

No compromise: On putting pressure on ATC officials

Air safety is **paramount**, and politicians should not be allowed to **pressure** ATC officials

The incident, on August 31, wherein two BJP Members of Parliament, Nishikant Dubey and Manoj Tiwari, and their **entourage** are **alleged** to have ‘forcibly obtained **take-off clearance**’ close to sunset, from the Air Traffic Control (ATC) at Deogarh airport in Jharkhand for their flight **is** a case of ‘**tail-scraping**’ established air safety norms. **The politicians** — they were in the State to meet the family members of a minor girl in Dumka who had been **set ablaze** by a **stalker** on August 23 — **are** reported to have reached the airport at around 5.25 p.m. to fly back to Delhi on a chartered twin-engine business jet. Based on complaints by the airport security-in charge and the Deputy Commissioner of Deogarh, the **allegation** is that the ATC was **coerced** into allowing the flight to **depart**, **resulting** in the Jharkhand police registering an FIR against the MPs and the others. **Various sections** of the Indian Penal Code such as ‘**endangering** life or personal safety’ **have** been applied. Mr. Dubey in turn filed an FIR in Delhi against the Deputy Commissioner and the Jharkhand police which includes, **bizarrely**, their being **booked** under Section 124A (**sedition**). It is at this point, air safety experts **concur**, that the **clutter** must be **swept aside** and the core issue of flight safety brought **firmly** into focus.

Deogarh, according to data available in the Aeronautical Information Publication, **is** still a **Visual Flight Rules (VFR)** airport, and night operations are not permitted. Further, point 3 under ‘**En-Route–1.2 Visual Flight Rules**’ **states** that “VFR flights shall not be operated between 20 minutes after sunset to 20 minutes before sunrise, except when **exempted** by air traffic control for local flights...”, the **principle** being that the **airfield** should be available **in the event of** an emergency after take-off under VFR conditions. It must be noted that **sunset** at Deogarh **was** at 6.03 p.m. and the flight left at 6.17 p.m. **The difficulties** the **crew** could have faced at such an airport in the event of an emergency, such as a bird hit or engine failure, **do** not have to be **elaborated** — **avian** life is active at **twilight** and Jharkhand is known to be a **bird-rich** spot. **Other airports** in the region available for a **diversion are** not close either. Additionally, to have one of the politicians who is part of a committee **constituted** by the Ministry of Civil Aviation attempting to **push the boundaries of** safety is unacceptable. The **episode** also **highlights** the pressures faced by air traffic controllers and officials, especially in small airports in India. As a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization and bound by its **stringent** rules, India must ensure that **directives** are followed and that there is a **thorough** and fair **probe**, with penalties, by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The politics should be **fenced off**. **[Practice Exercise]**

- Red/blue coloring of words in the sentence indicates subject verb relationship; where ‘red’ denotes ‘subject’ and ‘blue’ denotes ‘verb’.

Vocabulary

1. **Compromise** (noun) – undermine, endanger, jeopardize समझौता करना
2. **Air traffic controller** (ATC) (noun) – An air controller specially trained and certified for civilian air traffic control.
3. **Paramount** (adjective) – foremost, main, supreme, principal सर्वोच्च
4. **Pressure** (verb) – press, force, push, stress, coerce दबाव डालना
5. **Entourage** (noun) – The group following and attending to some important person घेरा, मुहासिरा
6. **Allege** (verb) – claim, assert, maintain, aver, आरोप करना
7. **Take-off clearance** (noun) – the controller is authorizing the aircraft to take the runway and depart. The plane can either be on the taxiway or lined up and waiting.
8. **Tail-scraping** (noun) – it occurs when the aft fuselage (tail) of an aeroplane comes in contact with the runway during either takeoff or landing
9. **Set ablaze** (phrase) – Set fire to; cause to start burning आग लगा देना
10. **Stalker** (noun) – a person who follows or watches somebody for a long period of time, often in a frightening, threatening or annoying way दबे पाँव पिछा करने वाला
11. **Allegation** (noun) – accusation, claim, assertion, charge, declaration आरोप
12. **Coerce** (verb) – force, compel, pressure, constrain, oblige मजबूर करना
13. **Depart** (verb) – leave, decamp, go away, quit, take off रवाना होना
14. **Result in** (phrasal verb) – give rise to, lead to, bring about, bring, produce नतीजतन
15. **Endanger** (verb) – jeopardize, threaten, risk, imperil, menace जोखिम में डालना
16. **Bizarrely** (adverb) – strangely, oddly, curiously, unusually, freakishly विचित्र रूप से
17. **Book** (verb) – to officially write down the name of a person who has done something wrong अपराध के लिए नाम दर्ज करना
18. **Sedition** (noun) – treason, insurrection, subversion, mutiny, rebellion राजद्रोह
19. **Concur** (verb) – agree, coincide, accord, correspond, assent सहमत होना
20. **Clutter** (noun) – mess, muddle, disarray, disorder अव्यवस्था, हलचल
21. **Sweep aside** (phrasal verb) – dismiss, disregard, avoid, set aside अलग करना
22. **Firmly** (adverb) – steadfastly, securely, firm, strongly, hard दृढ़

23. **Visual Flight Rules (VFR)** (noun) – a set of regulations under which a pilot operates an aircraft in weather conditions generally clear enough to allow the pilot to see where the aircraft is going.
24. **En-route** (adverb) – on the way; while travelling from/to a place रास्ते में
25. **State** (verb) – declare, assert, aver, claim कहना, प्रकट करना
26. **Exempt** (verb) – free, excuse, relieve, release, absolve छूट देना, मुक्त करना
27. **Principle** (noun) – a basic general law, rule or idea सिद्धान्त
28. **Airfield** (noun) – A place where planes take off and land हवाई अड्डा
29. **In the event of** (phrase) – if — happens. के होने पर, की अवस्था में
30. **Crew** (noun) – The men and women who man a vehicle (ship, aircraft, etc.) कर्मीदल
31. **Elaborate** (verb) – to give more details about something विस्तार में बताना
32. **Avian** (adjective) – Of or relating to Birds.
33. **Twilight** (noun) – The time of day immediately following sunset शाम
34. **Bird-rich** (adjective) – Of a region, having abundant birdlife. पक्षियों से भरपूर
35. **Diversion** (noun) – a different route which traffic can take when a road is closed मोड़
36. **Constitute** (verb) – form, establish, make, compose, institute बनाना
37. **Push the boundary of** (phrase) – to go beyond the limits of something; push the envelope, push the limits
38. **Episode** (noun) – incident, event, happening, occurrence, affair प्रकरण, घटना
39. **Highlight** (verb) – emphasize, stress, underline, spotlight, accentuate प्रमुखता से दिखाना
40. **Stringent** (adjective) – rigorous, strict, harsh, severe, rigid कठोर
41. **Directive** (noun) – order, injunction, decree, command, regulation आदेश
42. **Thorough** (adjective) – complete, total, comprehensive, absolute संपूर्ण, विस्तृत
43. **Probe** (noun) – Investigation, examination, study, inquiry, research, survey जांच
44. **Fence off** (phrasal verb) – to separate someone or something from something else with a fence or barrier. हटाना; अलग करना

Practice Exercise

Direction (Q1 – Q3): Select the best express synonym of the given words [Editorial page]

1. Their **entourage** are alleged to have ‘forcibly obtained take-off clearance’ close to sunset
 - A. Inert
 - B. Collusion
 - C. Associate
 - D. Perjury
2. Air safety is **paramount**, and politicians should not be allowed to pressure ATC officials
 - A. Corollary
 - B. Supreme
 - C. Austere
 - D. Agnostic
3. As a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization and bound by its **stringent** rules
 - A. Strict
 - B. Myopia
 - C. Proprietary
 - D. Viable
4. **Idioms & Phrase**

On top of losing my favorite present, the pool where I was having my party had to close down for the day. Worst birthday ever!

 - A. On the highest point or uppermost surface.
 - B. In addition to something
 - C. Take the opportunity
 - D. Appear promising but ultimately disappoint
5. **Direction: Six statements are given below, which are jumbled in any random order. These statements will form a coherent and meaningful paragraph, when arranged in the correct sequence. Arrange the sentences in the right order and answer the questions that follow.**

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P. However, imports continued to outpace exports, growing by 26.6% to broaden the goods trade deficit, which widened to \$20.07 billion from \$18.5 billion in March.

Q. Global crude oil prices have surged by more than 40% in 2022 in the wake of Russia’s war on Ukraine, swelling the import bill.

R. Emerging from a record export performance during the just-concluded financial year, outward shipments for the month rose 24.2% from a year earlier,

S. The trade deficit — the extent to which the import bill exceeds export receipts — worryingly breached \$200 billion for a rolling 12-month period for the first time in April,

T. impacted predominantly by petroleum imports of \$172 billion.

U. with electronics and chemicals showing healthy expansion, while petroleum products more than doubled.

Which among the following will be the **Fourth** sentence of the paragraph after the rearrangement?

- A. P B.S C.U D.Q E.R

Direction (Q6 – Q9): Read the given sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical error in them

6. A. Our country's performance in the last few national and international games is very ordinary and below our stature.
 B. We have fairly standard accounting procedures that are on the line with the internationally accepted norms.
 C. Intense fear blocks both the generation and expression of ideas.
 D. The call of the seas has always found an echo in me.
 E. All are correct
7. A. The government officials have met heads of commercial banks later this week to get their views on liquidity and growth in deposits.
 B. The company is negotiating new store launches at nearly half the rent.
 C. Her performance in the competition was very ordinary
 D. Hardly I had left home for Bombay when my son who is settled in Calcutta arrived without any prior information.
 E. All are correct
8. Now it can be easily said (A)/ that the population (B)/ of this city is greater than any (C) / other city in India. (D)/ No Error (E)
9. It is difficult (A)/ to explain (B)/ why did Rajgopalachari leave(C)/ the Congress in 1940. (D)/ No Error. (E)
10. **Find out the misspelt word**
 A. Predominantly
 B. Disconcertingly
 C. Conveargence
 D. Fledgling

Direction: Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

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The suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) **(A)/** by world governing body FIFA represents **(B)/** a depressing low in the annals **(C)/** of Indian sporting history. **(D)**

The collective **euphoria** over the nation's fine performance at the Commonwealth Games was yet to fully die down when FIFA, late on Monday, wielded the sledgehammer citing "undue interference by a third party". **(1)/** a new constitution after the previous executive committee was deemed to have overstayed its tenure. **(2)/** The third party in question was the Supreme Court of India-nominated Committee of Administrators (CoA), formed in May to temporarily assume charge of AIFF and finalise **(3)/** The bone of contention was CoA's decision to give players 50% representation — with voting rights — in the new AIFF Executive Committee, on a par with State associations. **(4)/** FIFA's recommendation was 25% and it **duly (A)** suspended AIFF, much to the **ignominy (B)** of the CoA,

which on Tuesday said that a middle ground was close to being found. The Court has now tasked the Union Government to **engage (C)** with FIFA to break the logjam so that India does not suffer the **chagrin (D)** of losing the hosting rights to the U-17 Women's World Cup in October. In addition, India's international friendlies, participation of its clubs in international competitions — Gokulam Kerala FC in the AFC Women's Club Championship and ATK Mohun Bagan in the AFC Cup — and developmental funds from FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation are all under threat. It may be argued that the CoA was _____**11**_____ in what prima facie appeared a good-faith attempt to make players equal stakeholders in AIFF. But what is undeniable is the role of the _____**12**_____ AIFF establishment, led by president Praful Patel, in triggering the crisis by holding on to power well past the 12-year tenure sanctioned by the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. Violation of norms concerning membership, age-limits and tenures as prescribed in the Sports Code is _____**13**_____ in Indian sports; table tennis, hockey and judo have all been placed under court-appointed administrators in 2022. On Tuesday, the Delhi High Court brought the Indian Olympic Association under a CoA, relying on the Supreme Court order in the AIFF matter. If one has to knock on the doors of the higher judiciary to enforce a government-mandated code adopted for the overall benefit and health of the sport, it points to a sorry state of affairs. At a time when India is diversifying its sporting culture and producing newer champions, it can _____**14**_____ administrators who bring the very game they claim to be custodians of into disrepute.

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word given in the option (From Q11 – Q14)

11. It may be argued that the CoA was _____**11**_____ in what prima facie appeared a good-faith attempt to make players equal stakeholders in AIFF.
 - A. Charlatan
 - B. Figurative
 - C. Hapless
 - D. Overzealous
12. But what is undeniable is the role of the _____**12**_____ AIFF establishment, led by president Praful Patel.
 - A. Alloy
 - B. Erstwhile
 - C. Censuring
 - D. Paucity
13. Violation of norms concerning membership, age-limits and tenures as prescribed in the Sports Code is _____**13**_____ in Indian sports; table tennis, hockey and judo have all been placed under court-appointed administrators in 2022.
 - A. Surrogate
 - B. Platitude
 - C. Compelling
 - D. Rampant
14. At a time when India is diversifying its sporting culture and producing newer champions, it can _____**14**_____ administrators who bring the very game they claim to be custodians of into disrepute.

- A. Ill-afford
B. Plethora
C. Artful
D. Parody
15. **The following sentence may or may not contain an error in one of its parts. Identify the part containing the error. If the sentence is correct, select 'No error' as your answers.**
The suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) **(A)**/ by world governing body FIFA represent **(B)**/ a depressing low in the annals **(C)**/ of Indian sporting history. **(D)**
- A. (A)
B. (B)
C. (C)
D. (D)
E. No Error
16. **Rearrange the sentence to form a meaningful sentence.**
The collective euphoria over the nation's fine performance at the Commonwealth Games was yet to fully die down when FIFA, late on Monday, wielded the sledgehammer citing "undue interference by a third party" **(1)**/ a new constitution after the previous executive committee was deemed to have overstayed its tenure **(2)**/ The third party in question was the Supreme Court of India-nominated Committee of Administrators (CoA), formed in May to temporarily assume charge of AIFF and finalise **(3)**/ The bone of contention was CoA's decision to give players 50% representation — with voting rights — in the new AIFF Executive Committee, on a par with State associations **(4)**
- A. 1324
B. 1342
C. 3214
D. 2143
E. 3241
17. Given below is a word, followed by three sentence that consist of that word. Identify the sentence (S) that best express (es) the meaning of the word. Choose option 5 'None of the above' if the word is not suitable in any of the sentence
- EUPHORIA**
- (i) There was **euphoria** when the election result was announced.
(ii) In the initial stages a degree of nationalistic **euphoria** disguised a series of political tensions.
(iii) However, the same **euphoria** also exposed problems when post-war realities failed to match up to pre-1918 expectations.
- A. Only (i)
B. Only (ii)
C. Only (iii)
D. (i), (ii)

E. All are correct

18. In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be placed in the correct order. Four options with different arrangements of these have been provided. Mark the option with the correct arrangement as the answer. If no rearrangement is required, mark option (5) as your answer.

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A. C – A

B. A – D

C. B – D

D. D – C

E. No arrangement

19. Select the connector from the given options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same as expressed in the statement sentence.

(i) She was chosen as commencement speaker

(ii) The fact that she was an alumna of the school.

A. Whereas

B. Although

C. While

D. On account of

E. As opposed to

20. Fill the appropriate preposition in the given blanks

The refugee encampments will provide some respite _____ the suffering

A. Of

B. From

C. With

D. To

Answers

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. B 5. B 6. B 7. D 8. C 9. C 10. C 11. D 12. B
 13. D 14. A 15. B 16. A 17. E 18. C 19. D 20. B

[\[Practice Exercise\]](#)

Explanations

4. **On top of** (phrase) – In addition to something. के अलावा
 5. **RUPSTQ**

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6. 'on the line' के बदले 'in line' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'be in line with' = 'be in agreement with' (के साथ सहमत होना) तथा 'be out of line with' = 'be in disagreement with' (के साथ असहमत होना) होता है; जैसे -

- i. She is in line with my proposal.
- ii. He is out of line with my proposal.

➤ 'in line' will be substituted for 'on the line' as 'be in line with' = 'be in agreement with' (agree with) and 'be out of line with' = 'be in disagreement with' (to disagree with); Such as

- i. She is in line with my proposal.
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7. 'Hardly I had' के बदले 'Hardly had I' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'Hardly Scarcely/Seldom/Never/ Never before/ no sooner' से शुरू होने वाले वाक्यों में Inversion का प्रयोग होता है, अर्थात् [Subject के पहले Auxiliary Verb का प्रयोग होता है]; जैसे-

- i. Hardly had he reached home when it started raining.

➤ 'Hardly I had' will be replaced with 'Hardly had I' because inversion is used in the sentences beginning with 'Hardly Scarcely/Seldom/Never/ Never before/ no sooner', i.e. [Auxiliary Verb is used before Subject]; As-

- i. Hardly had he reached home when it started raining.

8. 'than any' के बदले 'than that of any' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि तुलना 'the population of this city' तथा 'the population of any other city' के बीच है, और 'the population of any other city' में प्रयुक्त 'the

population' के बदले Pronoun 'that' का प्रयोग करने से यह 'that of any other city' के रूप प्रयुक्त होता है।

➤ 'than any' shall be replaced with 'than that of any' because the comparison is between 'the population of this city' and 'the population of any other city', Using the Pronoun 'that' instead of 'the population' used in 'that of any other city'.

9. 'why did Rajgopalachari leave' के बदले 'why Rajgopalachari left' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि Part (B) में प्रयुक्त शब्द-समूह Question नहीं है, बल्कि Statement का हिस्सा है और Part (C) में प्रयुक्त शब्द-समूह Part (B) में प्रयुक्त Verb 'explain' के Object का काम करेगा जिसमें 'why + Subject+ Verb' का क्रम एक Noun Clause बनाएगा; जैसे-

i. He will explain why Mr. Sinha failed in this project.

➤ 'why did Rajgopalachari leave' will be replaced with 'why Rajgopalachari left' because the word-group used in Part (B) is not a Question, but is part of the Statement and the word-group used in Part (C) The Verb used in Part (B) will act as the object of 'explain' in which the sequence of 'why + Subject + Verb' will form a Noun Clause; As-

ii. He will explain why Mr. Sinha failed in this project.

10. **Convergence** (noun) – coming together, confluence, conjunction, junction, abutment **संमिलन**
 11. **Overzealous** (adjective) – extreme, fanatical, overzealous, over-enthusiastic, extremist, violent **अति-उत्साही**
 12. **Erstwhile** (adjective) – former, old, past, one-time, sometime, **भूतपूर्व**
 13. **Rampant** (adjective) – uncontrolled, unrestrained, unchecked, unbridled **अनियंत्रित**
 14. **Ill-afford** (phrase) – to be unable to afford
 15. Replace 'Represent' with 'Represent' as the subject of the sentence is singular (i.e. Suspension)
 16. (A) **1324**

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17. **Euphoria** (noun) – elation, happiness, joy, joyousness, delight, glee **उत्साह**

According to the given options all options are contextually correct.

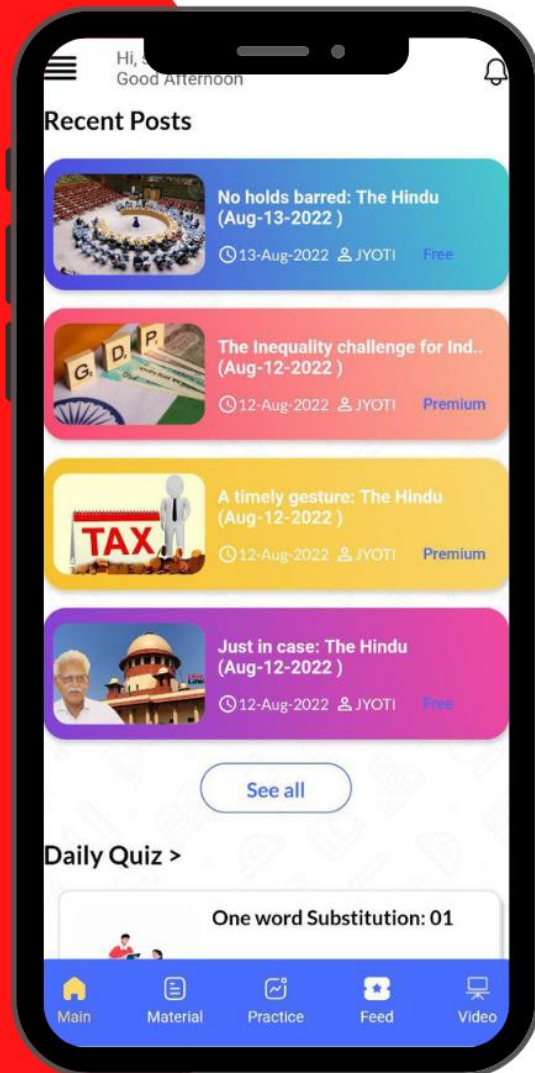
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Explanation of other important words

Sr.NO	Words		Meanings	
Q1	Inert	adjective	Inactive; sluggish; not reacting chemically	निष्क्रिय
	Collusion	noun	Conspiracy; secret cooperation	मिलीभगत, कपटसंधि
	Perjury	noun	Lying under oath	झूठा साक्ष्य
Q2	Corollary	noun	Something that follows; a natural consequences	स्वाभाविक परिणाम
	Austere	adjective	Unadorned; Stern; Forbidding; without excess	कठोर, कट्टर, कठिन, सीधा-सादा
	Agnostic	noun	One who believes that the existence of a god can be neither proven or disproven	अनीश्वरवादी, संशयवादी
Q3	Myopia	adjective	Nearsightedness; lack of foresight	निकट दृष्टि दोष
	Proprietary	adjective	Characteristics of an owner of property; constituting property	मालिकाना
	Viable	adjective	Capable of living; workable	व्यवहार्य
Q11	Charlatan	noun	Fraud; Quack; con man	मायावी, झूठा, धोखेबाज़
	Figurative	adjective	Based on figures of speech; expressing something in terms usually used for something else; metaphorical.	आलंकारिक, औपचारिक
	Hapless	adjective	Unlucky	अभागी
Q12	Alloy	noun	A combination of two or more things, usually metals	मिश्र धातु
	Censure	verb	To condemn severely for being something bad	निंदा
	Paucity	noun	Scarcity	कमी
Q13	Surrogate	adjective	Substitute	प्रतिनिधि
	Platitude	noun	A dull or trite remark; a cliché	गंभीर टिप्पणी
	Compelling	adjective	Forceful; causing to yield	सम्मोहक, प्रभावी
Q14	Plethora	noun	An excess	बहुतायत
	Artful	adjective	Crafty; wily; sly	धूर्त, कपटी
	Parody	noun	A satirical imitation	हास्यानुकृति



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