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# THOUGHT OF THE DAY

HAPPINESS COMES WHEN  
WE STOP  
COMPLAINING  
ABOUT THE  
TROUBLES WE HAVE AND  
OFFER THANKS  
FOR ALL THE  
TROUBLES  
WE DON'T HAVE.



**Surbhi Sinha** 9 hours ago

Trifle= a matter or item of little value or importance sang

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**shreya patel** 16 hours ago

1. Trifle: (noun) a matter or item of little value or importance  
Synonyms: trivia,  
2. Sanguine: (adj) positive and hoping for good things  
Synonyms: happy, optimistic, positive...

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**Mini Chaubey** 17 hours ago

Trifle = triviaa, little particular

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**Mini Chaubey** 17 hours ago

Sanguine = cheerful, happy, hopefull

**Reply**



**yash kumar** 18 hours ago

Trifle- a thing of little value or importance.

Synonym- trivia

Antonym-save

Senentence-these are pair of trifle shoes....

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**Lucky Kumar** 18 hours ago

1 sanguine hopefull ,optimistic, credulous 2 trifle some ,li

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**Chandrika Gore** 19 hours ago

1. Trifle: (noun) a matter or item of little value or importance

Synonyms: trivia, technicality

Sentence: We are talking about one million, and one million

2. Sanguine: (adj) (of someone or someone's character) po

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**Tarun Singh** 20 hours ago

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VOCABULARY



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## 1. Bureaucratic (Adjective)

**Meaning:** relating to a system of controlling or managing a country, company, or organization that is operated by a large number of officials ;  
involving complicated rules and processes that make something slow and difficult

**Synonyms:** administrative, parliamentary, regulatory, managerial, official

**Sentence:** I had a lot of bureaucratic hassle trying to get the information I needed.

2. Appease (Adjective) : खुश करना / शान्त करना

Meaning: **pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands**

✓ Synonyms: **placate, comfort, mollify, pacify, soothe, propitiate**

Antonyms: **infuriate, anger, inflame, annoy**

Sentence: **When I reported the cashier's poor customer service, the manager tried to appease me with the offer of a free pizza.**

### 3. Swathe (Noun / Verb)

**Meaning: a large part of something that includes several different things; wrap in several layers of fabric**

**Synonyms: wrap, shroud, envelop, enclose, encompass**

**Sentence: The bomb had left a swathe of the town in ruins.**



## THE HINDU VOCABULARY

### 4. Submersible (Noun / Adjective) : पनडुब्बी

Meaning: **a type of ship that can travel underwater, especially one that operates without people being in it; able to be used or to travel underwater**

Synonyms: **nuclear submarine, underwater craft**

Sentence: **Submersible lights in the pool allowed the homeowners to have pool parties at night.**

5. Maze (Noun / Verb) : उलझन

Meaning: a network of paths and hedges designed as a puzzle through which one has to find a way; be dazed and confused

Synonyms: labyrinth, warren, tangle

Antonyms: certainty, line, order

Sentence: I'm just a little bit caught in the middle. Life is a maze and I don't know where to go, can't do it alone.

6. Picturesque (Adjective) : खूबसूरत , सुरम्य

Meaning: **visually attractive, especially in a quaint or charming way**

Synonyms: **vivid, graphic, pictorial, expressive,**

Antonyms: **inartistic, ugly, unattractive**

Sentence: **The narrow, leaning buildings and the large city park, Vondelpark, make Amsterdam a picturesque city for walking or biking.**

(+) 7. Jubilation (Noun) : आनंदोत्सव

Meaning: a feeling of great happiness and triumph

(+) Synonyms: joy, glee, cheer, happiness

(-) Antonyms: despondency, disappointment, sadness, sorrow,

Sentence: Exam results day may bring jubilation or despair to thousands of Swindon youngsters next month.

8. Tussle (Verb) : हाथापाई करना

**Meaning:** engage in a vigorous struggle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something

**Synonyms:** clash, battle, fight, scuffle, struggle, brawl, fray

**Antonyms:** agreement, harmony, peace, truce

**Sentence:** The children began to tussle over a toy, and the preschool teacher had to step in to break up the fight.

9. Umbrage (Noun) : अपमान

**Meaning:** to feel upset or annoyed, usually because you feel that someone has been rude or shown no respect to you

**Synonyms:** take offense, be offended, be affronted

**Antonyms:** appeasement, mollification, pacification

**Sentence:** I certainly took umbrage for not being invited to my best friend's wedding.

10. Sedulous (Noun) : परिश्रमी

Meaning: showing dedication and diligence towards a person or action

Synonyms: diligent, careful, meticulous

Antonyms: nonchalant, negligent, indifferent, careless.

Sentence: She wondered what sort of herbs they were which the old man was so sedulous to gather.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ROUGH**

1. tumble
2. sleek ✓
3. fast
4. Distant

Meaning: rough means having an uneven, coarse surface;  
sleek means having a smooth, bright surface

Solution: 2. sleek

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **GARNER**

1. unravel
2. mix
3. squander ✓
4. Tarnish

Meaning: to garner means to gather or to store; to squander means to cause to disperse or to scatter

**Solution: 3. squander**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PRODIGAL**

1. economical ✓
2. secondary
3. distant
4. squalid

Meaning: prodigal means wasteful or extravagant

Solution: 1. economical

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of TACIT

1. grand
2. dictated ✓
3. illicit
4. messy

Meaning: tacit means unspoken, or implied; dictated means spoken

Solution 2. dictated

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **REPUDIATE**

1. argue
2. soften
3. slander
4. admit ✓

Meaning: to repudiate means to reject or deny,  
therefore to admit is the opposite

**Solution: 4. admit**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **VINTAGE**

1. classic ✓
2. alcoholic
3. disease
4. spoiled

Meaning: vintage means of old and enduring interest, or classic

Solution: 1. classic

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of TART

1. law
2. acid ✓
3. angry
4. desirable

Meaning: tart means pleasantly sharp or acid to the taste

Solution: 2. acid

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of ZEST

1. gusto ✓
2. cram
3. worry
4. trial

Meaning: one meaning of zest is keen enjoyment, or gusto

Solution: 1. gusto



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **HAGGLE**

1. tired
2. climb
3. decrease
4. bargain ✓

Meaning: to haggle means to negotiate over terms or prices, or to bargain

**Solution: 4. bargain**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **IMPEL**

1. force ✓
2. block
3. hinder
4. discredit

Meaning: to impel means to drive forward using strong moral pressure, or to force

**Solution: 1. force**

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## To burn the candle at both ends

1. To work hard and stay up very late night
2. To contribute money for a party
3. To have faith in god
4. To commit a blunder



Solution: 1. To work hard and stay up very late night

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Flies off at a tangent

1. Self-praising
2. To boast
3. Start discussing something irrelevant
4. Well informed

Solution : 3. Start discussing something irrelevant



## Going places

1. To go to home back
2. Talented and successful
3. To go on a visit
4. To be angry

Solution: 2. Talented and successful

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Weal and woe

1. Be in danger
2. Adversity
3. Good times and bad times
4. Friends and enemies



Solution: 3. Good times and bad times

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. Killing of birds-

Avicide

2. An error or misprint in printing or writing –

Erratum

3. Love of dogs–

Canophilia

4. To destroy completely –

Annihilate

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

A shot for science: On budget allocation for  
Ministry of Science & Technology

More funding for research must be met with easing of  
bureaucratic procedures



The Budget speech in the year preceding a general election is usually one that seeks to appease as wide a swathe of society as possible. It follows that ministries that fund the bulk of research and development (R&D) too would see a healthy jump in allocation. The Ministry of Science & Technology has received an allocation of ₹16,361.42 crore this year, on paper an impressive 15% increase from the previous estimate. However, between 2021-22 and 2022-23, the Ministry had seen a 3.9% decrease.

The bulk of the hike has gone to the Department of Science and Technology (DST) — ₹7,931.05 crore, up 32.1% from last year. It was ₹2,683.86 crore for the Department of Biotechnology, or DBT (a nominal hike of 3.9%), and ₹5,746.51 crore (1.9%) for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR). The Deep Ocean mission — which includes among other components developing a deep-submersible vehicle — and the National Research Foundation have got substantially higher hikes than in previous years, a sign that they are the Centre's immediate focus.

There were multiple references in the Budget speech for investing in dedicated centres for excellence in 'Artificial intelligence' research, initiatives to scale up technology to produce laboratory-made diamonds and a centre for research in sickle cell anaemia. While all of these efforts could be spread out across multiple arms of government, none of the budgetary allocations suggests a significant scale up of basic research. As with previous governments, this government too has not succeeded in increasing the percentage of spend on research and development to beyond 1% of GDP. While different countries define R&D spends variously, a rule of thumb suggests that developed and technologically advanced countries spend over 2% of their GDP on R&D, and India, according to a 2022 estimate by the Global Innovation Index, continues to hover around 0.7% despite being among the world's largest producers of scientific literature.

While funds are not the only challenge to research and development in India, the lack of significant raises across departments shows that the absorptive capacity of scientific institutions in the country is limited. A major challenge continues to be research scholars not getting promised funds on time and the wait for the quality equipment required by researchers, continuing to be mired in a maze of bureaucratic whimsy. The bulk of research continues to be funded by government and the participation of the private sector has grown only incrementally. In the next few years, the government must not only increase the size of the funding pie but also ease the procedures to make the most efficient use of it.



1. DAWDLE

2. COLLEGIUM

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