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# THOUGHT OF THE DAY




*I will breathe.*




I will think of solutions. I will not let my worry control me.




I will not let my stress level break me. I will simply breathe and it will be okay because I don't quit.




 **Surbhi Sinha** 5 hours ago  
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VOCABULARY



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## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 1. Consolidation (Noun) : एकीकरण

**Meaning:** the process of making something stronger or more solid; to combine several things, especially businesses, so that they become more effective, or to be combined in this way

**Synonyms:** unification, merging, amalgamation, combine

**Antonyms:** dissolution, disunion, division, partition

**Sentence:** The consolidation of all our household debt into one loan was a wise choice..



2. Fiscal (Adjective) : वित्तीय

Meaning: relating to government revenue, especially taxes

Synonyms: financial, economic, monetary, pecuniary,

Sentence: My daughter lacks a sense of fiscal duty and rarely pays her bills on time.

3. Rationalisation (Noun) : युक्तिकरण

**Meaning: the action of attempting to explain or justify behaviour or an attitude with logical reasons, even if these are not appropriate**

**Synonyms: pretext, justification, explanation**

**Sentence: But that weak rationalization came too late and has been muted by the waves of criticism.**



4. Bugle (Noun) : बिगुल

Meaning: a brass instrument like a small trumpet, typically without valves or keys, and used for military signals; to announce or sing

Synonyms: clarion, cornet, trumpet

Sentence: The bugle and flute were made of red and white plastic and were approximately 21 cm long.

5. Actualization (Noun) : वास्तविकता

Meaning: to make something that could possibly happen or be achieved

Synonyms: achievement, attainment, fulfillment, fruition

Sentence: Tia is taking classes at the local college so she can actualize her dream of becoming a teacher.



(+) 6. Impetus (Noun) : प्रोत्साहन

Meaning: a driving force; something that makes a process or activity happen more quickly

(+) Synonyms: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(-) Antonyms: discouragement, hindrance, deterrent, impediment

Sentence: The high crime rate was the impetus for the hiring of one hundred new police officers in our city.

7. Outlay (Noun) : खर्च

Meaning: an amount of money spent for a particular purpose

Synonyms: expense, cost, price

Antonyms: save, procure, acquire

Sentence: For an initial outlay of £2000 to buy the equipment, you should be earning up to £500 a month



## 8. Fathom (Verb)

**Meaning:** to discover the meaning of something; understand (a difficult problem) after much thought

**Synonyms:** understand, comprehend, grasp, apprehend

**Antonyms:** misinterpret, misunderstand

**Sentence:** Since I have always done my work, I cannot fathom why my boss just fired me.

## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

9. Ravage (Noun/Verb) : बरबाद कर देना

Meaning : cause severe and extensive damage; the destructive effects of something

Synonyms: **devastate, destroy, ruin**

Antonyms: **restore, recover, rehabilitate**

Sentence: **Despite the efforts of the firemen, the fire continued to ravage the forest.**



10. Pore over (Phrasal verb) : अद्ध्ययन करना

Meaning: to look at and study something, usually a book or document, carefully

Synonyms: contemplate, ponder, consider, study,

— Antonyms: ignore, disregard, overlook

Sentence: The judges will have to pore over the 22 volumes of evidence already accumulated and hear the 66 witnesses for the prosecution.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





# Find the correct one?



Antonym of SEVERE

1. lenient ✓
2. cautious
3. join
4. one

Meaning: one meaning of severe is strict; lenient means mild or indulgent

Solution: 1. lenient

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of ANIMOSITY

1. playful
2. written
3. small
4. love ✓

Meaning: animosity means resentment or hostility, therefore love is the opposite

Solution: 4. love



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of EXACT

1. join
2. sympathetic
3. incorrect ✓
4. whole

Meaning: exact means in complete accordance with fact, or correct, therefore incorrect is the opposite

Solution: 3.incorrect

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **EXTRAVAGANT**

1. unknown
2. homebody
3. punctual
4. moderate ✓

Meaning: extravagant means lacking in restraint and moderation, therefore moderate is the opposite  
Solution 4. moderate



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **STAMINA**

1. weakness ✓

2. clear

3. decisive

4. calmness

Meaning: stamina means strength or endurance,  
therefore weakness is the opposite

**Solution: 1. weakness**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **WINNOW**

1. carve
2. wind
3. weed ✓
4. carry

Meaning: to winnow means to sift or get rid of, like weed,  
it is often used with "out"

Solution: 3. weed



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **DEplete**

1. decorate
2. beg
3. exhaust ✓
4. hurry

Meaning: deplete means to reduce or deprive or something essential; exhaust means to empty completely

**Solution : 3. exhaust**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **VOLUNTARY**

1. willing ✓
2. charity
3. prisoner
4. careless

volunteer

Meaning: voluntary means done by one's own will, or willing

Solution: 1. willing



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of REFUTE

1. garbage
2. deny ✓
3. offer
4. difficult

Meaning: to refute means to prove wrong, or to deny the truth

Solution: 2. deny

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of CHEAT

1. stingy
2. bargue
3. freckle
4. defraud ✓

Meaning: to cheat means to influence by means of trickery, or to defraud

Solution: 4. defraud



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## To go through fire and water

1. To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
2. Something which hurts
3. To scold someone
4. To act without restraints

Solution: 1. To experience many dangers in order to achieve something

# IDIOMS & PHRASES

## In black and white

1. Not able to appreciate the finer things in life
2. very clear choice that causes no confusion
3. Be color blind
4. Be excessively prejudiced against something or someone

Solution : 2. very clear choice that causes no confusion







## A blessing in disguise

1. A favourable situation under the pretense of an unlucky one
2. To give credit to a disagreeable person
3. Only just
4. To sniff something wrong with full force

Solution: 1. A favourable situation under the pretense of an unlucky one

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Best of both worlds

1. To win a victory over
2. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
3. To be judged as acceptable
4. Worried for frivolous things

Solution: 2. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time



# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. One who is converted from one religion to another –  
Proselyte
2. Committing murder in revenge —  
Vendetta
3. Experts who scientifically study insects –  
Entomologists
4. A doctor who specializes in eye diseases of the eyes –  
Ophthalmologist

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

A raft of concessions amid consolidation: On Budget 2023-24

While promoting inclusive development, and focusing on fiscal consolidation, the Budget gives more to the affluent than to the poor



If budget making is a complex task, interpreting the Union Budget can be hazardous given the amount of fine print that one has to pore over. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's fifth Budget, and the current Bharatiya Janata Party-led government's final full-fledged one before next year's general election, ticks all the right boxes on the face of it. Inclusive development that ensures prosperity for all, especially the youth, women, farmers, Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, a focus on infrastructure and investment that serves as a multiplier for growth and employment, policies to enable green or environmentally sustainable growth, the rationalisation of direct taxes, including a raft of concessions to the middle and salaried classes, and pensioners, and, most importantly, doing all

Terming it the “first Budget in Amrit Kaal”, Ms. Sitharaman sounded the poll bugle by emphasising the ruling dispensation’s achievements since 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi first assumed office. Per capita income, she said, had more than doubled to ₹1.97 lakh as a result of the economy’s growth to being the world’s fifth-largest and the government’s efforts to ensure a better quality of living for all. She also cited an increase in formalisation of the economy and the widespread adoption of digital technologies, especially in the payments sphere, as other significant achievements.



With an eye on 'India at 100', the Budget proposals, Ms. Sitharaman said, were aimed at actualising a "technology-driven and knowledge-based economy with strong public finances, and a robust financial sector". Emphasising that the economic agenda for achieving this vision would, among other things, require a focus on giving a strong impetus to growth and job creation, the Minister laid out her Budget proposals that were heavy on this government's trademark acronyms describing the various schemes, but relatively light on details. PM VIKAS or Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman, for instance, would for the first time offer traditional artisans and craftspeople, or Vishwakarmas, a package of assistance aimed at helping them improve the quality, scale, and reach of their products, she said. Specifics, including a financial outlay and the likely mechanics of implementation, were, however, not spelt out.

Similarly, a 'Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes' or 'MISHTI', aimed at undertaking mangrove plantation along the coastline and on salt pan lands leaves the funding to a "convergence between MGNREGS and a compensatory afforestation fund". With the rural sector's mainstay employment guarantee scheme, one that was introduced during the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government's term, itself increasingly being starved of budgetary support, it is hard to fathom how the new initiative to protect and regenerate the ecologically sensitive mangroves will be funded. The decrease in outlay comes at a time when the rural economy is still to regain vigour from the ravages of the pandemic, the fallout on incomes from the uneven distribution of last year's monsoon rainfall, and the relatively greater impact of high food inflation on hinterland households.



At a broader level, the Budget estimate for expenditure on rural development in 2023-24 is pegged at ₹2.38 lakh crore, a marginal 0.1 percentage point increase when measured as a proportion of overall expenditure at 5.3%, compared with the 5.2% in the previous Budget Estimate. When viewed against the revised estimate, the outlay is a good 0.6 percentage point lower. Food subsidy too has been sharply pared: at ₹1.97 lakh crore, it is almost 5% lower than the 2022-23 Budget estimate and a steep 31% down from the revised estimate. To be sure, the government's resolve to stay the course on fiscal consolidation, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic had led it to spend more even as revenue receipts dipped amid the unprecedented economic contraction, left Ms. Sitharaman with little leeway on the expenditure front once she had decided that the government would concentrate its resources on increased public outlays on infrastructure and investment.

Capital expenditure has been allocated ₹10 lakh crore, a 33% jump from this fiscal's Budget estimate. If one adds the almost ₹3.7 lakh crore set aside for grants-in-aid to States for the creation of capital assets, the Minister's laudable intent to apply the force multiplier of government capital spending as the primary lever to spur economic activity becomes clearly evident. With global demand uncertain this year on account of the slowdown in the developed economies, as the Economic Survey pertinently pointed out, India's domestic market will necessarily have to serve as the economy's bulwark.



Ms. Sitharaman has also attempted to woo the middle class with a raft of changes in personal income tax that would, in combination with tweaks to customs duties, in total cost the government ₹ 37,000 crore in foregone direct tax revenue. Some of these changes are aimed at leaving more money in the hands of the salaried and pensioners, cash that the Budget planners hope would find its way back either as savings or increased spending on vital consumption. The biggest beneficiaries of the income-tax changes though are likely to be those in the highest income bracket, where the effective rate has been cut by 3.74 percentage points reinforcing a perception that this government bats for the affluent.



1. TRIFLE

2. SANGUINE



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