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- ✓ **The Hindu**
- ✓ **20 vocabs** per day
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## REVISION

## Word

1. Fringe ✓
2. Prominence ✓
3. Tenet ✓
4. Proponents ✓
5. Pandering ✓
6. Raking up ✓
7. Pseudo ✓

## Synonym

1. Peripheral ✓
2. Eminence ✓
3. Doctrine ✓
4. Upholders ✓
5. Ingratiating ✓
6. Dig up ✓
7. Bogus ✓

## Antonym

1. Mainstream ✓
2. Obscurity ✓
3. Deviation ✓
4. Critics ✓
5. Confronting ✓
6. Suppress ✓
7. Original ✓





Phrasal Verb	Meaning
Pinpoint the cause	Intervene in a situation, usually to help
Carry on with	Identify the exact reason for something
Ignite and burn	Continue doing something
Follow through	Catch fire and be consumed by flames
Step in	Carry out fully, especially as promised



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*spiel*

## Pitched: प्रस्तावित करना

Meaning: To promote or propose forcefully

### SYNONYMS

- presented
- pushed
- advocated

*convince, mingle mix, Gainsay*

*persuade*

*urge, cajole, coax*

### ANTONYMS

- rejected
- dismissed
- denied

*refuse*

*Rebuff, Rebut*

### TRICK



Cricket में pitch होता है मैदान,  
diplomacy में pitch होता है प्रस्ताव।

I pitched my idea so hard, it bounced back and hit me.





**Resilient:** लचीला, जल्दी उबरने वाला

3:00

Meaning: Able to recover quickly

### SYNONYMS

- elastic
  - durable
  - pliable
- Adaptable, Adjustable*  
*Acclimate*  
*flexible*  
*Bend*

### ANTONYMS

- fragile
  - stiff
  - brittle
- Inflexible*  
*Stout*  
*Sturdy*

### TRICK

Re (फिर से) +  
silent (शांत) =  
फिर से सामान्य  
हो जाना

I'm resilient too—I bounced back after burning toast.





## Accord: समझौता

3:00

Meaning: Agreement or harmony

### SYNONYMS

- pact, *contract*
  - treaty, *Agreement*
  - concord, *unanimity*
- Concensus*  
*& Rapport with*

### ANTONYMS

- discord, *feud*
  - disagreement, *dissonance*
  - conflict, *Brawl*
- skirmish, wrangle*

### TRICK

Accord मतलब agreement जिसे "एक ही cord" से जोड़ा गया हो।

We had an accord — she cooks, I eat.





Immigrant

## Diaspora: प्रवासी समुदाय

3:00

Meaning: People settled away from their homeland

### SYNONYMS

- expatriates, *expat*
- migrants, *nomads*
- refugees, *exiled emigrant*

### ANTONYMS

- natives, *Aboriginal*
- locals, *Indigenisus*
- inhabitants, *domestic*

### TRICK

Diaspora = देश से दूर रहकर भी अपना रंग दिखाना

The Indian diaspora finds butter chicken even in Antarctica.





## Pharmacopeia: औषधि संग्रह या दवा की सूची

3:00

Meaning: A book containing a list of medicinal drugs with effects and directions

### SYNONYMS

- drug list,
- medical compendium,
- pharmaceuticals

### ANTONYMS

- ignorance,
- non-medical text,
- unregulated list

### TRICK

Pharmacy +  
Encyclopedia  
=  
Pharmacopeia  
यानी दवाइयों की  
किताब।

I mistook my cookbook for a pharmacopeia — my pasta never recovered.





## Affiliated: संबद्ध

3:00

• Meaning: Officially attached or connected to an organization

### SYNONYMS

• associated

*integrated*

• connected

*\* Incorporated*

• allied

*Amalgamated*  
*Nexus, coalesce*

### ANTONYMS

• separated

*\* detach*

• disconnected

*\* segregated*

• unaffiliated

*Schism, secluded*

### TRICK

Affiliated = जुड़ा

*हुआ*

“I’m affiliated with food. Wherever it goes, I follow!”





## IDIOMS AND PHRASES &amp; PHRASAL VERBS



- **Speak volumes** – Convey a clear message without words
- **Raise the bar** – To increase standards
- **Make a mark** – To have a noticeable impact
- **Back-to-back** – One after another without break
- **Made up of** – composed of

consist of  
↓  
comprise of





Spelling rule:



*Grammar*  
**YOUR TURN..?**  
Much + [C.P + than]



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## Common goals: On India and a five-nation tour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits reflect India's efforts to engage with others of the Global South

## Pivot away: On U.S. student visas, Trump administration

The squeeze on U.S. student visas is indicative of right-wing dominance





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On his way to Brazil to attend the ongoing BRICS summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made back-to-back bilateral visits to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Argentina. Each stop was with a view to enhancing bilateral cooperation in fields which included some common themes on pharmaceuticals and vaccines, digital technology, food security and critical minerals. In Accra, India-Ghana ties were upgraded to a comprehensive partnership, with discussions on helping Ghana become a "vaccine hub" for West Africa. In the Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, there was a major MoU on "Indian pharmacopeia", to improve access to quality and affordable generic medicines from India. In Buenos Aires, President Javier Milei agreed to enhance cooperation on critical minerals as well as Argentina's vast reserves of shale gas and oil, while India pitched its pharma to Argentina. The three stops were in countries of the "developing world" or the Global South, and the onward journey to Brazil, and then to Namibia, also highlight India's commitment to building alternative economic mechanisms to the "developed world" or Global North. India's offer of cooperation for low-cost solutions to global challenges includes the promotion of India-led international organisations such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) to these countries.







Mr. Modi also made his signature pitch to the Indian diaspora — his speech in the Port of Spain, where Indian labour was brought by British colonial ventures since 1845, is one to note. Referring to the Indian ancestry of President Christine Kara Kalinga and Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Mr. Modi said that the 35 million Indian diaspora worldwide were India's "pride". It is also impossible to escape the deep connections between India and the five nations in terms of political history. Each country shares a bond — colonies that suffered under British, Spanish, Portuguese and German forces — and why some of them joined the Non-Aligned Movement. They have all, at various points, committed to building South-South cooperation, and India and Brazil's role in founding the BRIC mechanism, along with Russia and China, and IBSA with South Africa, was an outcome, strongly pitching the interests of the Global South. None of the countries on the tour can be called "anti-West", and New Delhi has had some differences with them over specific conflicts (Ukraine and Gaza). The motivating force behind the ties, however, and consequently Mr. Modi's nine-day itinerary, is more about a common desire to look beyond the present global order to one that is more equal, representative, and sensitive to the needs of developing and under-developed nations.





## Indian Diaspora Pride

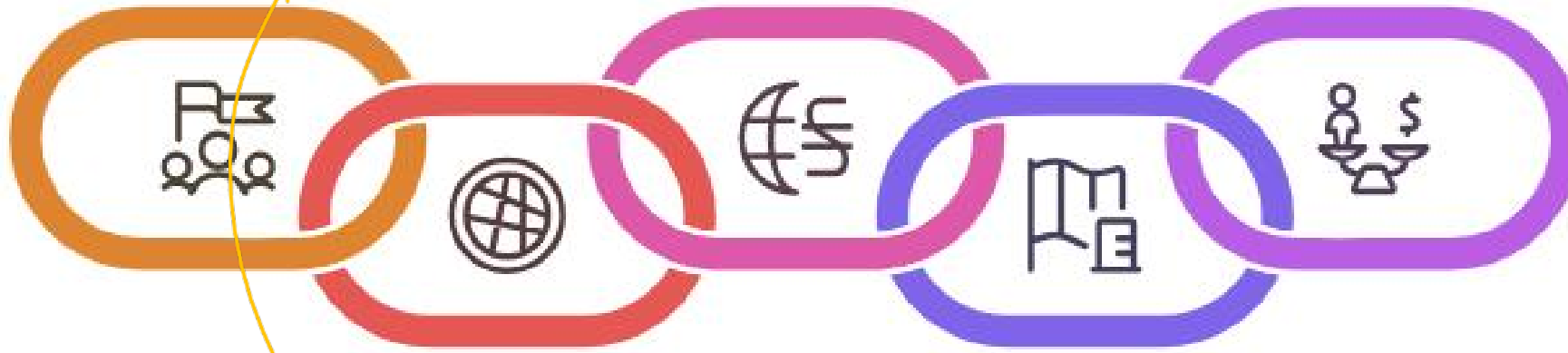
Highlights the global Indian community as a source of national pride and connection.

## South-South Cooperation

Focuses on collaborative efforts among developing nations.

## Desire for Equality

Underscores the collective aspiration for a more equitable global order.



## Shared Colonial History

Emphasizes the common historical experiences of colonial oppression.

## BRIC and IBSA Initiatives

Showcases India's role in founding key global South alliances.



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Q. What is the overall tone of the passage?

A) Satirical ~~X~~

B) Persuasive ~~X~~

C) Informative

D) Cynical ~~X~~

E) Sarcastic ~~X~~





Q. India's cooperation with developing countries aims to promote \_\_\_\_\_ solutions to global challenges through digital innovation and inclusive partnerships.

- A) Adverse
- B) High-cost
- C) Low-cost
- D) Unreliable
- E) Conventional





**Q. What can be inferred about India's foreign policy approach from PM Modi's visit to the Global South?**

- A) India is trying to strengthen only economic ties with the West.
- B) India seeks to isolate itself from global forums.
- C) India prioritizes leadership and cooperation with developing nations.
- D) India wants to reduce its involvement in global challenges.
- E) India is focusing solely on BRICS nations.





**Q. Based on the editorial, what does the author imply about the inclusion of the Indian diaspora in India's global diplomacy?**

- A) It is used mainly for emotional appeals. ~~X~~
- B) It is irrelevant to foreign relations. ~~X~~
- C) It is leveraged to strengthen cultural and historical ties. ✓
- D) It has led to strained relations with some countries. ~~X~~
- E) It is limited to ceremonial purposes. ~~X~~





Q. Choose the word closest in meaning to “Pitch” as used in the sentence: *“India pitched its pharma to Argentina.”*

A) Throw

B) Sell

C) Present

D) Eject

E) Reject





Q6. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: India signed an MoU with ~~Trinidad~~ and Tobago to promote digital voting technology.

Statement II: India aims to build alternative economic mechanisms to those of the developed world through its Global South outreach.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A) Only I

B) Only II

C) Both I and II

D) Neither I nor II

E) Cannot be determined from the passage





Q7. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: India has encouraged cooperation in critical minerals and affordable medicines during its recent international visits.

Statement II: All countries visited by the Prime Minister have historically shown hostility towards the Western nations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A) Only I

B) Only II

C) Both I and II

D) Neither I nor II

E) Cannot be determined from the passage





## Grammar based question



- A. India's offer of cooperation for low-cost
- B. solutions to global challenges include
- C. the promotion of India-led international
- D. organisations such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) to
- E. these countries.





# Exercise

Revise all words and write  
down in comment section





# Exercise

Phrasal Verb	Meaning
Go down to the wire	Continue until the last moment
Wind down	Gradually come to an end
Cut down on	Reduce
Scrape through	Barely succeed
Pivot away	Shift focus or direction away





B

@bipashabordoloi0304 • 1 day ago



Summary -

*word*

The demand to remove "secular" and "socialist" from the Preamble has gained political traction but lacks substantial reasoning. These terms, rooted in India's context, represent equality and social justice and have evolved to reflect core Indian values. Focusing on such debates diverts attention from real national challenges like poverty, discrimination, and underdevelopment that need urgent action.





## Descriptive Writing

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**The squeeze on U.S. student visas is indicative of right-wing dominance**



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1. **Vetting** – (noun) The process of examining carefully  
*Meaning in Hindi: जाँच पड़ताल*
2. **Rigorous** – (adj) Strict and thorough  
*Meaning in Hindi: कठोर*
3. **Disruptors** – (noun) Things that interrupt a process or system  
*Meaning in Hindi: बाधा डालने वाले तत्व*
4. **Chilling effect** – (phrase) A discouraging impact  
*Meaning in Hindi: डराने वाला प्रभाव*
5. **Segue** – (noun/verb) A smooth transition from one thing to another  
*Meaning in Hindi: सहज रूपांतरण*
6. **Disincentivise** – (verb) To discourage or deter  
*Meaning in Hindi: हतोत्साहित करना*
7. **Fixed-tenure** – (adj) Having a limited time period  
*Meaning in Hindi: निर्धारित अवधि*
8. **Axing** – (noun/verb) Sudden cutting or removal  
*Meaning in Hindi: छटनी करना*
9. **Rescinding** – (verb) Revoking or canceling something  
*Meaning in Hindi: रद्द करना*
10. **Anecdotal** – (adj) Based on personal stories or experiences  
*Meaning in Hindi: किस्सों पर आधारित*
11. **Scrutiny** – (noun) Close and critical observation  
*Meaning in Hindi: कड़ी जाँच*
12. **Impulses** – (noun) Sudden strong desires or urges  
*Meaning in Hindi: आवेग*
13. **Singular** – (adj) Unusual or unique  
*Meaning in Hindi: अद्वितीय*
14. **Extremists** – (noun) People with radical views  
*Meaning in Hindi: कट्टरपंथी*
15. **Pivot** – (verb) To turn or change direction  
*Meaning in Hindi: दिशा बदलन*





Fresh appointments for U.S. student visa interviews have commenced at consulates as per the **extended vetting programme** that includes rigorous checking of the applicant's social media activities. A chunk of visa applications is still pending at a time when the visa processing winds down and students prepare to depart. Fresh appointments were frozen for nearly a month until the **extended vetting programme** could be launched. With a wait time of more than a month, many visa applications may go down to the wire as classes begin by the end of August/beginning of September. The extended vetting is only one among many disruptors to the flow of Indian students to the U.S. Many other policy proposals have had a chilling effect. The Trump administration's nominee to head the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has vowed to end the Optional Practical Training programme (OPT) that allows students time to work in the U.S. after graduation while still on student visa, and which serves as a segue toward jobs, work visas and green cards. Ending OPT will disincentivise studying in America.





The Trump administration has also said that it will provide only fixed-tenure student visas. The axing of government spending and funding of research and other activities of higher education institutions has had its impact — there are reports of universities rescinding PhD admissions of Indian students. Anecdotal evidence points to a sharp decline in visa issuance in several cities and increased scrutiny of the ranking of institutions granting admissions. Many of the applicants this year had begun the application process before the 2024 U.S. presidential election and, therefore, have sought to go through the process despite the fears. Next year will truly gauge how attractive the U.S. still is for Indian students.

When the Trump administration took office, it was felt that the worst of its anti-immigrant impulses would be softened by the tech billionaires who were supporting it. In the past, too, big business had driven policies bringing in talented immigrant workers and foreign students in Republican administrations.



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The exit of Elon Musk, however, is not a singular event but part of a trend of top techies exiting the Trump team. The cuts on green energy research in the recently passed “Big Beautiful Bill” only serve to highlight the almost complete dominance of right-wing extremists in the administration, marked by the extreme views of its leading lights such as Stephen Miller, White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy. The decline of the U.S. as a major attraction for Indian talent is perhaps only an indicator of how much India may have to pivot away from the U.S. in other areas as well.



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## Summary

The U.S. has introduced an extended vetting process for student visas, which includes rigorous checks like social media scrutiny. This has caused delays and uncertainty for many Indian students. The Trump administration's anti-immigration stance, including the proposal to end the Optional Practical Training (OPT) and restrict student visas to fixed tenures, has further created a chilling effect. Funding cuts and policy shifts have also affected Indian students' aspirations. Additionally, exits of tech leaders from the Trump team and increasing right-wing influence indicate a broader shift in U.S. policy, leading India to reconsider its engagement with the U.S. in the education and tech sectors.





**1. What is a likely reason for the decline in visa issuance this year?**

- A. U.S. universities are increasing tuition fees
- B. Indian students are preferring European universities
- C. Stringent vetting and policy changes by U.S. authorities
- D. Decrease in students opting for STEM programs
- E. Increasing demand for online education





**2. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?**

- A. Celebratory
- B. Neutral
- C. Critical
- D. Persuasive
- E. Humorous





3. What does the term "chilling effect" imply in the passage?

- A. A positive influence on decision making
- B. Encouraging students to study abroad
- C. Creating fear or hesitation to act
- D. Strengthening visa issuance
- E. Freezing education reforms





4. According to the passage, why might fewer students apply for U.S. visas next year?

- A. Due to rising flight prices
- B. Because of OPT programme's potential termination
- C. India is restricting foreign education
- D. Lack of interest in U.S. degrees
- E. Visa process is completely digital





**5. Which of the following is TRUE as per the passage?**

- A. Elon Musk supports Trump's education policy
- B. OPT allows students to study abroad
- C. Visa application was frozen for over two months
- D. Scrutiny of universities has increased
- E. Trump's policies favor more international students





6. The passage suggests that Trump's administration is...

- A. Welcoming foreign talent
- B. Investing in higher education
- C. Favoring short-term student stays
- D. Increasing funding for green energy
- E. Strengthening Indo-U.S. education ties





**7. What can be inferred about India's future outlook toward U.S. policy?**

- A. India will invest more in U.S. education
- B. India may re-evaluate its dependency on the U.S.
- C. India will ban students from applying to the U.S.
- D. Indian students are fully satisfied with U.S. policies
- E. India is aligning more with the Middle East



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1. C
2. C
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. C
7. B



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