word means "lacking in quantity or quality"?

- a) Meagre 
- b) Excessive
- c) Bountiful
- d) Lavish
- e) Copious

ONE WORD QUESTIONS

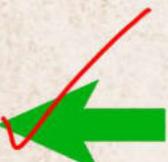
6. Which word means "of great height or noble in character"?

- a) Base
- b) Humble
- c) Lofty
- d) Petty
- e) Lowly



ONE WORD QUESTIONS

7. Which word means "perceptible by touch"?

- a) Imaginary
- b) Abstract
- c) Unreal
- d) Tangible 
- e) None of these

ONE WORD QUESTIONS

8. Which word means "obstacles that slow progress"?

- a) Accelerators
- b) Shortcuts
- c) Enhancements
- d) Advancements
- e) Bottlenecks



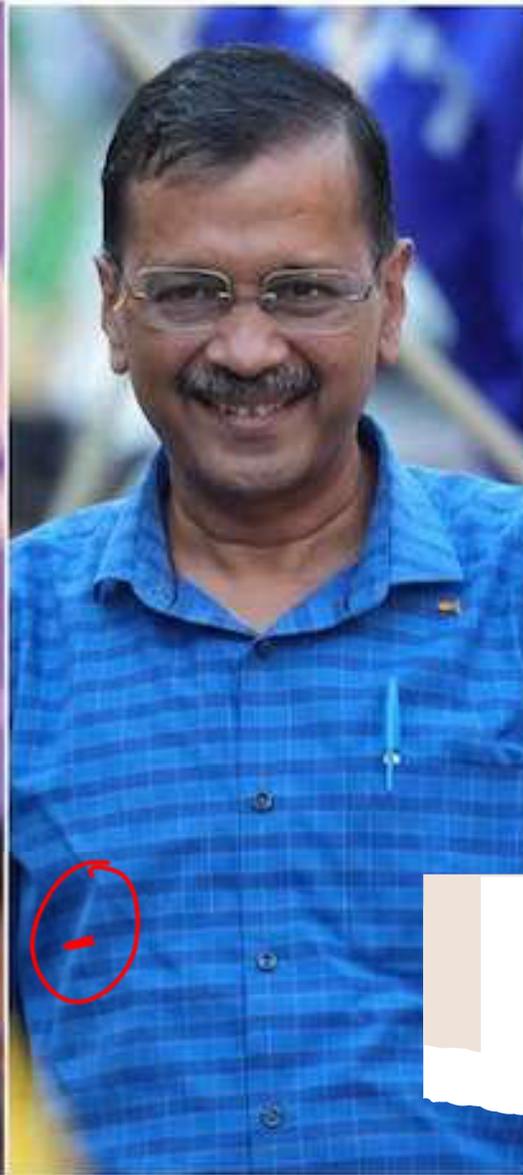
BUDGET 2025

DATE, TIME

A gift horse's teeth

Higher allocations are not enough
to boost scientific research





Mass revenge

AAP's welfarism was a failed attempt to sidestep the ideological divide



1. Potential

Part of Speech:

Noun/ Adjective

Meaning: The capacity to develop
or succeed



Hindi Translation: संभाव्यता / संभावना

Synonyms:

1. Capability, ✓
2. possibility, ✓
3. aptitude, ✓
4. ability, ✓

Antonyms:

1. Impossibility, ✓
2. unlikelihood, ✓
3. limitation, ✓
4. incompetence ✓

Example Sentence: She has great potential to become a successful scientist

Probable
Implicit
Plausible
Viable
Purported

Skilled
Adept dextrous
Adroit Maestro
Astute doyen
Shrewd
Virtuoso Commaiseuse
Proficient

2. Bonanza

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A situation that
creates sudden wealth or good
fortune.



gold

X
X
X

Hindi Translation: अपार लाभ / वरदान

Synonyms:

1. Windfall, ✓
2. jackpot, ✓
3. bounty, ✓
4. treasure trove ✓

fortune
boon

Myriad ✓
Copious ✓

Antonyms:

1. Loss, ✓
2. misfortune, ✓
3. setback, ✓
4. hardship ✓

Prosperity
stroke of luck
lucrative
largeesse

Example Sentence: The discovery of oil proved to be a bonanza for the country's economy.

3. Readying

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: Preparing or making something ready.



Hindi Translation: तैयारी करना

Synonyms:

1. Preparing ✓
2. setting up ✓
3. arranging ✓
4. equipping ✓

Incautious

Negligent

Unwary

Imprudent

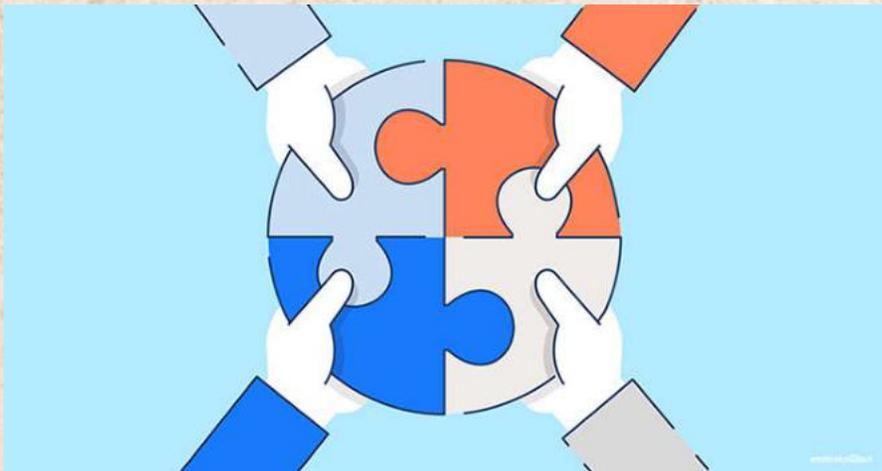
Antonyms:

1. Neglecting ✓
2. delaying ✓
3. ignoring ✓
4. disregarding ✓

Impetuous

Blithe, Callous

Example Sentence: The team is readying itself for the big match.



4. Allocation

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The distribution of resources or responsibilities

X
X
X

Hindi Translation: आवंटन

Synonyms:

1. Distribution ✓
2. allotment ✓
3. apportionment ✓
4. division ✓

Antonyms:

1. Withholding ✓
2. retention ✓
3. denial ✓
4. misallocation ✓

Assign
Grant

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disburse

Portioning

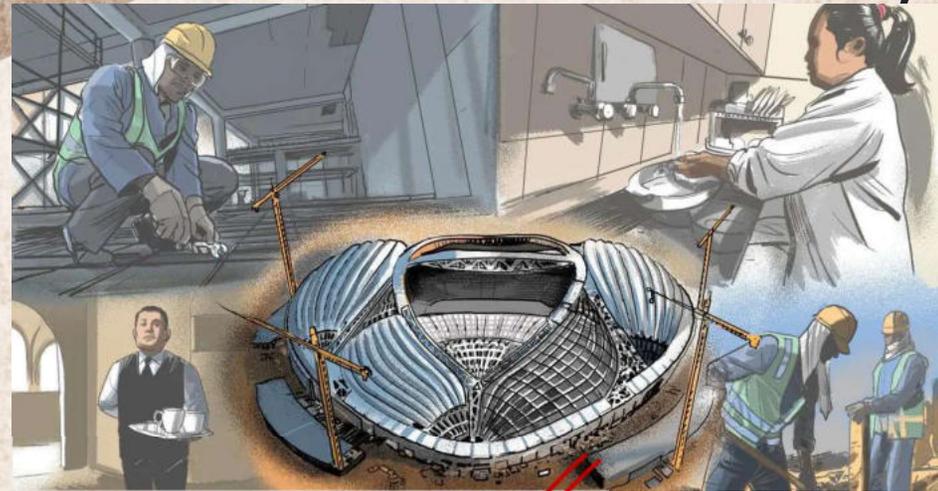
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Example Sentence: The government announced the allocation of funds for rural development.

5. Meagre

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Very small or insufficient in quantity or amount.



Hindi Translation: अल्प / तुच्छ

Synonyms:

1. Scanty ✓
2. insufficient ✓
3. paltry ✓
4. inadequate ✓

Measly
skinny
sparse

Suffice

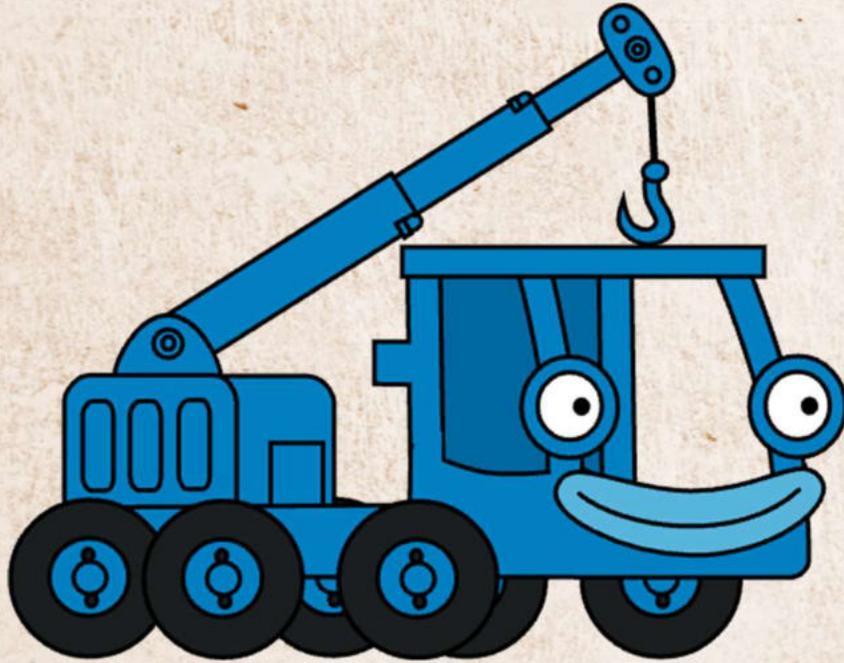
Antonyms:

1. Abundant ✓
2. ample ✓
3. plentiful ✓
4. substantial ✓

Copious
Myriad

Multitude
Plethora
Slew of things

Example Sentence: The workers received a meagre salary despite working long hours.



6. Lofty

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Very high or noble in attitude



Hindi Translation: उच्च / ऊँचा

Synonyms:

1. Elevated, ✓
2. towering, ✓
3. grand, ✓
4. ambitious, ✓

Antonyms:

1. Low, ✓
2. modest, ✓
3. humble, ✓
4. base ✓

Example Sentence: He set himself the lofty goal of climbing Mount Everest.

Exalted

Magnificent

Magn
Big
Great

Magnify

Magnificent

Magnanimous

Magnitude

Magnate, Magnum ✓

7. Tangible

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Real, definite, or touchable.



Hindi Translation: ठोस / वास्तविक

Synonyms:

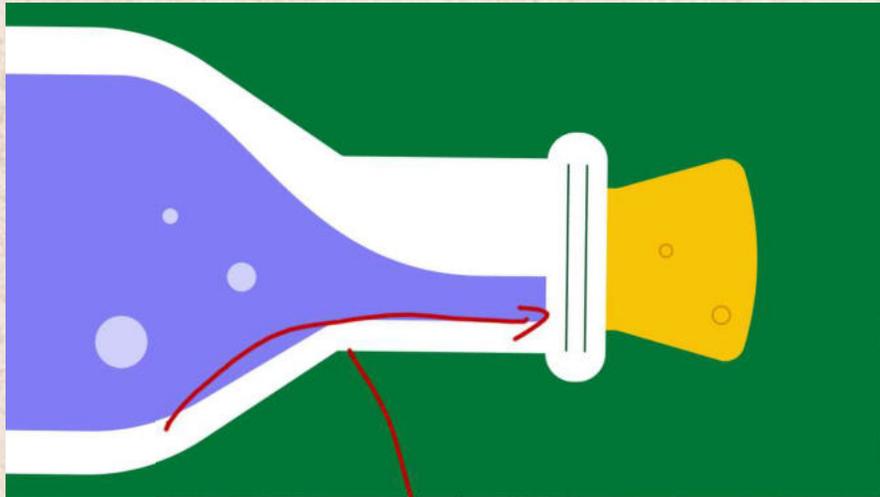
1. Concrete ✓
2. physical ✓
3. perceptible ✓
4. palpable ✓

Antonyms:

1. Intangible ✓
2. abstract ✓
3. imaginary ✓
4. unreal ✓

Example Sentence: The company achieved tangible results after months of hard work.

Abstract Noun ✖
Hate, Envy, Happy



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8. Bottlenecks

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Points of congestion
or obstacles that slow progress.

X
X
X

Hindi Translation: अवरोध / बाधा

Synonyms:

1. Blockages, ✓
 2. obstructions, ✓
 3. hindrances, ✓
 4. constraints, ✓
- Hamper, curtail, contain
Obstacle
Impediment, block, deter*

Antonyms:

1. Free flow,
 2. smooth progress,
 3. clearance,
 4. acceleration
- Stifle, clog, encumber
curb
Halt, seize, hinder, stymie
Ihwart*

Example Sentence: The new road construction aims to reduce traffic bottlenecks in the city.

Idioms

✓ 1. Potential bonanza

○ **Meaning:** An opportunity that promises great benefits or windfall gains.

○ **Usage Example:** "The Budget 2025-26 announcements suggest a potential bonanza for scientific research and development."

(Here, "potential bonanza" paints a picture of a situation that could yield enormous benefits if the investments and policies are effectively harnessed.)

Idioms

2. Research powerhouse

0 Meaning: (Metaphorical/idiomatic) An entity (such as a country or institution) that is extremely strong and influential in research and innovation.

0 Usage Example: "To truly transform India into a research powerhouse, the focus must shift to strengthening foundational infrastructure and incentivising private innovation."

(Although more descriptive than a classic idiom, "research powerhouse" is used idiomatically to characterize a leader in scientific progress.)

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phrasal verbs

1. Fall short

0 Meaning: **To fail to reach a target or meet expectations.**

0 Usage Example: **"Without the essential building blocks, the lofty targets set for R&D growth risk falling short."**

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phrasal verbs

2. Shift to

0 Meaning: To change focus or direction toward something else.

0 Usage Example: "The government must present a clear road map on how private sector entities can access these funds and what tangible benefits the public can expect before the focus shifts to other priorities."

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phrasal verbs

3. Capitalise on

0 Meaning: To take full advantage of an opportunity or resource.

0 Usage Example: "Without the necessary infrastructure in place, India cannot fully capitalise on these massive investments in R&D."

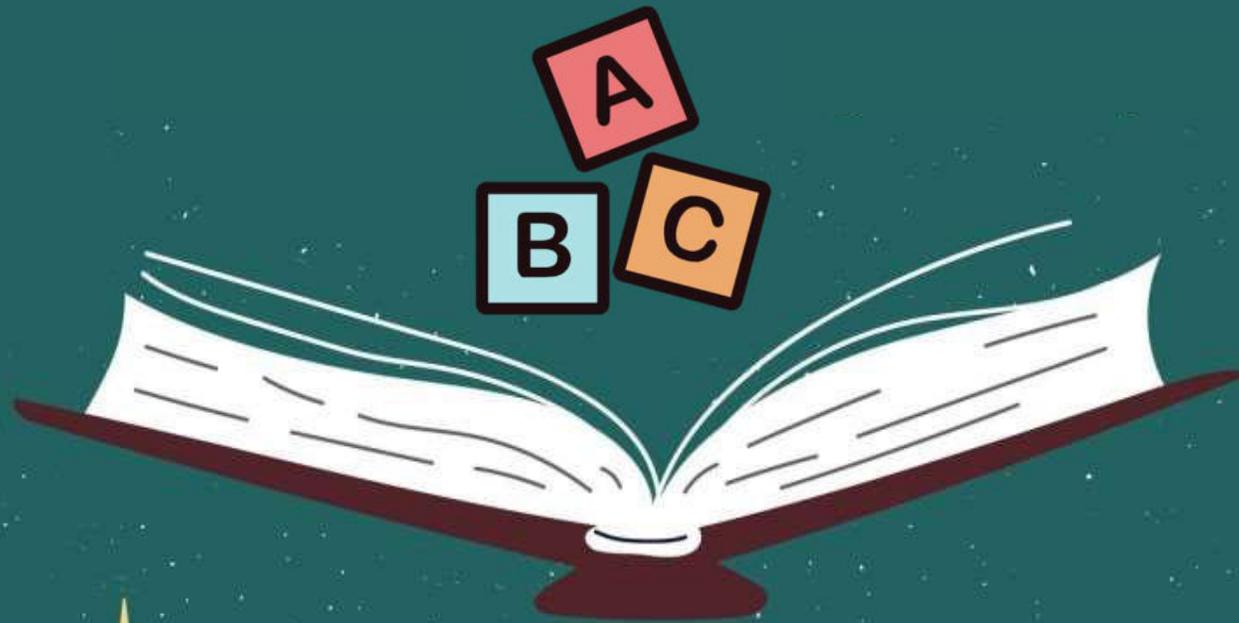
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Idioms & phrasal verbs

3. Bury one's head in the sand – To ignore or avoid facing a problem.

0 India cannot afford to bury its head in the sand while other nations take the lead in AI safety regulations.

SHALL WE READ?



The Budget 2025-26 announcements suggest a potential bonanza for scientific research and development. The Finance Minister outlined ₹20,000 crore budgetary support for developing small modular reactors, with the goal of readying five such reactors by 2033. Another major initiative is the Research, Development, and Innovation fund, included in the Department of Science and Technology (DST)'s expected expenditure. This substantial allocation is expected to benefit start-ups and sunrise sectors, though these remain undefined. The expectation is that private sector entities will receive financial support to boost R&D, a domain historically dominated by government spending. India's R&D landscape has long suffered from low private sector participation.

While government funding has driven most scientific advancements, private investment in research has remained inadequate. Currently, private sector R&D contribution is only 36%; overall R&D spending in India was 0.64% of GDP in 2020, the lowest since 1995. Over the last five years, business enterprises have accounted for around 40% of government R&D expenditure. Public sector R&D units allocated only 0.30% of their sales turnover to research, compared to 1.46% by the private sector in 2020-21, according to DST estimates. The government's ₹20,000 crore infusion hikes the DST's total budgetary allocation to around ₹28,000 crore, over three times last year's allocation and seven times the actual expenditure in 2023-24.

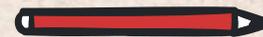
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R&D Spend - 0.64% GDP - 2020

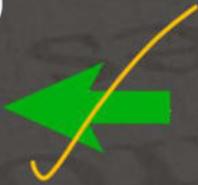
These figures are encouraging, but a key concern is whether such massive investments can be effectively absorbed. Despite India's strengths in technology-driven sectors such as fuel, metallurgy, pharmaceuticals, textiles, IT, and biotechnology, returns from core R&D and intellectual property generation are still meagre. Though the government has launched ambitious missions in quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and other cutting-edge technologies, the supporting infrastructure remains inadequate. India still lacks the essential building blocks, chipsets, semiconductor fabs, a skilled engineering workforce, and a strong innovation ecosystem, to fully capitalise on these investments. Without these, the lofty targets set for R&D growth risk falling short. The government must present a clear road map on how private sector entities can access these funds and what tangible benefits the public can expect. Increased funding alone will not guarantee success unless structural bottlenecks are addressed. To truly transform India into a research powerhouse, the focus must shift to strengthening foundational infrastructure, incentivising private innovation, and ensuring long-term, sustainable engagement from industry leaders.

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Match the columns

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Column A

Column B

A. Blunt

P. Going beyond the limits of something, surpassing or rising above.

B. Vulnerable

Q. Absolutely necessary or crucial, often expressing urgency.

C. Anecdotes

R. Restricting, suffocating, or hindering free movement or expression.

D. Stifling

S. Short, personal stories or narratives, often shared to illustrate a point.

E. Transcending

T. Direct and straightforward, often without regard for tact or sensitivity.

F. Seamlessly

U. Capable of being physically or emotionally harmed or attacked.

G. Imperative

V. Done in a smooth and effortless manner, without noticeable interruptions or gaps.

Answer

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| B. Vulnerable | U. |
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| F. Seamlessly | V. |
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DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

WRITE A PRECIS ON
TODAY'S ARTICLE

WRITE SYNONYMS FOR THE WORD ‘

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