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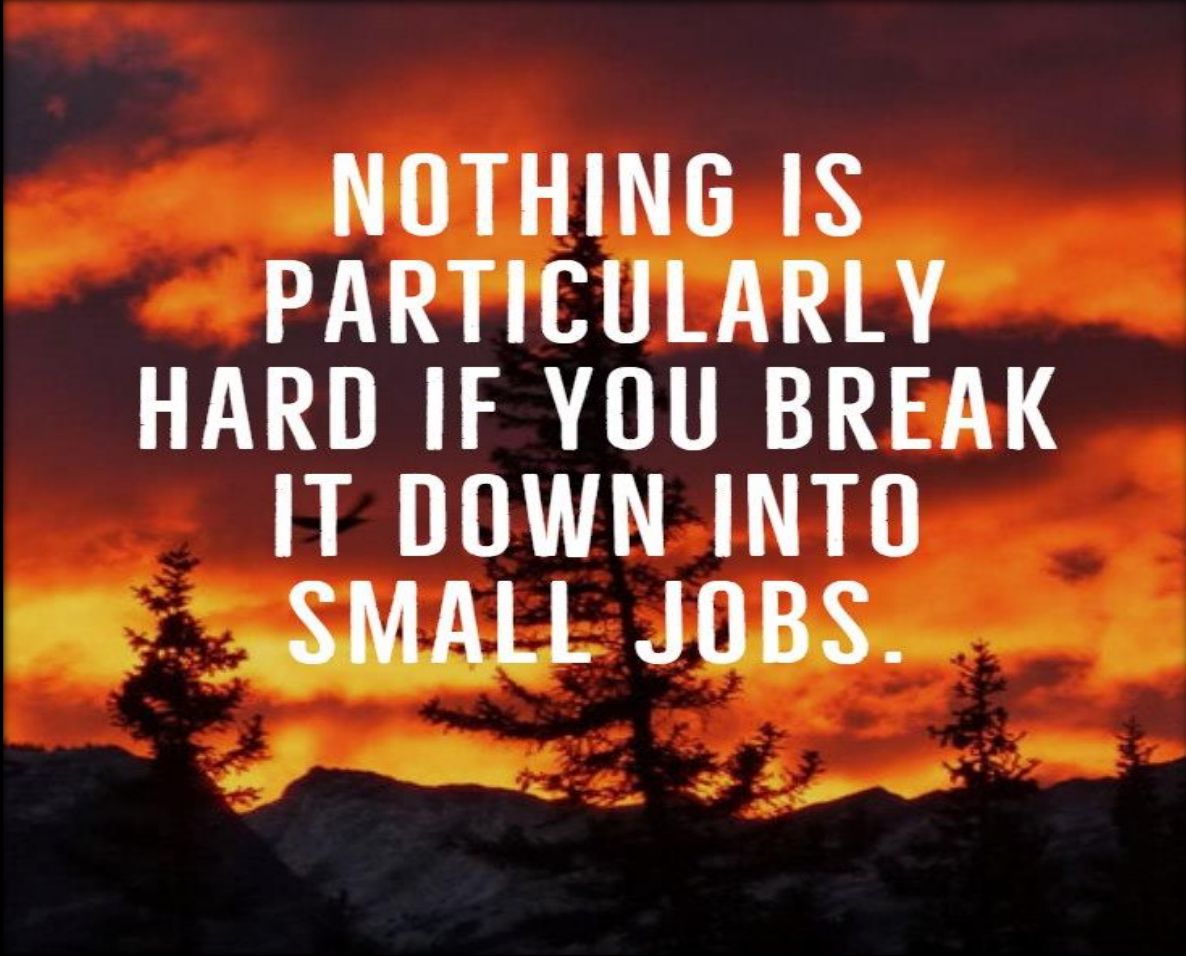
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



NOTHING IS
PARTICULARLY
HARD IF YOU BREAK
IT DOWN INTO
SMALL JOBS.



Surbhi Sinha 1 hour ago

Sceptic= A PERSON WHO DOUBT THE TRUTH' OF AN IDEA ,,,, AM

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Muskan Dubey 1 hour ago

Sceptic=a person who usually doubts that claims or statements a
=cynic, radical, heretic, dissident, dissenter..

Anty. =Believer..

Sentence=Napoleon himself a sceptic was cognizant of the slave

1 Reply



Muskan Dubey 1 hour ago

Sentence:An ample supply of a covid vaccine could become a coi

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Muskan Dubey 1 hour ago

Ample=enough or more than enough, plentiful..

Syn. =abundant, bountiful, expansive, generous, copious..

Anty. =meager, cramped, wanting, sparse..

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Mini Chaubey 8 hours ago

Spetic = cynic, doubter

1 Reply



yash kumar 13 hours ago

Sceptic- a person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions.

Synonym- cynic, pessimist.

Antonym-optimist, disciple

Sentence- He is a sceptic.

Ample- enough or more than enough.

Synonym- sufficient, adequate.

Antonym- insufficient, meagre.

Sentence- the ample amount of strawberries in bucket.

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Chandrika Gore 14 hours ago

1. Sceptic: (noun) a person who doubts the truth or value of an idea o

Synonyms: cynic, doubter, questioner, iconoclast, pessimist, critic, no

Antonym: believer

Sentence: But he was also that peculiar creature, a convinced sceptic

2. Ample: (adj) more than enough

Synonyms: sufficient, abundant, bountiful, broad, copious, expansive,
voluminous, wide

Antonyms: cramped, insignificant, meager, lacking, limited, little, narrow

Sentence: There is ample evidence to contradict the analysis.

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VOCABULARY



Mahendra's



1. Conviction (Noun): सजा

Meaning: a formal declaration by the verdict or decision of a judge in a court of law that someone is guilty of a criminal offense; firmly held belief or opinion

Synonyms: judgement, certainty, confidence, assurance

Antonyms: disbelief, distrust, skepticism

Sentence: 1. The more you speak with conviction, the more your audience will value what you have to say.

2. Penury (Noun): दरिद्रता

Meaning: **the state of being very poor; extreme poverty**

Synonyms: **misery, beggary, indigence, impoverishment**

Antonyms: **affluence, wealth, opulence, richness**

Sentence: **When Margot lost all her money gambling, her family was forced to live in penury.**

3. Transcend (Noun / Verb)

Meaning: to go further, rise above, or be more important or better than something, especially a limit; *beat*

Synonyms: surpass, exceed, top, excel, outshine, outstrip

Antonyms: fail, lose, surrender

Sentence: The athlete hoped the increased training would allow him to transcend Olympic records.

4. Incumbent (Adjective)

Meaning: **necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility; currently holding office**

Synonyms: **required, compulsory, officeholder**

Sentence: **The incumbent president of the company is resigning from office so a younger person can take control of the business.**

5. Iridescent (Adjective) : रंग-बिरंग

Meaning: *light & bright* showing luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles.

Synonyms: shimmery, glittering, colorful

Sentence: Her latest fashion collection features shimmering iridescent materials.

6. Pestilent (Adjective) : विनाशक

Poison

Meaning: likely to cause or capable of causing death

Synonyms: lethal, deadly, harmful

Antonyms: salubrious, beneficial, salutary

Sentence: Smallpox is a pestilent disease.

7. Corpus (Noun) : संग्रह

Meaning: a collection of written texts, especially the entire works of a particular author or a body of writing on a particular subject.

Synonyms: collection, compilation, body content

Sentence: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is probably the most well-known work among the corpus of poems.

8. Adeptness (Adjective) : निपुणता

Meaning: **subtle or imaginative ability in inventing, devising, or executing something**

Synonyms: **skillfulness, adroitness, proficiency**

Antonyms: **ineptitude, ineptness, artlessness**

Sentence: **His quick adeptness was a product of good design.**

9. Cumber (Noun) : बोझ

Meaning: **obstruction, or burden**

Synonyms: **impediment, hindrance**

Antonyms: **help, assist, facilitate**

Sentence: **His heavy boots cumbered him in walking.**

10. Chasten (Verb) : दंड देना

Meaning: **to inflict a penalty for a fault or crime**

Synonyms: **punish, fine, penalize**

Antonyms: **spare, excuse, pardon**

Sentence: **When I was a child, my parents would chasten me by taking all of my toys.**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?

Antonym of **BENIGN**

1. converse

2. cautious

3. Malicious ✓

4. quiet

Meaning: meaning of benign is gentle and kind; malicious means intended to harm or upset other people

Solution: 3. Malicious



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **FOSTER**

1. discourage ✓
2. believe
3. heal
4. brag

Meaning: to foster means to encourage; to discourage means to
deprive of courage or confidence

Solution: 1. discourage

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **DEVIANT**

1. winding
2. careful
3. normal ✓
4. sad

Meaning: deviant means departing from the established norm, or abnormal, therefore normal is the most dissimilar

Solution: 3. normal

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **FORSAKE**

1. craft
2. keep ✓
3. shun
4. infer

Meaning: to forsake means to renounce or give up;
keep is the opposite

Solution: 2. keep

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **DEXTEROUS**

1. clumsy ✓
2. saline
3. cunning
4. precious

Meaning: dexterous means skillful with the hands;
clumsy means lacking dexterity or grace

Solution: 1. clumsy

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **FIASCO**

1. festival
2. disaster ✓
3. happenstance
4. ceremony

Meaning: a fiasco is a complete failure, or a disaster

Solution: 2. disaster

Find the correct one?



Synonym of CHASM

1. gorge ✓
2. charm
3. bridle
4. criticize

Meaning: a chasm is a deep split in the earth, or a gorge

Solution: 1. gorge

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **EXPERTISE**

1. activity
2. courage
3. mastery
4. effort

Meaning: expertise and mastery both mean special skills or knowledge

Solution: 3. mastery

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **OUTLANDISH**

1. distant
2. strange ✓
3. pastoral
4. belligerent

Meaning: outlandish means extremely out of the ordinary or strange

Solution: 2. strange

Find the correct one?



Synonym of PINE

1. clean
2. hate
3. resolve
4. crave ✓

Meaning: to pine means to long for, or to crave

Solution: 4. crave

IDIOMS & PHRASES



A thorn in the flesh

1. A thorn that cannot be taken out
2. A constant or persistent cause of annoyance
3. A deep wound
4. A constant source of motivation

Solution: 2. A constant or persistent cause of annoyance



A close shave

1. A narrow escape from danger or disaster.
2. Avoid the main topic
3. Take a close look
4. Imitate someone in a particular way

Solution: 1. a narrow escape from danger or disaster.



Cut a sorry figure

1. To ask for forgiveness from the enemy
2. To show off
3. To cut fruits and vegetables
4. To create a poor impression

Solution: 4. To create a poor impression

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Laugh one's head off

1. Laugh at someone
2. To criticize someone
3. Excessive flattery
4. Laugh heartily or uncontrollably

Solution: 4. Laugh heartily or uncontrollably

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. Kill by putting pressure on the throat/ to apply pressure –
Strangulate
2. Period of rest or sleep after lunch–
Siesta
3. A specialist in technology–
Technocrat
4. A lie-detector
Polygraph

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Going off-course: On the rural jobs scheme

The Centre's suggestions on changes in the Mahatma
Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee

Scheme seem misguided

(MNREGA)

A key to the success of any welfare programme is the conviction in its implementation. In the 17 years since the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been implemented, studies have asserted its net positive impact in the rural areas. From reducing penury through providing off-season employment, and thereby improving household consumption among the invariably poor citizens who avail the scheme, to acting as insurance during monsoon deficient seasons, besides allowing for greater food security through increased productivity helped by the works generated, the scheme continues to be a robust welfare tool.

This was even clearer during the pandemic, when thousands of migrant workers who left urban areas due to the lockdowns took up work under the MGNREGS in rural areas where demand for the menial but arduous work peaked. There is of course the case that the scheme has still not transcended into creating more useful assets beyond roads and irrigation canals and requires broadbasing and better implementation. But it must be said that the Union government's treatment of the scheme has graduated from a case of lukewarm acceptance of its need because of its popular impact to treating it as a fiscal burden.

Such a reading can be justifiably made if the reduced allocation for the scheme in the Union Budget, from 2.14% of overall outlay in FY23 to 1.33% in FY24, is considered. This was despite implementation in recent years experiencing wage delays and underfunding. This has also depressed demand, with formal requests for work only being a portion of the actual demand. Also, there is much evidence that Aadhaar-based payments have neither reduced corruption nor reduced wage payment delays while creating hurdles for officials and workers during implementation.

Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh has now said that the Act should be amended to change the contribution of funds from 100% by the government to a 60-40 split between the Centre and the States in order to make States “more vigilant regarding corruption”. But this will only lead to further complications in funding. There has been a shrinking in the States' share of taxes following GST and the financial stresses during the pandemic. States taking up 40% of the funding burden would affect the payment of wages even further. Besides, MGNREGS is a demand-driven programme and salient especially in poorer States and it is incumbent upon the Centre to ensure its robust funding instead of putting the onus on individual States to do so. The government must change its approach towards the MGNREGS by recognising its potential in catering to the poor's right to work.



1. FOMENT

2. DILEMMA

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