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# THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“There will always be rocks in the road ahead of us.

Depending on how you use them, they will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones.”



**Khushboo Mandal** 10 hours ago

Envoy:- ambassador, ambivalence

Inscrutable- enigmatic, cryptic

Thank you mam

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**Anshika Mishra** 8 hours ago

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**Chandrika Gore** 19 hours ago

1. Envoy: (noun) someone who is sent as a representative from one gove

Synonyms: agent, deputy, delegate, diplomat, emissary, minister, represe

Sentence: Is he not claiming to be a special envoy who ought to be sent l

2. Inscrutable: (adj) not showing emotions or thoughts and therefore ver

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**Mini Chaubey** 12 hours ago

Envoy = agent, deputy

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**Mini Chaubey** 12 hours ago


Inscrutable = hidden

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**Surbhi Sinha** 7 hours ago

Envoy===== someone who is sent as representative from one organisation to another. „== Inscrutable===== not showing emotional or thought and very difficult to understand

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**Rajorshi Acharjee** 6 hours ago

Envoy =Agent. Ambassador

Antonym = atypical. Nonrepresentative

He is made Middle East peace envoy.

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## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 1. Blip (Noun)

Meaning: an unexpected, minor, and typically temporary deviation from a general trend

Synonyms: blot out, efface, eradicate

Sentence: We usually ride to school with our mom, but there was a blip in the routine the day we had to take the bus instead



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 2. Fanfare (Noun): धूमधाम

Meaning: media attention or elaborate ceremony; a short and lively sounding of trumpets

✓ Synonyms: pomp, pageantry, glitz, spectacle

Antonyms: restraint, understatement

Sentence: There is usually a great deal of fanfare involved when it comes to graduation for both high schoolers and college students..

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### 3. Falter (Verb) : हिचक

Meaning: **lose strength or momentum; speak hesitantly**

Synonyms: waver, vacillate, halt, stagger

Antonyms: decide, budge, plunge

Sentence: His voice began to falter at the mention of his sufferings in the old days.



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 4. Recession (Noun) : मंदी

Meaning: a period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced

Synonyms: slump, stagnation, downswing

Antonyms: growth, boom, recovery

Sentence: At periods the country as a whole seemed fairly prosperous, but the broad agricultural recession remained constant.

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### 5. Trajectory (Noun) : त्रय

Meaning: **the path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces**

Synonyms: path, route, way, track

Antonyms: deviation

Sentence: The one thing we are incapable of learning by imitating our friends and peers and playmates is the life trajectory that has been prepared for us.



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### 6. Gauge : नापना

**Meaning:** an instrument that measures and gives a visual display of the amount, level, or contents of something;  
estimate or determine the amount, level, or volume of

**Synonyms:** calculate, figure, estimate

**Sentence:** The poll is used to gauge the public's opinion on  
the president.

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7. Slack (Noun/Verb) : सुस्त, निर्बल

Meaning: having or showing laziness or negligence,  
decrease or reduce in intensity, quantity, or speed

Synonyms: careless, lax, negligent, derelict

Antonyms: careful, cautious, punctilious

Sentence: Those about him said that he became  
extraordinarily slack and physically feeble during his stay  
in that town. *Weak*



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 8. Chug (Noun)

Meaning: **a short dull sound, esp one that is rapidly repeated, such as that made by an engine.**

Sentence: They ran without lights, the only noise was the chug of the boat's motor.

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### 9. Quotidian (Adjective) : दैनिक

Meaning: **of or occurring every day; daily**

Synonyms: usual, ubiquitous, ordinary, frequent

Antonyms: extraordinary, unusual, infrequent

Sentence: Television has become part of our  
quotidian existence.



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### 10. Precarious (Adjective) : खतरनाक

**Meaning:** not securely held or in position;  
dangerously likely to fall or collapse; dependent  
on chance; uncertain

**Synonyms:** treacherous, hazardous, ~~perilous~~, *danger*

**Antonyms:** advantageous, safe, beneficial

**Sentence:** Choosing between closing my business or  
laying off employees puts me in a precarious position.

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Aging factory: On China's population decline

THE DECLINE IN CHINA'S POPULATION WILL AFFECT THE  
REST OF THE WORLD TOO



The last time China's population saw a decline was in 1961, in the midst of a devastating four-year famine following Mao's failed "Great Leap Forward" campaign. The latest decline in population, however, is no blip. The shrinking of the world's most populous country by as much as 8,50,000 in 2022 marks a watershed moment with lasting consequences for China and the world. Beijing announced on January 17 that births in China last year dropped by more than 10% to 9.56 million, with 10.41 million deaths. The 1.411 billion population will certainly be overtaken by India's this year.

China's population story holds lessons for countries that have tried robust interventions in social engineering. China has spent the greater part of two decades trying — and failing — to get families to boost birth rates that have been declining since the government introduced a harsh “one-child policy” in 1980. The belated introduction in 2016 of a “two-child policy” to course correct was not met with the enthusiasm that planners had expected for a relaxation announced with fanfare. A government survey found that 70% would not have more children citing financial reasons.

Population

China's economy is already feeling the impact of demographic change. The 16-59 working age population (2022), was 875 million, a decline of around 75 million since 2010. Wages are rising, and labour-intensive jobs are moving out, predominantly to Southeast Asia. The above-60 population, meanwhile, had increased by 30 million to 280 million. The number of elderly will peak at 487 million by 2050 (35% of the population). China's National Working Commission on Ageing estimates spending on health care for the elderly will take up 26% of the GDP by 2050.



Signs are China is already on track to follow Japan's example of a prolonged period of a shrinking workforce with declining growth. As a paper from Japan's Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry pointed out, the proportion of child and elderly populations in China as of 2020 was similar to Japan's in 1990. Moreover, China reached this inflection point faster, with its fertility rate falling from 2.74 to 1.28 in the preceding four-decade period, while Japan's fell from 1.75 to 1.29. The paper pointed out that India's proportion of child and elderly population in 2020 was similar to China's in 1980, just when its economic boom took off. That was made possible only by making the most of its demographic dividend by investing heavily in health care and education to fashion a workforce capable of powering what would become the world's factory.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?

Synonym of SACCHARINE

- 1. leave
- 2. sweet
- 3. arid
- 4. quit

Meaning: saccharine means overly sweet

Solution: 2. sweet





# Find the correct one?

Synonym of QUALM

1. distress
2. immunity
3. persevere
4. scruple ✓

Meaning: a qualm is a feeling of uneasiness about a moral issue, or a scruple ✓

Solution: 4. scruple



# Find the correct one?

## Antonym of ABATE

1. free
2. augment
3. provoke
4. wane

✓ → to increase

Meaning: to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to augment means to increase

**Solution : 2. augment**



# Find the correct one?

Antonym of KINDLE

1. smother ✓
2. detest
3. enemy
4. discourage

Meaning: to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to smother means to stifle or suppress

Solution: 1. smother





# Find the correct one?

Antonym of PHILISTINE

1. novice
2. intellectual ✓
3. pious
4. debutante

Meaning: philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an intellectual is a person who engages in the creative use of his or her intellect

Solution: 2. intellectual



# Find the correct one?

Antonym of GERMANE

1. irrelevant ✓
2. indifferent
3. impartial
4. improvident

Meaning: germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore irrelevant is the opposite

**Solution : 1. irrelevant**



# Find the correct one?

Antonym of IRASCIBLE

1. determined
2. placid ✓
3. reasonable
4. pliant

Meaning : irascible means easily angered; placid means calm or serene

Solution : 2. placid *serious*





# Find the correct one?

Antonym of APPROBATE

1. ingratitude
2. condemn ✓
3. dissatisfaction
4. master

Meaning: to approbate means to approve or  
sanction; to condemn means to declare wrong or to  
convict

**Solution: 2. condemn**



# Find the correct one?

Synonym of SUMPTUOUS

1. delirious
2. gorgeous
3. perilous
4. luxurious ✓

Meaning : sumptuous means excessively costly, rich, or luxurious

**Solution : 4. luxurious**



# Find the correct one?

Synonym of APPALL

1. delirious
2. covered
3. dismay ✓
4. confuse

Meaning: to appall is to overcome with shock, or to dismay

Solution : 3. dismay





# IDIOMS & PHRASES

Every time I have a conversation with my friend Sanjay, he seems to be  
blowing his own trumpet

- (a) Rely on oneself
- (b) Criticise others
- (c) Respect others
- (d) Praise oneself

Solution : (d) Praise oneself

# IDIOMS & PHRASES

Every bright student in the school is the  
apple of his/her teacher's eyes.

- (a) Very clean
- (b) Very easy
- (c) Very rosy
- (d) Very dear



Solution : (d) Very dear

# IDIOMS & PHRASES

Some people do not “grease anybody’s palm” on any account.

- (a) flatter
- (b) cheat
- (c) fight
- (d) bribe



Solution : (d) bribe



# IDIOMS & PHRASES

As soon as the police arrived, the bank robbers “showed the white flag”.

(a) surrendered

(b) ran away

(c) were incensed

(d) calmly left the scene

Solution: (a) surrendered

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. The first model of a new device –

Prototype

2. The study of maps–

Cartography

3. The study of the origin and history of words–

Etymology

4. One who hates mankind –

Misanthrope



**1. ONE WHO GOES TO SETTLE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY**

**2. ONE WHO COLLECTS COINS**

**3. SCIENCE OF DISEASES**







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