

India's remittances

By **clocking** over \$111 billion in inward **remittances** in 2022, India has **firmly established** itself as the world's largest recipient. This **accomplishment** not only **underscores** the crucial role of Indian migrant workers globally but also **highlights** the significance of remittances in **sustaining economies**. The International Organisation for Migration's World Migration Report 2024 lists India, Mexico, China, the Philippines and France as the top remittance recipient countries. India's **steady ascent on this score** **reflects** the **enduring ties** between the **expatriates** and their homeland.

While celebrating this achievement, it's **imperative** to recognise the challenges faced by migrants. The UN report highlights the risks of financial **exploitation**, excessive **debt** due to migration costs, **xenophobia** and workplace abuse that continue to **plague** migrant communities. In the Gulf Cooperation Council states, where a significant number of Indian migrants **reside**, violations of rights **persist**. The Covid-19 pandemic has **exacerbated** the **vulnerabilities** of migrant workers, especially low-skilled labourers and those in the **informal sector**. Loss of jobs, **wage theft** and a lack of **social security** have **plunged** many into deep insecurity and debt. The **phenomenon** of reverse internal migration **signals** a significant shift in labour **dynamics**, impacting industries **reliant on** migrant workers.



The report also reveals trends in international student **mobility**, with China and India emerging as key source countries. The changing **landscape** of migration **necessitates** **concerted** efforts to protect the rights and **wellbeing** of migrant people. **Addressing** issues such as labour exploitation and access to social protection, and ensuring safe and **orderly** migration pathways are imperative for **sustainable** development and **inclusive** growth. [Practice Exercise]

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

Vocabulary

1. **Clock** (verb) – Record, measure, log, track, register दर्ज करना
2. **Remittance** (noun) – Transfer, payment, transmission, sending, dispatch प्रेषण
3. **Firmly** (adverb) – Securely, solidly, strongly, sturdily, steadfastly मजबूती से
4. **Established** (adjective) – Set up, founded, instituted, created, organized स्थापित
5. **Accomplishment** (noun) – Achievement, success, feat, attainment, realization उपलब्धि
6. **Underscore** (verb) – Emphasize, highlight, underline, stress, accentuate जोर देना
7. **Highlight** (verb) – Emphasize, accentuate, spotlight, feature, stress प्रमुखता से दिखाना
8. **Sustain** (verb) – Maintain, support, uphold, continue, preserve बनाए रखना
9. **Economies** (noun) – Countries in terms of GDP अर्थव्यवस्थाएं
10. **Steady** (adjective) – Stable, constant, unchanging, firm, even स्थिर
11. **Ascent** (on) (noun) – Climb, rise, elevation, increase, advancement वृद्धि
12. **On this score** (phrase) – so far as a particular thing is concerned. जहां तक किसी खास चीज का सवाल है
13. **Reflect** (verb) – Mirror, indicate, show, demonstrate, express दिखाना
14. **Enduring** (adjective) – Lasting, durable, persistent, long-standing, permanent टिकाऊ
15. **Ties** (noun) – Bonds, connections, links, relationships, associations संबंध
16. **Expatriate** (noun) – Emigrant, exile, migrant, non-resident, overseas resident प्रवासी
17. **Imperative** (adjective) – Crucial, essential, necessary, urgent, mandatory अनिवार्य
18. **Exploitation** (noun) – Abuse, misuse, manipulation, utilization, taking advantage शोषण
19. **Debt** (noun) – Liability, obligation, financial burden, dues, deficit कर्ज
20. **Xenophobia** (noun) – the fear or dislike of anything which is perceived as being foreign or strange. विदेशी लोगों को न पसन्द करना
21. **Plague** (verb) – Afflict, torment, trouble, harass, beset सताना

22. **Reside** (verb) – Live, dwell, inhabit, occupy, stay निवास करना
23. **Persist** (verb) – Continue, endure, remain, keep up, persevere बने रहना
24. **Exacerbate** (verb) – Worsen, aggravate, intensify, amplify, heighten बिगड़ना
25. **Vulnerability** (noun) – Susceptibility, risk, exposure, weakness, sensitivity संवेदनशीलता
26. **Informal sector** (noun) – the part of any economy that is neither taxed nor monitored by any form of government. अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र
27. **Wage theft** (noun) – It occurs when employers do not pay workers according to the law
28. **Social security** (noun) – Welfare, benefits, social insurance, public assistance, social safety net सामाजिक सुरक्षा
29. **Plunge** (verb) – Dive, drop, fall, descend, plummet गिरना
30. **Phenomenon** (noun) – Occurrence, event, fact, circumstance, situation घटना
31. **Signal** (verb) – Indicate, signify, denote, suggest, point to संकेत देना
32. **Dynamics** (noun) – the forces or properties which stimulate growth, development, or change within a system or process. गतिकी
33. **Reliant** (on) (adjective) – Dependent, reliant, conditional, contingent, reliant पर निर्भर
34. **Mobility** (noun) – Movement, motion, ability to move, travel, transportability गतिशीलता
35. **Landscape** (noun) – Scenery, terrain, environment, setting, vista परिदृश्य
36. **Necessitate** (verb) – Require, demand, call for, entail, make necessary आवश्यक बनाना
37. **Concerted** (adjective) – Coordinated, joint, collective, combined, unified संयुक्त
38. **Wellbeing** (noun) – Welfare, health, happiness, prosperity, well-being कल्याण
39. **Address** (verb) – Tackle, handle, confront, deal with, attend to सुलझाना, निपटाना
40. **Orderly** (adverb) – Systematically, neatly, organizedly, methodically, tidily व्यवस्थित रूप से
41. **Sustainable** (adjective) – Viable, maintainable, eco-friendly, long-lasting, renewable टिकाऊ
42. **Inclusive** (adjective) – Comprehensive, all-embracing, broad, wide-ranging, extensive समावेशी

Summary of the Editorial

1. India received over \$111 billion in inward remittances in 2022, making it the world's largest recipient.
2. This achievement highlights the important role Indian migrant workers play globally.
3. Remittances are significant for sustaining economies, as evident in their impact on India.
4. The World Migration Report 2024 by the International Organisation for Migration lists India among the top countries for remittances, alongside Mexico, China, the Philippines, and France.
5. India's position as a top recipient reflects strong connections between Indian expatriates and their homeland.
6. While the financial contributions are celebrated, it's crucial to address the challenges migrants face.
7. Migrants endure financial exploitation, high migration costs leading to excessive debt, xenophobia, and workplace abuse.
8. The Gulf Cooperation Council states, a major destination for Indian migrants, are noted for rights violations.
9. The Covid-19 pandemic has heightened vulnerabilities for migrant workers, particularly those who are low-skilled or in the informal sector.
10. The pandemic led to job losses, wage theft, and a lack of social security, causing severe insecurity and debt for many migrants.
11. There has been a noticeable trend of reverse internal migration, affecting industries dependent on migrant labor.
12. The report also discusses the rise in international student mobility, with China and India being the primary source countries.
13. The changing migration landscape calls for protective measures for the rights and wellbeing of migrants.
14. Addressing labour exploitation and ensuring access to social protection are vital.
15. Ensuring safe and orderly migration pathways is essential for sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Practice Exercise: SSC Pattern Based

1. **Which of the following can be inferred about the contribution of Indian migrants to the global economy?** [Editorial Page]
 - A. Indian migrants predominantly support the technological advancements in Western countries, leading to a direct increase in remittances.
 - B. Indian migrants play a crucial role in global workforce dynamics, significantly impacting the economies from which they send remittances.
 - C. The success of Indian migrants is mainly attributed to the educational policies of India that focus on international employability.
 - D. Indian migrants have led to a decrease in unemployment rates in the Gulf Cooperation Council states through various innovative business ventures.
2. **What can be inferred about the challenges faced by Indian migrants based on the passage?**
 - A. Migrant workers primarily face challenges related to cultural assimilation and language barriers in their host countries.
 - B. The primary challenge for Indian migrants is securing high-level positions in multinational corporations abroad.
 - C. Indian migrants are often subjected to financial exploitation and lack adequate social security, leading to significant personal insecurities.
 - D. The challenges faced by Indian migrants are negligible compared to the financial benefits they gain from working abroad.
3. **What is the tone of the passage?**
 - A. Optimistic
 - B. Analytical
 - C. Pessimistic
 - D. Indifferent
4. **What is the main theme of the passage?**
 - A. The educational advancements in India
 - B. The impact of remittances on India's economy and the challenges faced by migrants
 - C. The cultural diversity of Indian migrants
 - D. The technological advancements in the migration sector
5. **What is a synonym for "accomplishment" as used in the passage regarding India's remittances?**
 - A. Failure
 - B. Achievement
 - C. Attempt
 - D. Start
6. **What is an antonym for "imperative" as used in the passage about recognizing challenges faced by migrants?**
 - A. Essential
 - B. Optional
 - C. Crucial

D. Fundamental**Comprehension:**

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

A major challenge for any country's TB elimination programme _____1_____ to make sure that cases are reported. A patient falling outside the screening and treatment network is not only harmful to the individual concerned, it also ___2___ her contacts to the risk of infection.

Under-reporting of cases has, for long, been a major hurdle for India's anti-TB programme. It's, therefore, assuring that the latest factsheet on the disease in the country, the India TB Report 2024, shows that the gap between the estimated number and actual TB cases is closing. India has _____3_____ its 2023 target of initiating treatment in 95 per cent of patients diagnosed with the infection.

The government has set an ambitious target to eliminate the disease in the country by next year. Despite the anti-TB programme's appreciable success in the past two years, the country does not seem to be _____4_____ attain this target. The disease's multi-drug resistant (MDR) version has assumed epidemic proportions.

7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.

- A. are
- B. is
- C. was
- D. were

8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.

- A. premises
- B. Dispossess
- C. exposes
- D. assess

9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.

- A. attained
- B. unrestrained
- C. constrained
- D. assigned

10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4

- A. on course to
- B. par for the course
- C. on the rise
- D. be in the lead

11. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

- A. Moreover, electoral compulsions are likely to come into play in poll-bound Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

- B. The situation may worsen as the governments of both states are keen to avoid a confrontation with the farmers, who have been on the warpath since last year in protest against the three Central farm laws.
- C. With the onset of paddy procurement, the eco-unfriendly practice of stubble burning has reappeared in parts of north India.
- D. US space agency NASA's satellite images have shown scores of farm fires in Punjab and Haryana in the first week of October itself.
- A. DACB
B. CDBA
C. DABC
D. ABCD
12. **What is a synonym for the word "dissonance"?**
- A. Harmony
B. Accord
C. Discrepancy
D. Consonance
13. **Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined words in the following sentence.**
The health-care system is in transition at those moment.
- A. at that moments
B. at the moment
C. at a moments
D. at these moment
14. **Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.**
- A. groups such as migrants and
B. collecting data on vulnerable population
C. persons with disabilities is crucial
D. understanding who are being left behind
E. in identifying the challenges they face and
- A. EADCB
B. CABED
C. BACED
D. DACBE
15. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the homonym in the context of the following sentence to fill in the blank.**
They do not say anything but stalk furiously out of the room.
'Stalk' here means _____.
- A. the stem or main axis of a plant
B. to walk in an angry or proud way
C. to go through an area in search of prey
D. recur constantly and spontaneously

16. Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the underlined word.

The Tokyo Games accelerated energy policies in Japan, demonstrating how they could make steps towards a low-carbon economy by powering the athletes' village with hydrogen from clean, green sources.

- A. inspiring
- B. exploring
- C. collating
- D. Hiding

17. **Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.**

The guilty are punished by the judge.

- A. The judge is punishing the guilty.
- B. The judge punishes the guilty.
- C. The judge has been punishing the guilty.
- D. The judge has punished the guilty.

18. **The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.**

Can you please / open a door? / I can hear / somebody knocking.

- A. Can you please
- B. somebody knocking
- C. I can hear
- D. open a door

19. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**

She suffered an emotional _____ after the death of her husband in a road accident.

- A. turbulense
- B. terbulense
- C. toorbulence
- D. Turbulence

20. **Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Select the option that arranges the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.**

- A. although many scholars believe that
- B. no records of such a commission from Francesco exist,
- C. the painting depicts Lisa Gherardini, wife of the Florentine merchant Francesco del Giocondo,
- D. and the sitter has never been conclusively identified

- A. D, C, B, A
- B. C, A, B, D
- C. B, D, A, C
- D. A, C, B, D

21. **Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.**

Hysterical

- A. Controlled
- B. Resolute

- C. Manful
D. Shy
22. **Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.**
The child played the video game as much as he wanted to.
- A. To his heart's content
B. To gild the pill
C. To kick the bucket
D. To assume airs
23. **Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.**
We hope that we shall win the match against Australia
- A. It is hoped that the match against Australia shall be won by us.
B. It is expected that the match against Australia should be won by us.
C. It is hoped that the match against Australia was won by us.
D. It is sure that the match against Australia was won by us.
24. **Select the appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word to fill in the blank.**
The flow of the river is very rapid now. Let's go in when it's a little _____.
- A. fast
B. quick
C. delayed
D. Slow
25. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the word 'Flung' from the given sentence.**
The entrepreneur's innovative strategies propelled his startup to success.
- A. Strategies
B. Innovative
C. Success
D. Propelled

Answers

1. B 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. B 6. B 7. B 8. C 9. A 10.A 11.B 12.C
 13. B 14.C 15.B 16.D 17.B 18.D 19.D 20.D 21.A 22.A 23.A 24.D
 25. B

[Practice Exercise]

Explanations

- B) B is correct as it aligns with the passage's assertion that Indian migrants globally play a crucial role, underlined by India being the largest recipient of remittances.**

A is incorrect because the passage does not specify the sectors in which Indian migrants work or their contributions to technology in Western countries.

C is incorrect because there is no mention of India's educational policies or their focus on international employability in the passage.

D is incorrect as the passage does not discuss Indian migrants' impact on unemployment rates in the Gulf Cooperation Council states nor their involvement in business ventures there
- C) is correct, reflecting the passage's highlights on financial exploitation, lack of social security, and the resultant deep insecurity and debt among migrants.**

A is incorrect because the passage does not mention cultural assimilation or language barriers as significant challenges.

B is incorrect as there is no information suggesting that securing high-level positions is a primary challenge for Indian migrants.

D is incorrect because the passage clearly outlines significant challenges faced by migrants, indicating that these are not outweighed by financial gains.
- B) Analytical**

A) Incorrect because, although the passage mentions achievements, it predominantly focuses on the challenges and issues faced by migrants, not presenting an overly hopeful or positive outlook.

B) Correct as the passage examines both the achievements and challenges associated with India's remittance inflows, providing a detailed analysis of the situation.

C) Incorrect because the passage does not solely focus on negative aspects; it also acknowledges significant accomplishments.

D) Incorrect as the passage clearly engages with the subject matter, analyzing and discussing various aspects of migration and remittances in detail.
- B) The impact of remittances on India's economy and the challenges faced by migrants**

A) Incorrect because the passage does not focus on educational advancements within India itself; it briefly mentions international student mobility, which is not the primary focus.

B) Correct as the passage extensively discusses how remittances play a crucial role in India's economy and outlines the various challenges that migrants face.

C) Incorrect because the passage does not delve into cultural aspects but rather focuses on economic impacts and migrant challenges.

D) Incorrect as there is no significant mention or focus on technological advancements within the migration sector in the passage.
- B) Achievement**

Achievement is a synonym for "accomplishment," as both terms denote the successful completion of something, which in this context refers to India becoming the world's largest remittance recipient.

6. B) **Optional**

Optional is an antonym for "imperative," as "imperative" suggests something that is necessary or mandatory, whereas "optional" means not required.

7. B) "is" का use होगा क्योंकि "is" का अर्थ होता है होना और यह singular subject के साथ use होता है। Sentence में "a major challenge" singular है, इसलिए 'is' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'are' plural subjects के लिए होता है, 'was' past tense में होता है और 'were' plural past tense के लिए होता है, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

"is" will be used because "is" denotes existence and is used with singular subjects. The phrase "a major challenge" is singular, hence 'is' fits here. Whereas, 'are' is used for plural subjects, 'was' is past tense, and 'were' is used for plural in the past tense, which don't fit in this context.

8. C) "exposes" का उपयोग होगा क्योंकि "exposes" का अर्थ होता है किसी को खतरे या जोखिम में डालना। sentence में mention है कि एक रोगी जो जांच और उपचार के नेटवर्क के बाहर होता है, वह न केवल खुद के लिए हानिकारक होता है बल्कि अपने संपर्कों को संक्रमण के जोखिम में भी डालता है, इसलिए 'exposes' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Premises' का अर्थ है परिसर, 'Dispossess' का अर्थ है अधिकार छीनना, और 'Assess' का अर्थ है मूल्यांकन करना, जो इस संदर्भ में सही नहीं हैं।

"exposes" will be used because "exposes" means to put someone at risk or danger. The sentence mentions that a patient outside the screening and treatment network not only harms themselves but also puts their contacts at risk of infection, making 'exposes' appropriate here. Whereas, 'Premises' means a building or property, 'Dispossess' means to deprive of possession, and 'Assess' means to evaluate, which do not fit in this context.

9. A) 'Attained' का use होगा क्योंकि 'attained' का अर्थ होता है किसी लक्ष्य या मानक को प्राप्त करना। Sentence में mention किया गया है कि India ने अपने 2023 के लक्ष्य को प्राप्त किया है, इसलिए 'attained' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Unrestrained' का अर्थ होता है अनियंत्रित या स्वतंत्र, 'Constrained' का अर्थ होता है प्रतिबंधित, और 'Assigned' का अर्थ होता है आवंटित करना, जो इस context में सही नहीं है।

'Attained' will be used because it means to achieve a goal or standard. The sentence states that India has achieved its 2023 target, making 'attained' the correct choice here. Whereas, 'Unrestrained' implies being uncontrolled or free, 'Constrained' means restricted, and 'Assigned' refers to being allotted, which do not fit in this context.

10. A) 'On course to' का उपयोग होगा क्योंकि "on course to" का अर्थ होता है किसी निर्धारित योजना या लक्ष्य के अनुसार आगे बढ़ना। passage में mention है कि देश का लक्ष्य TB को

खत्म करना है, परन्तु वह इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने में ठीक तरह से आगे नहीं बढ़ रहा है। इसलिए 'on course to' यहाँ सही है। जबकि 'Par for the course' का अर्थ है किसी चीज का सामान्य या अपेक्षित होना, 'On the rise' का अर्थ है बढ़ रहा है, और 'Be in the lead' का अर्थ है अग्रणी होना, जो इस context में सही नहीं हैं।

'On course to' will be used because it means progressing according to a planned goal. The passage describes that the country aims to eliminate TB but is not properly advancing towards this goal. Therefore, 'on course to' is appropriate here. Whereas, 'Par for the course' means something being normal or expected, 'On the rise' implies increasing, and 'Be in the lead' means to be in a leading position, which don't fit in this context.

11. B) CDBA

C: It says that with the start of paddy (a type of rice plant) collection, the practice of burning leftover crops (stubble burning) has started again in north India. This is the first sentence because it introduces the main problem, which is stubble burning.

D: This is connected to sentence C because it provides evidence for the problem introduced in sentence C - stubble burning.

B: This connects to sentence D because it talks about why the problem of stubble burning could increase. It introduces the farmers and their protests, which are related to the issue of stubble burning.

A: This sentence tells us that the upcoming elections in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh could also affect the situation. It's connected to sentence B because it adds another layer to the problem. The governments may avoid dealing with the stubble burning and the protesting farmers because of these elections.

12. C) Discrepancy – lack of agreement or harmony between people or things.

Dissonance (noun) – disagreement, dissension, discord, discordance असंगति, मतभेद

13. B) 'at those moment' के बदले 'at the moment' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि यह सही वाक्य-रचना के अनुसार उपयुक्त माना जाता है; जैसे— I am busy at the moment.

- 'at the moment' will be used instead of 'at those moment' because it is considered appropriate according to correct sentence construction; Like— I am busy at the moment.

14. C) BACED

Collecting data on vulnerable population groups such as migrants and persons with disabilities is crucial in identifying the challenges they face and understanding who are being left behind

15. B) 'Stalk' का प्रयोग यहाँ "to walk in an angry or proud way" के अर्थ में किया गया है क्योंकि पूरे संदर्भ में, वाक्य में लोगों का गुस्से में या अहंकार में कमरे से बाहर जाने का वर्णन किया गया है। "They do not say anything but stalk furiously out of the room" में 'stalk' शब्द के माध्यम से उनकी गुस्से या अहंकार में चलने की बात कही गई है। इसलिए, विकल्प B "to walk in an angry or proud way" सबसे उपयुक्त होगा।

- 'Stalk' here means "to walk in an angry or proud way" because in the entire context, the sentence is describing people walking out of the room in anger or pride. Through "They do not say anything but stalk furiously out of the room," it conveys that they are walking in an angry or proud manner. Thus, option B "to walk in an angry or proud way" would be the most appropriate choice.

16. D) **Demonstrating** (verb) – To show clearly, to exhibit, to display, to illustrate. **दिखाना**

Antonym: Hiding (verb) – To keep out of sight, to conceal, to cover up, to keep secret. **छुपाना**

- **Inspiring** (verb) – To motivate, encourage, stimulate, or arouse a feeling or thought. प्रेरित करना
- **Exploring** (verb) – To examine or investigate, to travel through for the purpose of discovery. तलाश करना
- **Collating** (verb) – To collect, compare and arrange in order, especially of texts. मिलान करना

17. B) The judge punishes the guilty.

18. D) 'open a door' के बदले 'the door' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि यहां पर विशेष द्वार की बात की जा रही है जिससे कोई ध्वनि सुनाई दे रही है।

- 'the door' will be used instead of 'open a door' because we are referring to a specific door from which the sound is coming.

19. D) '**Turbulence**' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि यह option एक भावनात्मक अस्थिरता या उतार-चढ़ाव को दर्शाने के लिए सही है। "emotional ____ after the death of her husband in a road accident" इस से स्पष्ट होता है कि वह महिला अपने पति की मौत के बाद भावनात्मक अस्थिरता में है। इसलिए, "Turbulence" सबसे सही option होगा।

- '**Turbulence**' should be used because it is the correct word to denote emotional instability or upheaval. "emotional ____ after the death of her husband in a road accident" makes it clear that the woman is in emotional distress following her husband's death. Thus, "Turbulence" would be the most appropriate choice.

20. D) **A, C, B, D**

Although many scholars believe that the painting depicts Lisa Gherardini, wife of the Florentine merchant Francesco del Giocondo, no records of such a commission from Francesco exist, and the sitter has never been conclusively identified

21. A) **Hysterical** (adjective) – Extremely emotional, frantic, uncontrollable, overwrought. अत्यंत उत्तेजित

Antonym: **Controlled** (adjective) – Restrained, regulated, composed, calm. नियंत्रित

- **Resolute** (adjective) – Determined, steadfast, unswerving, firm in purpose. दृढ़ निश्चय

- **Manful** (adjective) – Showing qualities traditionally associated with men, especially strength or courage. पुरुषार्थी
 - **Shy** (adjective) – Lacking confidence, bashful, reserved, hesitant. शरमीला
22. A) **To his heart's content** (idiom) – As much as one wants or until one is satisfied पूरी तरह से संतुष्ट
- **To gild the pill** (idiom) - To make an unpleasant or bitter situation seem more attractive or more palatable. सख्त हालात को आकर्षक बनाना।
 - **To kick the bucket** (idiom) - A colloquial term used to refer to someone's death. मौत होना
 - **To assume airs** (idiom) - To pretend to be more important or grander than is actually the case; to adopt a haughty or arrogant manner. अहम दिखाना।
23. A) It is hoped that the match against Australia shall be won by us.
24. D) **Rapid** (adjective) – Moving or flowing fast, quick, speedy. तेज़

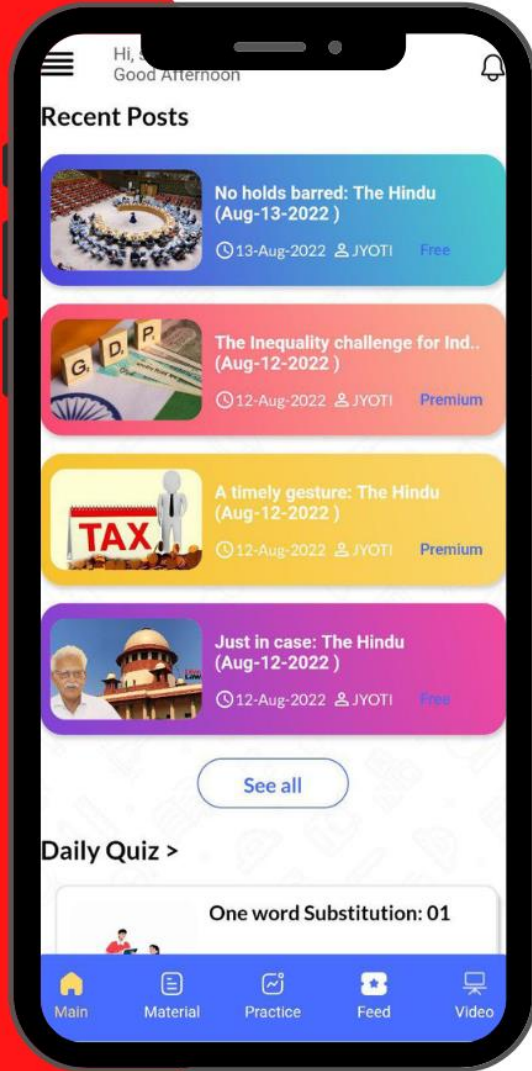
Antonym: Slow (adjective) – Not moving quickly, taking a long time, leisurely. धीमा

- **Fast** (adjective) – Moving or capable of moving at high speed, quick, rapid. तेज़
 - **Quick** (adjective) – Moving fast or doing something in a short time, rapid. तेज़
 - **Delayed** (adjective) – Made late or postponed, behind time. विलंबित
- Therefore, the most appropriate antonym to fill in the blank is "Slow".

25. D) **Flung** (verb) – Thrown, hurled, tossed, cast. फेंका गया

Synonym: **Propelled** (verb) – To drive or push something forward, to send forth, thrust, launch. फेंकना

- **Strategies** (noun) – A plan, tactic, or technique designed to achieve a particular goal. रणनीति
- **Innovative** (adjective) – Featuring new methods or ideas, inventive, pioneering. अभिनव
- **Success** (noun) – The accomplishment of a goal or purpose, triumph, victory. सफलता



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