

Making every drop count: On the Jal Jeevan Mission

The **infrastructure** created as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission must be **long-lasting**

One of the most significant **commitments** of the Narendra Modi government **is** to **ensure piped water** to every rural household by 2024. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, led by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, **10.2 crore rural households**, or about 53% of the eligible population, now **have** tap water access. **This**, the Government claims, **is** a 37-percentage point rise from 2019 when the scheme was announced, where its **stated** aim is to ensure at least 55 litres per person per day of **potable** water to every rural household — which **implies** a **mere** connection does not **suffice**. The **Government commissions** annual surveys to **evaluate** the success of the scheme. **A recent audit**, by a private agency, **found** that **around 62%** of rural households in India **had** fully functional tap water connections within their **premises**. A **report** of a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources in March, based on numbers provided by the **nodal** Jal Shakti Ministry, **stated** that 46% households had such fully functional tap water connections. It is important to note that for the purposes of the survey, only 3% of rural households were **surveyed** by the agency for the updated numbers and so the **margin** of error may be **substantial** and **subject to** the way the survey was designed. If the numbers are accurate, however, this represents an impressive rise in potable, tap water accessibility and suggests that the mission is well on its way to **meeting** its 2024 target.

The survey, however, revealed wide **disparities** in achievement. Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Goa and Puducherry reported more than 80% of households with fully functional connections while less than half the households in Rajasthan, Kerala, Manipur, Tripura, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim had such connections. About 75% of households received water all days of the week, and only 8% just once a week. On average, households got water for three hours every day. **Moreover**, the report mentions a problem of chlorine **contamination**. Though 93% of the water samples were **reportedly** free of **bacteriological** contamination, most of the anganwadi centres and schools had higher than the **permissible** range of **residual chlorine**. The COVID-19 pandemic **disrupted** the progress of the scheme but with the economy now close to **pre-pandemic** levels, it is likely that the **challenges** of labour and material **have softened somewhat** to **aid** the progress of the scheme. The Centre should **liaise** better with States that are falling behind in targets and ensure that the **infrastructure** created as part of the scheme **is** long lasting and not **merely** to meet election targets. [Practice Exercise]

- **Commission** (verb) – to choose someone to do a piece of work, or to have a piece of work done कार्य करना
- **Audit** (noun) – Investigation, examination
- Red/blue coloring of words in the sentence indicates subject verb relationship; where 'red' denotes 'subject' and 'blue' denotes 'verb'

Vocabulary

1. **Every drop count** (phrase) – it refers to the importance of water on this planet.
2. **Infrastructure** (noun) – the basic systems and services that are necessary for a country or an organization, for example buildings, transport, and water and power supplies
आधारभूत संरचना
3. **Long-lasting** (adjective) – durable, lasting, enduring, abiding, permanent लंबे समय तक चलने वाला
4. **Commitment** (noun) – Pledge, promise, vow, warrant, guarantee वायदा
5. **Ensure** (verb) – Make sure, make certain सुनिश्चित करना
6. **Piped water** (noun) – tap water from the distribution lines of a piped-water supply station
7. **Stated** (adjective) – declared, affirmed, avowed, acknowledged, assured, known कथित
8. **Potable** (adjective) – Drinkable, clean, filtered, drinking पेय
9. **Imply** (verb) – suggest, infer, hint at, indicate, denote, mean सूचित करना
10. **Mere** (adjective) – Only, just मात्र, केवल
11. **Suffice** (verb) – Be sufficient, be enough, be adequate पर्याप्त होना
12. **Evaluate** (verb) – Assess, gauge, estimate, calculate, weigh, value मूल्यांकन करना
13. **Premises** (noun) – property, buildings, building, place, site परिसर
14. **Nodal** (adjective) – Principal, important, main, chief प्रधान
15. **Survey** (verb) – Examine, review, study, inspect, investigate, assess, analyze, appraise, scrutinize, evaluate सर्वेक्षण करना
16. **Margin** (noun) – the amount or degree of difference between a higher amount and a lower amount गुंजाइश
17. **Substantial** (adjective) – Considerable, large, extensive, significant, important, ample, sizable, plentiful भरपूर
18. **Subject** (to) (adjective) – depending on something as a condition (शर्त के रूप में) किसी बात पर निर्भर
19. **Meet** (verb) – Fulfill, achieve, accomplish, live up to पूरा करना
20. **Disparity** (noun) – Difference, inequality, discrepancy, disproportion, gap, inconsistency, incongruence विषमता
21. **Moreover** (adverb) – Furthermore, besides, also, additionally, likewise इसके अलावा

22. **Contamination** (noun) – the process of making something dirty or poisonous, दूषण, दूषितकरण
23. **Reportedly** (adverb) – allegedly, supposedly, apparently, putatively, purportedly कथित तौर पर
24. **Bacteriological** (adjective) – bacteriologic, bacterial, microbial, biological
25. **Permissible** (adjective) – allowable, admissible, lawful, permitted, मुनासिब, जायज़
26. **Residual chlorine** (noun) – the amount of chlorine that remains in the water after a certain period or contact time.
27. **Disrupt** (verb) – disturb, interrupt, upset, disorder बाधित करना
28. **Pre**–(prefix) – before पूर्व
29. **Soften** (verb) – Lessen, reduce, allay, weaken, moderate, temper, mitigate, alleviate नम्र करना
30. **Somewhat** (adverb) – Rather, slightly, fairly, to some extent कुछ हद तक
31. **Aid** (verb) – help, support, assist, assistance, encourage सहारा देना
32. **Liaise** (verb) – communicate, contact, intercede, mediate, arbitrate संबंध स्थापित करना
33. **Merely** (adverb) – simply, only, just, solely केवल

Practice Exercise

Direction (Q1 – Q3): Select the best express synonym of the given words

[Editorial page]

1. The survey, however, revealed wide disparities in achievement
 - A. Fetter
 - B. Effusion
 - C. Discrepancy
 - D. Portent
2. The report mentions a problem of chlorine contamination.
 - A. Adulteration
 - B. Adverse
 - C. Infer
 - D. Orthodox
3. It is likely that the challenges of labour and material have softened somewhat to aid the progress of the scheme.
 - A. Moderate
 - B. Pernicious
 - C. Itinerant
 - D. Surreptitious
4. **Idioms & Phrase**

The two candidates are so close in the polls that both are vying for something that will tilt the scale in their favor.

 - A. Meet the requirements or expectations of
 - B. To imagine that someone else experiences one's feelings, especially one's guilt or anger
 - C. To relax and stop being careful and alert.
 - D. To change the balance of a situation, such that one side or element is favored or gains advantage
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. The U.S. once again faced the grim consequences of its unwillingness to tackle gun violence at its source when a man shot dead at least 19 children and two adults, including a teacher, at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.**
 - P. when a former student of the school in Parkland, Florida, opened fire, killing 17 people and wounding 17 others.
 - Q. A similar major shooting that led to outrage yet saw no permanent reform in guns laws occurred at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012, in which 20 first graders and six school employees perished.
 - R. Last year witnessed 34 school shootings, the highest number during this period; there were 24 incidents each in 2019 and 2018 and 10 in 2020.

S. Overall, there have been at least 26 school shootings in 2022 alone and at least 118 incidents since 2018, according to reports that have tracked this statistic over the past four years.

T. The Uvalde tragedy has also shaken the nation for it comes scarcely 10 days after a shooting at a supermarket store in Buffalo, New York, which officials described as a racist hate crime, claiming 10 lives.

U. The shooting marks the worst such attack in the U.S. since the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School attack in 2018,

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

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

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

6. A. He did not approve of his son's raising stupid questions and thereby vexing the teacher.
B. America's problems are, however, not so serious and awful as India's.
C. My uncle has left for Bombay on the last Sunday.
D. Your tone of speaking as well as your friends' is really extremely sarcastic yet we never take it seriously.
E. All are correct
7. A. The Finance Minister boasts of improving the economic condition of the country.
B. The life of the rich is not in many ways as peaceful as that of the poor.
C. Don't think you can deceive me like you did my brother.
D. For your sake as well as for your wife's we all wish that you may get that job.
E. All are correct
8. Many a student (A)/ have passed (B)/ the I.I.T examination. (C)/ No error (D)
9. On the time (A)/ of the opening ceremony of the theatre (B)/ a large crowd had assembled (C)/ No error (D)
10. **Find out the misspelt word**
- A. Underrate
B. Upholstery
C. Tyrany
D. Relevant

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

(The Hindu Editorial: Sporting trouble – Aug 24, 2022)

The Supreme Court of India's order on Monday terminating (A)/ the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) (B)/ to temporarily manage the All India Football Federation (AIFF) are set to (C)/ pave the way for ending India's international isolation. (D)

Both these conditions have been met, alongside key amendments to the draft constitution as desired by FIFA – limiting the electoral college to just State association nominees and instead giving players representation as nominated members in the Executive Committee. (1)/ There are still points of

friction over calculation of term limits and the 'one person, one post' principle in the draft constitution. **(2)/** But these are unlikely to **foil** India's rehabilitation and its attempts to win back U-17 Women's World Cup hosting rights. **(3)/** World football's governing body FIFA had suspended the AIFF on August 15 citing "undue interference from a third party" and made a decision reversal conditional on the full repeal of the CoA's mandate and the handing back of the AIFF's daily affairs to the AIFF administration. **(4)/** There are **apprehensions (A)** that the **nullify (B)** of the CoA will have an impact on other sports such as hockey and table tennis, which are also functioning under court-appointed committees. But it is to be noted that the Court merely ended the CoA's **tenure (C)** and did not **disbanding (D)** all of its actions. The AIFF will still be guided by the draft constitution the CoA helped finalise, albeit with a few amendments.

While the AIFF seems to have weathered the storm, the suspension, however brief it may turn out to be, has come at an enormous cost for the women of Gokulam Kerala FC, whose dreams of competing in their _____ **11** _____ AFC Asian Women's Club Championship were shattered. The Union Sports Ministry should play a more active role in ensuring that the athletes and the sport are protected. The whole saga has its roots in the erstwhile AIFF establishment's non-adherence to the National Sports Development Code for 18 months. The Sports Code is a government-mandated regulation, and the onus is on the Ministry to crack the whip on _____ **12** _____ federations. But it seemingly did not act until the matter reached the highest court and it sensed that India would lose out on the World Cup. As in the case of the AIFF, the Indian Olympic Association has been in the dock and the Delhi High Court _____ **13** _____ placed it under a CoA. The Supreme Court has since ordered status quo for at least four more weeks. It would be _____ **14** _____ for all stakeholders to use this time to put the house in order.

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

11. While the AIFF seems to have weathered the storm, the suspension, however brief it may turn out to be, has come at an enormous cost for the women of Gokulam Kerala FC, whose dreams of competing in their _____ **11** _____ AFC Asian Women's Club Championship were shattered.
- A. Congenial
 - B. Maiden
 - C. Provident
 - D. Circumscribe
12. The Sports Code is a government-mandated regulation, and the onus is on the Ministry to crack the whip on _____ **12** _____ federations.
- A. Erring
 - B. Largess
 - C. Debilitating
 - D. Distinguishing
13. As in the case of the AIFF, the Indian Olympic Association has been in the dock and the Delhi High Court _____ **13** _____ placed it under a CoA.
- A. Penchant
 - B. Futile

- C. Duly
D. Enervating
14. It would be _____ 14 _____ for all stakeholders to use this time to put the house in order.
A. Ambience
B. Terse
C. Prudent
D. Poignant
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 Supreme Court of India's order on Monday terminating **(A)**/ the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) **(B)**/ to temporarily manage the All India Football Federation (AIFF) are set to **(C)**/ pave the way for ending India's international isolation. **(D)**
A. (A)
B. (B)
C. (C)
D. (D)
E. No Error
16. **Rearrange the sentence to form a meaningful sentence.**
Both these conditions have been met, alongside key amendments to the draft constitution as desired by FIFA – limiting the electoral college to just State association nominees and instead giving players representation as nominated members in the Executive Committee. **(1)**/ There are still points of friction over calculation of term limits and the 'one person, one post' principle in the draft constitution. **(2)**/ But these are unlikely to foil India's rehabilitation and its attempts to win back U-17 Women's World Cup hosting rights. **(3)**/ World football's governing body FIFA had suspended the AIFF on August 15 citing "undue interference from a third party" and made a decision reversal conditional on the full repeal of the CoA's mandate and the handing back of the AIFF's daily affairs to the AIFF administration. **(4)**/
A. 3421
B. 1234
C. 4231
D. 4123
E. 2143
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
FOIL
(i) The campsite is **foil** in the middle of a pine forest.
(ii) An attempted coup against the country's military ruler was **foiled** yesterday.
(iii) We had **foiled** eggs for breakfast.
A. Only (i)

- B. Only (ii)
- C. Only (iii)
- D. (i), (ii)
- E. (ii), (iii)

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.

There are **apprehensions (A)** that the **nullify (B)** of the CoA will have an impact on other sports such as hockey and table tennis, which are also functioning under court-appointed committees. But it is to be noted that the Court merely ended the CoA's **tenure (C)** and did not **disbanding (D)** all of its actions.

- 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) Both the siblings were mentally unstable on
 - (ii) Their disturbed childhood
- A. Whereas
 - B. On account of
 - C. Due to
 - D. Unless
 - E. As opposed to

20. Fill the appropriate preposition in the given blanks

Being spiritual he is disgusted _____ materials lie life.

- A. Of
- B. With
- C. From
- D. To

Answers

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

[Practice Exercise]

Explanations

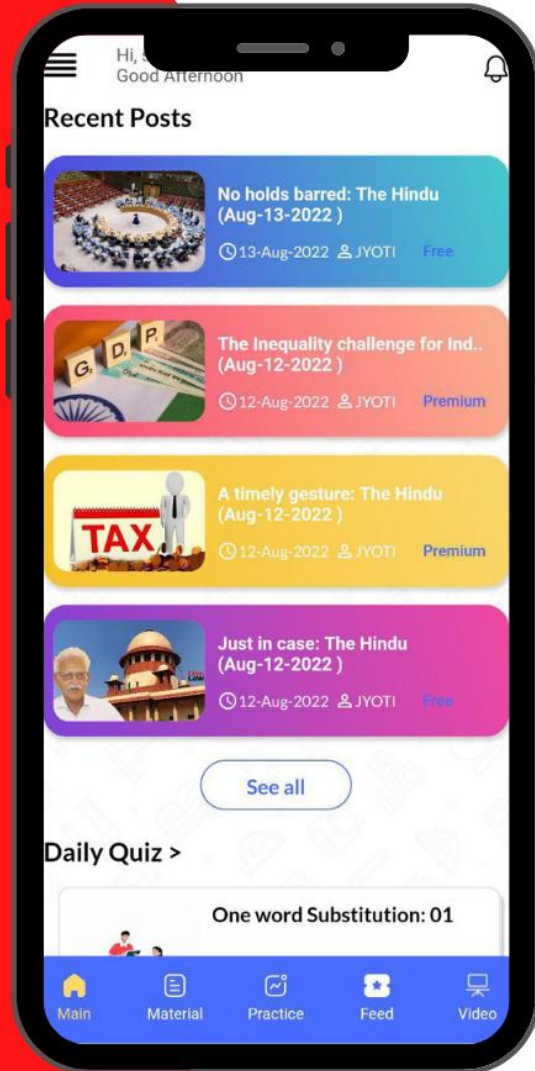
4. **Tilt the scale**(phrase)–To change the balance of a situation, such that one side or element is favored or gains advantage किसी के पक्ष में झुकना
5. **UPQTSR**
 The U.S. once again faced the grim consequences of its unwillingness to tackle gun violence at its source when a man shot dead at least 19 children and two adults, including a teacher, at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. The shooting marks the worst such attack in the U.S. since the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School attack in 2018, when a former student of the school in Parkland, Florida, opened fire, killing 17 people and wounding 17 others. A similar major shooting that led to outrage yet saw no permanent reform in guns laws occurred at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012, in which 20 first graders and six school employees perished. The Uvalde tragedy has also shaken the nation for it comes scarcely 10 days after a shooting at a supermarket store in Buffalo, New York, which officials described as a racist hate crime, claiming 10 lives. Overall, there have been at least 26 school shootings in 2022 alone and at least 118 incidents since 2018, according to reports that have tracked this statistic over the past four years. Last year witnessed 34 school shootings, the highest number during this period; there were 24 incidents each in 2019 and 2018 and 10 in 2020.
6. 'has left' के बदले 'left' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'last Sunday' से पता चलता है कि घटना past की है, और past में घटी किसी घटना के लिए simple past का प्रयोग होता है।
 ➤ 'has left' will be used instead of 'left' because 'last Sunday' shows that the event is of the past, and simple past is used for any event that happened in the past.
7. 'like' के बदले 'as' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'like + object' का प्रयोग होता है जबकि 'as + subject + verb'; जैसे -
 i. She looks like me/her mother.
 ii. You help her as you did Mohan.
 ➤ 'as' will be used instead of 'like' because 'like + object' is used while 'as + subject + verb';
 like -
 i. She looks like me/her mother.
 ii. You help her as you did Mohan.
8. 'have' के बदले 'has' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'many a/an' के साथ singular countable noun तथा singular verb का प्रयोग होता है।
 ➤ 'has' will be used instead of 'have' because 'many a/an' is used with singular countable noun and singular verb.
9. 'On' के बदले 'at' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'At the time of something' का प्रयोग होता है।

➤ 'At' will be used instead of 'On' because 'At the time of something' is used.

10. **Tyranny** (noun) – cruel and oppressive government or rule. अत्याचार
11. **Maiden** (adjective) – first, initial, inaugural, introductory, initiatory प्रथम, पहला
12. **Erring** (adjective) – offending, guilty, culpable, misbehaving, delinquent, lawless गलती करने वाले
13. **Duly** (adverb) – properly, correctly, in due manner, rightly विधिवत
14. **Prudent** (adjective) – wise, well judged, judicious, sagacious, sage बुद्धिमान, विवेकी
15. 'Are' के बदले 'is' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि Subject 'Singular' (i.e. order) है
16. (D) **4123**
World football's governing body FIFA had suspended the AIFF on August 15 citing "undue interference from a third party" and made a decision reversal conditional on the full repeal of the CoA's mandate and the handing back of the AIFF's daily affairs to the AIFF administration. Both these conditions have been met, alongside key amendments to the draft constitution as desired by FIFA – limiting the electoral college to just State association nominees and instead giving players representation as nominated members in the Executive Committee. There are still points of friction over calculation of term limits and the 'one person, one post' principle in the draft constitution. But these are unlikely to foil India's rehabilitation and its attempts to win back U-17 Women's World Cup hosting rights.
17. **Foil** (verb) – thwart, frustrate, counter, oppose; stop, check, block, prevent, defeat परास्त करना, विफल करना
According to the given options only (ii) is contextually correct.
Because the (i) and (iii) sentences are not giving any meaning and correct sentences should be like
The campsite is set in the middle of a pine forest.
We had poached eggs for breakfast.
18. There are apprehensions that the disbanding of the CoA will have an impact on other sports such as hockey and table tennis, which are also functioning under court-appointed committees. But it is to be noted that the Court merely ended the CoA's tenure and did not nullify all of its actions.
19. Both the siblings were mentally unstable **on account of** their disturbed childhood.

Explanation of other important words

Sr.NO	Words		Meanings	
Q1	Fetter	verb	To restrain; to hamper	रोकना, बेड़ी डालना
	Effusion	noun	A pouring forth	बहाव, रिसाव
	Portent	noun	An omen; a sign of something coming in the future	लक्षण
Q2	Adverse	adjective	Unfavorable; Antagonistic	प्रतिकूल, विपरीत,
	Infer	verb	To conclude; to deduce	अनुमान करना
	Orthodox	adjective	Conventional; adhering to established principles or doctrines, especially in religion; by the book	रूढ़िवादी
Q3	Pernicious	adjective	Deadly; extremely evil	हानिकारक
	Itinerant	adjective	Moving from place to place	चलनेवाला
	Surreptitious	adjective	Sneaky; secret	छल से किया हुआ
Q11	Congenial	adjective	Agreeably suitable; pleasant	अनुकूल, सौहार्दपूर्ण
	Provident	adjective	Preparing for the future; providing for the future; frugal	चौकस
	Circumscribe	verb	To draw a line around; to set limit; to define; to restrict	प्रतिबंध लगाना, शर्त लगाना, पाबंदी लगाना
Q12	Largess	noun	Generous giving of gifts; generosity; philanthropy	उदारता
	Debilitate	verb	To weaken; to cripple	दुर्बल करना
	Distinguish	verb	To tell apart; to cause to stand out	अंतर करना, भेद करना
Q13	Penchant	noun	A strong taste or liking for something; a predilection	लगन
	Futile	adjective	Useless; hopeless	व्यर्थ, निष्फल
	Enervate	verb	To reduce the strength or energy or, especially to do so gradually	कमजोर करना,
Q14	Ambience	noun	Atmosphere; mood; feeling	माहौल
	Terse	adjective	Using no unnecessary words; succinct	संक्षिप्त
	Poignant	adjective	Painfully emotional; extremely moving; sharp or astute	मार्मिक



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