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# EXAM BASED WORDS



HIGH DEMAND, LOW YIELD

## Saffron the new silver in Kashmir highlands

Selling now at ₹3.25 lakh per kg, this sought-after condiment from Valley is costlier than the precious metal

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## CONDIMENT(NOUN)

Meaning : **A substance, typically a sauce, seasoning, or spice, that is added to food to enhance its flavor or taste.**

Synonyms : **Relish , Garnish**

Antonyms : **Bland**



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## AI cameras gun for poachers

**Jacob Koshy**  
NEW DELHI

Wildlife officials at one of the most populous tiger zones in India are experimenting with a new set of camera traps – or cameras with infrared sensors deployed in forests to count wild animals or monitor the movement of potential poachers – that harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

In experiments under way at the Kanha-Pench corridor in Madhya Pradesh, the system has, for the first time, caught poachers on camera that – a year down – helped forest authorities secure a conviction, according to a person involved in the experiment.

Cameras set up in remote regions are a key tool in surveys and census counts of tigers and elephants but have limitations such as requiring personnel physically access the machine to prise photos.



Poachers caught on an AI camera.  
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

They are also bulky and are not always optimised to conserve charge to keep the instruments running.

The new kind of camera set-up, called the TrailGuard AI camera-alert system, being tested are slim devices that can be inconspicuously set up within the foliage of trees.

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## POACHERS(Noun)

**Meaning : Individuals or groups involved in illegal activities related to wildlife or natural resource exploitation.**

**Synonyms : Wildlife traffickers**

**Antonyms : Wildlife protectors**



**Tension in the air:** Civilians walk past the site of an encounter, in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, on Saturday. PTI

## 3 infiltrators killed amid Pak. fire cover

**Peerzada Ashiq**  
SRINAGAR

The Indian Army on Saturday accused the Pakistan Army of providing fire cover to infiltrators in Uri Sector of Baramulla, where three infiltrators were killed close to the Line of Control (LoC).

“Three infiltrators were killed in twin gunfights in Hathlanga area between 6.40 a.m. and 9.45 a.m.

Two bodies were recovered. However, one injured infiltrator exfiltrated with the help of fire cover provided by Pakistani posts. The Army’s quadcopters also came under fire from the Pakistan Army. However, the third militant too died [on the other side],” Brigadier P.M.S. Dhillon said.

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## EXFILTRATED (Verb)

**Meaning :** To withdraw, evacuate, or remove someone or something, especially covertly or in a stealthy manner, from a place or situation, often for security or intelligence reasons.

**Synonyms:** Sneaked out , Evacuated

**Antonyms :** Imbedded , Deposited



**Setback in rescue of steam generator-laden barge after bottom suffers damage**

## **BARGE(Noun & Verb)**

**Meaning : Barges are typically unpowered and are often pushed or towed by another boat or pulled by cables.**

**Synonyms : Scow , Shove**

**Antonyms : Yacht , Glide , Sneak**



V. Senthilbalaji

the ED against Mr. Senthilbalaji was *mala fide*. The allegation was related to cash-for-jobs and nobody was arraigned as accused except him.

### Political malice

They were not even shown as witnesses. This case was

The Minister's lawyer says nobody was arraigned as accused except him

registered out of political malice. The Minister was targeted, he said.

He said the petitioner would not tamper with the records or influence the witnesses.

The petitioner underwent a surgery. Therefore, considering his sickness, bail might be granted to him, he added.

Senior counsel N.R. Elango, also appearing for Mr. Senthilbalaji, submitted that there was no cogent material to show that the Minister was guilty. All documents connected to

## ARRAIGNED (Verb)

**Meaning : To bring a person before a court of law to formally charge them with a crime, typically by reading the charges and asking for a plea (guilty or not guilty).**

**Synonyms : Accuse , Prosecute**

**Antonyms : Exonerate , Acquit**



12:30pm

**N. Anand**  
CHENNAI

VST Group plans to expand business in all the three verticals it operates in, Managing Director Arun V. Surendra said.

The 113-year-old Bengaluru-headquartered conglomerate is a franchise dealer for luxury and sports cars in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, manufactures farm equipment and runs deposit-taking NBFC Gove Finance Ltd.

In the automotive dealership business, VST Group plans to double its touchpoints to 100 in the next three to four years, and in the farm equipment space aims to triple revenue to ₹3,000 crore by



Arun V. Surendra

FY26 by investing in emerging markets and through product innovation.

**‘Luxury car sales rising’**  
“Due to the changing lifestyles, we are seeing a rise in luxury car sales in Tamil Nadu. It has crossed the pre-COVID level by more than 30-40% across all

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## CONGLOMERATE(Noun)

**Meaning : A corporation or company formed by the merger or acquisition of several smaller companies or businesses that operate in different industries or sectors.**

**Synonyms : Consortium , Syndicate**

**Antonyms & Partnership**





COLOMBO

**T**he curse of the Asia Cup has persisted. It's not going to be India versus Pakistan, in sync with the tournament's 39-year history.

Nevertheless, with the World Cup less than three weeks away, there will be much more at stake than bragging about the continental supremacy when India take on Sri Lanka in what is expected to be a scintillating Sunday.



## BRAGGING(Noun)

**Meaning :** The act of excessively boasting or talking with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, abilities, or accomplishments in a way that can be seen as arrogant or obnoxious.

**Synonyms :** Vaunting , Crowing

**Antonyms :** Discretion , Modesty



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## SCINTILLATING(Adj.)

Meaning : **Sparkling with high spirits, cleverness, or wit; exceptionally lively, exciting, or stimulating.**

Synonyms : **Vivacious , Radiant**

Antonyms : **Tedious , Monotonous**



**J**ust as the monsoon over Kerala enters its second leg, Aranmula, a river-side village in Pathanamthitta – a part of former Travancore, kicks off preparations to host a flotilla of snake boats along its banks. Men, on board decorated boats called *Palliyodams*, will soon start dropping in here from the 52 villages along the serene banks of the Pampa – from the hilly Edakulam upstream to the backwater landscape of Chennithala, in Alappuzha.

Dressed identically in white dhotis and *melmundu*, they ignore the harsh noon sun by rowing to the tune of the rhythmic *vanchipattu* (boat songs) to reach Aranmula and are received with much fanfare at the ghats here. In an atmosphere charged with devotion, they climb the flight of steps that lead to the Sree Parthasarathy temple and proceed to the temple and circumambulate it for sometime – grooving to the verses all the while, before finally entering it.

## ROWING(NOUN)

**Meaning :** the physical activity of propelling a boat with oars or the arrangement of objects or people in a linear fashion

**Synonyms :** Sculling, Canoeing

**Antonyms :** Disarray, Dispersing

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# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





## IDIOMS & PHRASES

### To heaven and back at the roll of a dice

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1. something could have either a good result or a bad result.
2. a risky attempt to do or achieve something.
3. to gamble or take a chance on something or someone
4. To be aggressive at times

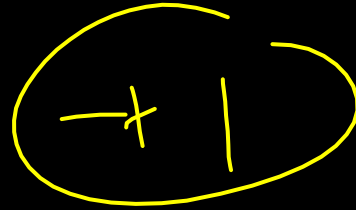


Solution : Option 1



## Keeping at the bay

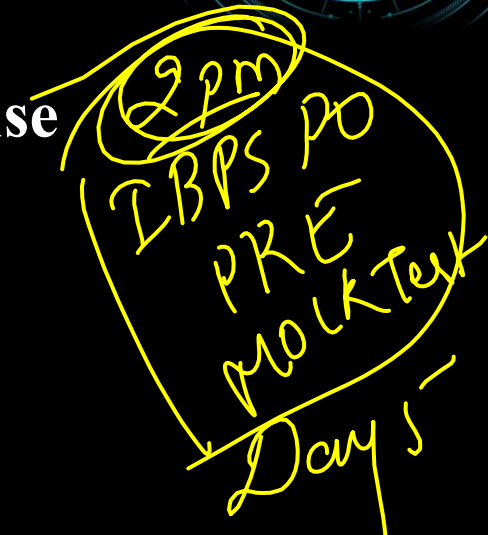
1. To have patience



2. Making the most of the worst situations or things because you can't do anything about it

3. Being very happy

4. to control something and prevent it from causing you problems



Solution : Option 4



Chip off the old block = Exam Imp. (+)

1. A person is similar in behaviour or actions to his parents.
2. Bad things one day eventually lead to good things.
3. To be extremely happy.
4. Being a disgrace for the family.



Solution : Option 1



**Up a creek without a paddle**

1. To be out of your comfort zone.
2. A life filled with excitement.
3. Warm and cosy.
4. In an unlucky situation.



**Solution : Option 4**





**Rain on someone's parade**

1. Don't take it too seriously.
2. So easy task.
3. To spoil a moment.
4. Postpone a plan

Solution : **Option 3**

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## ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

**A person living at the same time**

1. **Contemporaries**

2. **Sculptor**

3. **Inaccessible**

4. **Fastidious**

**Solution : Option 1**





## ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

**A place where clothes are kept**

1. Closet

2. Drawer

3. Wardrobe

4. Cupboard



**Solution : Option 3**



## ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

**A person who thinks only about himself and not others need**

1. Egomaniacal

2. Egoistic

3. Egotistic

4. Egocentric



**Solution : Option 4**



A narrow piece of land connecting two large masses of land

1. Isthmus ✓

2. Continent

3. Gulf

deep inlet of the sea surrounded by land

4. Peninsula

Solution : Option 1





**A study of the problem of legal punishment and prison Management**

1. **Penology** 
  2. **Criminology** 
  3. **Neurology**
  4. **Astrology** 
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**Solution : Option 1**



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