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MOST IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

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28 AUG 2021

Thought For The Day
Always concentrate on the path that you have planned for yourself. Strive to be the best that you can be. Dare to be great!

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- CHECK YOUR PROGRESS
  - a) synonyms
  - b) antonyms
  - c) one word
  - d) idioms

- VOCABULARY FROM ARTICLE + ANALYSIS+ spotting errors (Hw)

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Same meaning.

Time for SYNONYMS

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Q1. Choose the synonym of '**Scrutiny**'.

1. Disregard
2. Ignorance
3. Inspection
4. Neglect

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Q2. Choose the synonym of '**Immutable**'.

1. Alterable
2. Unchangeable
3. Flexible
4. Changeable

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Q3. Choose the synonym of 'Vulnerable'.

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1. Closed
2. Endangered
3. Guarded
4. Unarmed

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Q4. Choose the synonym of '**Exploit**'.

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1. Honour
2. Purify
3. Utilize
4. Truthful

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Q5. Choose the synonym of 'Deception'.

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1. Frankness
2. Honesty
3. Deceit
4. Truth

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opposite

Time for ANTONYMS

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Q6. Choose the antonym of 'Anonymous'.

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1. Unnamed
2. Nameless
3. Incognito
4. Named

VOCABULARY

Q7. Choose the antonym of 'Involve'.

1. Exonerate
2. Require
3. Necessitate
4. Demand

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Option Elimination

Same

VOCABULARY

Q8. Choose the antonym of 'Frequent'.

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1. Regular
2. Habitual
3. Customarily
4. ~~Rare~~ / Seldom

VOCABULARY

Q9. Choose the antonym of 'Incentivise'.

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1. Discourage
2. Encourage
3. Stimulus
4. Impulse

↑↑↑ (to uplift the spirit)

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Q10. Choose the antonym of '**Contemporary**'.

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1. Modern
2. Current
3. Modish
4. Outdated

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Q11. A list of passengers and luggage

(1) waybill
(2) wagon
(3) wirepuller
(4) whist

VOCABULARY

Q12. A person difficult to please

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(1) fastidious
(2) callous
(3) sadist
(4) ferocious

VOCABULARY

Q13. A decorative handwriting

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(1) calligraphy
(2) manuscript
(3) inscription
(4) hagiography

VOCABULARY

Q14. That which cannot be defeated

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(1) invincible
(2) invulnerable
(3) infallible
(4) indictable

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Q15. Study of the nature of God

(1) philology
(2) theology
(3) humanism
(4) philosophy

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Time for IDIOMS

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LS One word
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(new)

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Q16. The police **smelt the rat** behind the death of the girl.

(1) got very much confused
(2) identified the cause of death
(3) suspected that something is fishy
(4) jumped to the conclusion

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Q17. I have told you time and again not to make this mistake.

(1) always
(2) often
(3) sometimes
(4) rarely

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Q18. He handled the situation with **an iron fist**

(1) strictly
(2) leniently
(3) softly
(4) wayward

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Repeated

Q19. She is leaving the country for good.

(1) for the time being
(2) for good times
(3) temporarily
(4) permanently

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Q20. It poured cats & dogs

(1) rained heavily
(2) rained lightly
(3) dazzled
(4) hail storm

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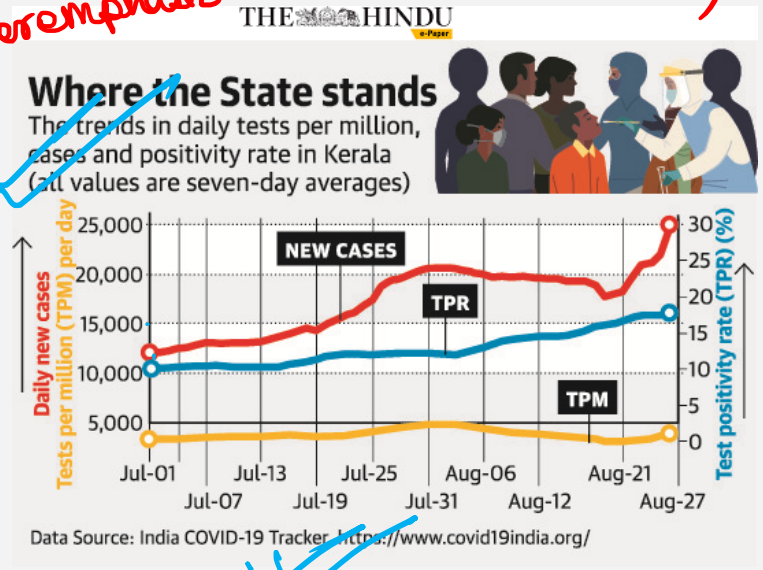
ARTICLE

Kerala's rising COVID-19 cases explained

Concerns that the surge, largely by the Delta variant, potentially leading to a third India-wide wave may be exaggerated

Once again, the COVID-19 situation in the State of Kerala is in the spotlight, albeit for all the wrong reasons. More than 60% of the newly reported cases in India in the past week came from Kerala alone, and that naturally "raises many eyebrows". How can a State with only 2.5% of India's population contribute to 60% of its caseload?



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One thing that we need to acknowledge first is the fact that the most recent nationwide **seroprevalence** survey in May 2021 by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) had estimated that the **prevalence** of COVID-19 antibodies was the lowest in Kerala at 44% compared to the national average 68%. It meant Kerala had the highest proportion of the population still unexposed to the virus at that time. Given that the virus will keep spreading until a certain level of herd immunity is achieved in the population, either through vaccinations or through natural infections, it is a **foregone** conclusion that the cases will continue to be high whenever there is increased crowding.

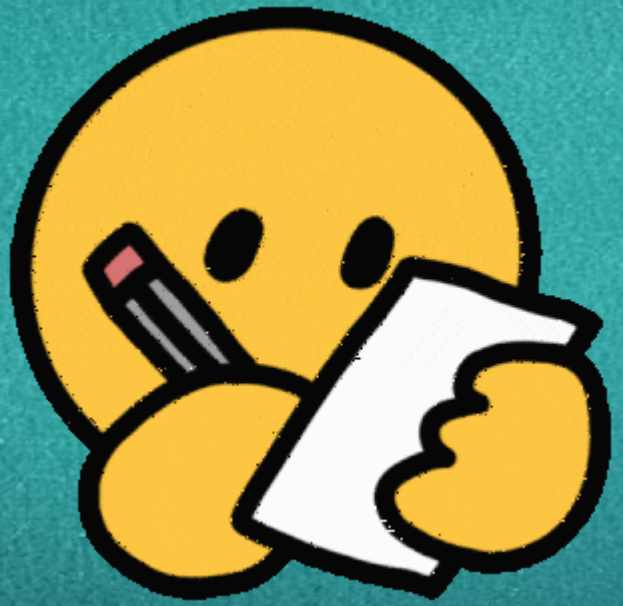
Public Concern

plain level

Kerala has already vaccinated 75% of its adult population (55% of the total population) with at least a single dose. The daily new COVID-19 cases after **peaking** at around 40,000 daily during the first week of May have been on a decline ever since and reached a plateau of about 11,000 cases to 12,000 cases and a test positivity rate (TPR) of about 10% during the first week of July this year. Since then, however, the State has been seeing a steady but gradual rise in daily new cases assisted by increased daily testing which reached a peak of nearly two lakh in early August.

reach the highest point

Homework



Ans Public comment

Amount → is.

Q1 About ₹88,000 crore are expected from the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) in this year itself, in addition to the ₹1.75-lakh crore already estimated in the Budget from the sale of public firms such as Air India and BPCL. While this Government is yet to complete a single PSU sale, the risks of adverse audit paras about valuations and processes hang over monetisation deals too. However, post-transaction troubles in outright sales can be of a limited nature. With proposed concession periods running up to 60 years for some assets, NMP deals, by contrast, could

Q2 posed a long-term headache if they are not structured with end-user interests in mind, balancing the profit and utility motives.

Could (Modal) + Verb (V1)

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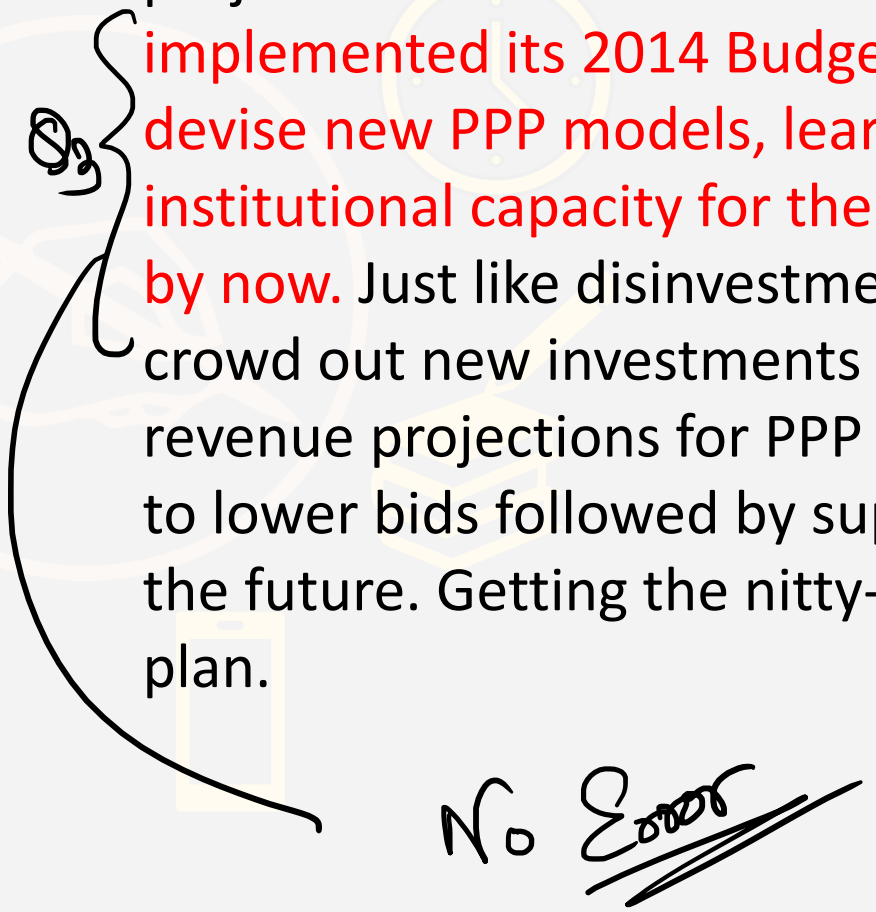
The sharing of risk and rewards between the public and private partners needs to be weighed carefully for each sector. Checks and balances are needed for actual infrastructure usage versus projections at the time of bidding. If the Government had implemented its 2014 Budget promise to set up an apex body to devise new PPP models, learning from past mistakes, India's institutional capacity for the NMP would have been more mature by now. Just like disinvestment deals during a downturn could crowd out new investments and risk the tag of 'fire sales', revenue projections for PPP assets could be deflated now leading to lower bids followed by super-normal gains for the operator in the future. Getting the nitty-gritty right is critical for this grand plan.



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VOCABULARY

1) surge (verb)

–gush, rush, stream, flow, burst, pour, cascade, spill

2) Potentially (adverb) –

dormant, latent, and quiescent (likely to happen soon)

3) exaggerated (adj)

–overstated, overemphasized, inflated, magnified, amplified, aggrandized

4) albeit (conj)

– although, even-though, though, while, even-if, but

5) raises many eyebrows (idiom)

-to cause surprise or shock

6) caseload (noun)

–work-load

7) seroprevalence (noun)

the frequency of individuals in a population that have a particular element in their blood serum

8) prevalence (adj)

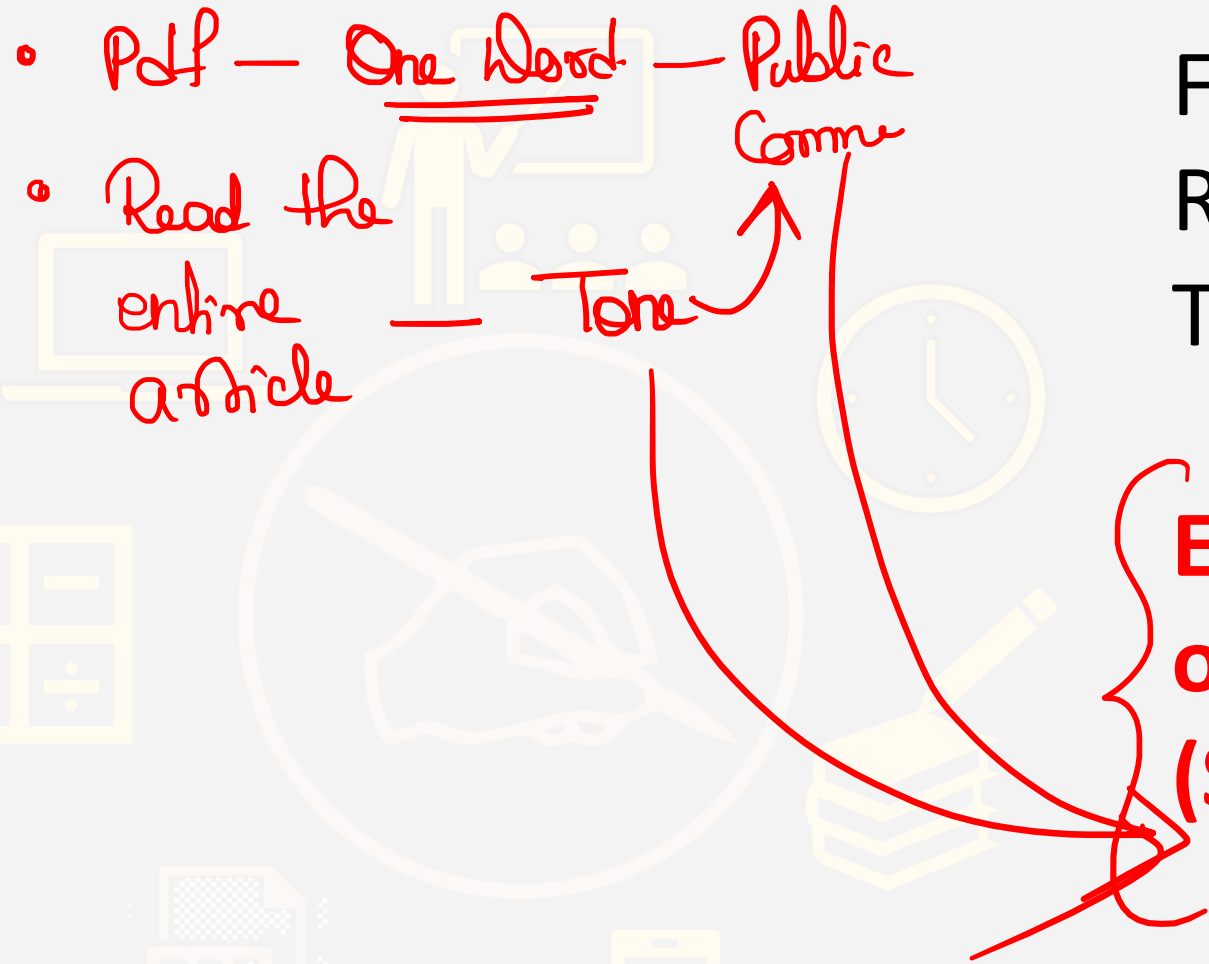
-currency, widespread presence, generality, pervasiveness

9) foregone (adj)
– past, former, earlier, previous, prior

10) peaking (adj)
– reach a highest point

11) allege (verb)
– claim, assert, declare

12) resurgence (noun)
-revival, recovery, renewal



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Q1.(3)

One word

436. (1) 437. (1) 438. (1) 439. (1) 440. (2)

Q2.(2)

Idioms

Q3.(2)

436. (3) 437. (2) 438. (1) 439. (4) 440. (1)

Q4.(3)

Q5.(3)

Q6. (4)

Q7. (1)

Q8. (4)

Q9. (1)

Q10. (4)