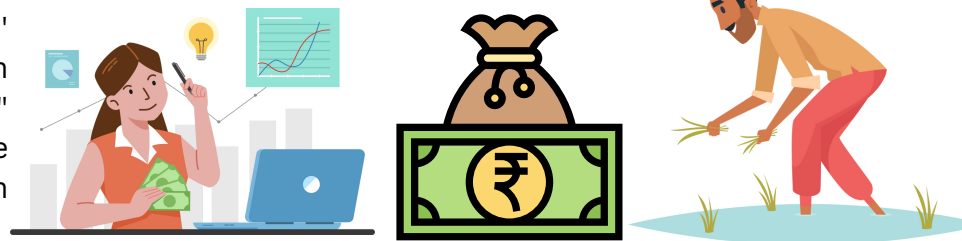


## Information that impacts the next generation

### INTERIM BUDGET 2024-2025

Embracing the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishwas,' (meaning along with everyone, for the development of everyone, with everyone's trust) and adopting a holistic national approach of "Sabka Prayas" (concept of inclusivity involving everyone's efforts), Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled the Provisional Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament.



The budget places a prime focus on inclusivity and upliftment for the overall development of the nation. It focused on social justice while emphasizing on four major segments like the poor, women, youth and the farmers. The Government proposed initiatives like 'Garib Kalyan, Desh ka Kalyan,' to uplift 25 crore people out of multi-dimensional poverty. Street vendors received support through PM-SVANidhi, benefiting 78 lakh vendors, while the PM-JANMAN Yojana aids particularly to the development of the vulnerable tribal groups. Artisans in 18 trades benefit from PM-Vishwakarma Yojana, and farmers are supported through M-KISAN SAMMAN Yojana and PM Fasal Bima Yojana.

The budget also highlights strides in women empowerment, with Mudra Yojana loans to 30 crore women entrepreneurs, increased female enrollment in higher education, and over 70% of PM Awas Yojana houses allocated to rural women. Rooftop solarization promises free electricity to 1 crore households, and Ayushman Bharat expands healthcare cover to ASHA workers, Anganwadi Workers, and Helpers.



Infrastructure sees an 11.1% increase in capital expenditure, while railways and aviation undergo significant development. The budget encourages green energy initiatives, tourism sector development, and announces a massive FDI inflow of USD 596 billion. Long-term interest-free loans to states for reforms and financial estimates reveal fiscal responsibility.

In conclusion, the Interim Budget 2024 lays the foundation for India's progress, addressing diverse sectors to ensure inclusive growth and development.



#### JUMBLLED WORDS

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#### INDIAN ECONOMY POISED TO SUSTAIN GROWTH MOMENTUM



According to a recent report by Reserve Bank of India, in order for the country to sustain growth momentum, the GDP growth needs to continue at least 7 percent in the following year along with bringing down retail inflation to the target 4 percent.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed concerns of potential inflation due to a spike in perishable farm output. She reassured that the government is actively working to manage the impact, ensuring equal attention and stimulus across sectors.

Despite challenges, India maintains its position as the fastest-growing economy, according to the World Bank's projections.

#### BASICS OF ECONOMY

Economy is a word that is often spoken by parents, adults and often heard in the news. So, what is it all about?

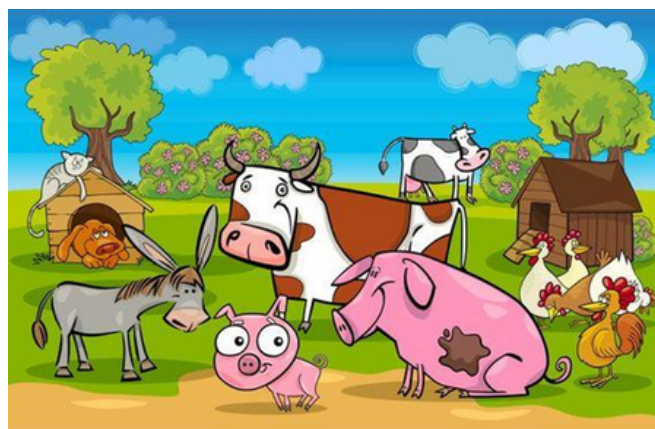
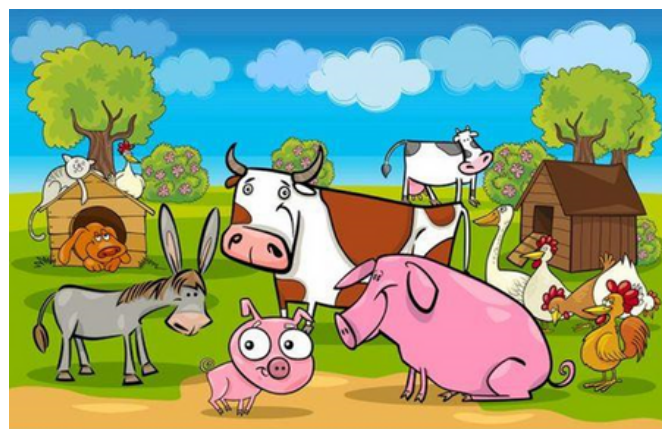
Economy is mostly three things: People who make products or sell services, people who buy those products or services and the transaction that happens between those people. The transaction is an agreement between two parties related to buying and selling.



When we go to a shop and buy things that we need, the interaction that happens between us and the shopkeeper is a transaction and we become a part of the economy - the local economy. When the scenario moves from a shop to all the transactions that happen in a city, a state, a country and in the entire world - then terms like national economy, global economy come into play.



SPORT THE DIFFERENCES



#### IDIOM OF THE WEEK:

##### PIE IN THE SKY

**Meaning:** Something that is too optimistic or idealistic; a plan or idea that is unlikely to happen

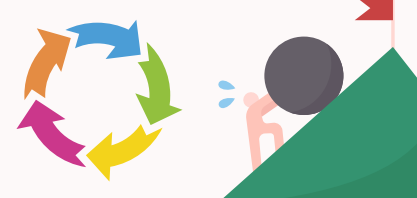
**Example:** Dreaming of having a pet dragon is a bit pie in the sky



#### THOUGHT OF THE DAY:

Success is an ongoing process; courage lies in persevering through challenges.

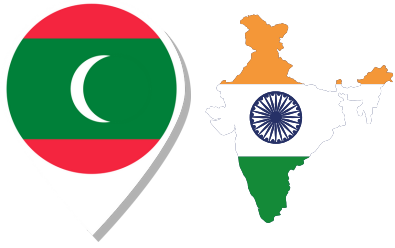
Winston Churchill.





## LK ADVANI TO BE CONFERRED WITH BHARAT RATNA

On February 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that veteran BJP leader LK Advani would be awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor. Modi lauded Advani's immense contributions to the nation, highlighting his grassroots beginnings and service as Deputy Prime Minister.

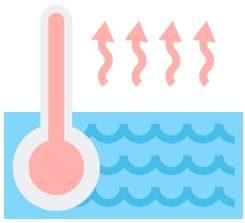


## INDIA TO REPLACE TROOPS FROM MALDIVES BY MAY

India to withdraw troops from Maldives by May, replacing 80 soldiers with civilians, marking changes in the region's geopolitical landscape. The Maldivian president shifted away from an "India First" policy, causing strained ties. The withdrawal plan was agreed upon in a recent meeting, starting by March 10 and completing by May 10. The focus is on continuing humanitarian support amid evolving regional dynamics.

## WORLD'S FIRST ODISIA LANGUAGE CONFERENCE HELD IN BHUBANESWAR

A new Odia language keyboard was unveiled at the Odia Bhasa Sammilani, aiming to promote digital use of Odia among students. The conference focused on safeguarding and encouraging the younger generation to embrace Odia in their daily lives. Exhibits showcased the language's evolution, including ancient artifacts and literary contributions, emphasizing its distinctive identity and influence on other states.



## HARSH SUMMER PREDICTED, LA NINA DEVELOPMENT ON THE HORIZON

India is set for a short spring and intense summer as El Nino conditions give way to neutral conditions by June, followed by a potential shift to La Nina by July-September 2024. The India Meteorological Department suggests a 73% chance of ENSO-neutral by April-June. Atmospheric indicators for El Nino are weakening faster than expected, according to Skymet Weather.

## PUNJAB GOVERNOR BANWARILAL PUROHIT RESIGNS

Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit resigned from his position. In a letter to President Droupadi Murmu, he stated, "Due to my personal reasons and certain other commitments, I tender my resignation." Purohit had held the position since August 2021 and previously served as the Governor of Assam and Tamil Nadu.



## IND VS ENG: BUMRAH'S REVERSE STRATEGIC SWING BRILLIANCE SHINES IN 2ND TEST

Jasprit Bumrah showcased his mastery of reverse swing in the 2nd Test against England, claiming figures of 6/45. His skill in moving the ball both ways troubled key batsmen like Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow. Bumrah attributed his success to extensive net practice focusing on reverse swing. His pivotal wickets underscored the importance of execution and patience in Test cricket.

## AYODHYA RAM TEMPLE GENERATES RS 11 CRORE IN 11 DAYS

After the consecration ceremony of the Ayodhya Ram temple on January 22, around 25 lakh devotees have visited, contributing over Rs 11 crore in offerings and donations. Temple trust office in-charge Prakash Gupta reports Rs 8 crore deposited in donation boxes and Rs 3.50 crore received through cheques and online transactions.



## BOOK CORNER

### HOW TO BE A WRITER

"How to be a Writer" by Ruskin Bond is a concise and insightful book offering practical tips and encouragement for aspiring writers. Drawing from his own experiences, Bond shares valuable insights on finding inspiration, developing characters, and honing writing skills. This book is a must-read for those looking to embark on a fulfilling journey into the world of writing.



## RIDDLE TIME

What is more useful when it is broken?



When things go wrong, what can you always count on?



Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I?



What can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand?

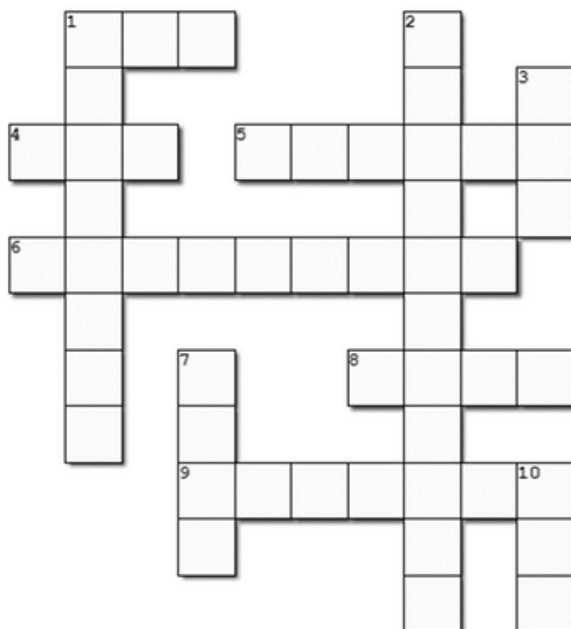


What is the longest word in the dictionary?



What invention lets you look right through a wall?

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. THE OPPOSITE OF "BEGIN"
4. THE COLOR OF AN APPLE
5. A YELLOW FRUIT, WHICH IS ALSO COOKED AS VEGETABLE WHEN RAW
6. A REPTILE THAT CAN CHANGE COLOR
8. THE SMALLEST PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM
9. THE LARGEST BIRD THAT CANNOT FLY

### DOWN

1. A LARGE, GRAY ANIMAL WITH A TRUNK
2. THE PROCESS OF WATER TURNING INTO VAPOR
3. THE OPPOSITE OF "HAPPY"
7. THE NATURAL SATELLITE OF EARTH
10. THE CHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR WATER



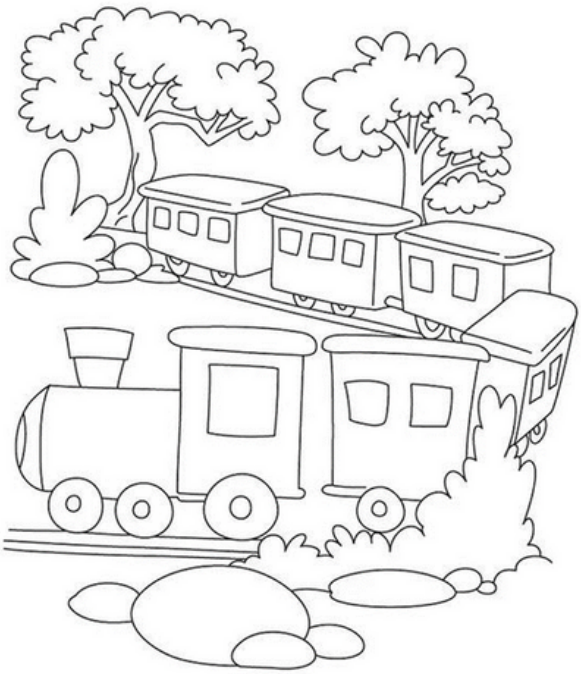
## GODAVARI EXPRESS COMPLETES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Godavari Superfast Express (Train Number 12727/28), linking Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad Deccan, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Since its inaugural run on February 1, 1974, the train has been a crucial transportation option for commuters. A commemorative event at the Visakhapatnam Railway Station featured a cake-cutting ceremony attended by railway personnel.

Despite the introduction of new trains, the Godavari Express maintains its popularity, boasting safety, punctuality, and advanced maintenance. Over the years, it has achieved milestones, including introducing an air-conditioned first-class coach in 2000 and obtaining super-fast status in 2011. As it reaches the half-century mark, the Godavari Express stands as a reliable symbol, connecting communities and facilitating travel across the region.



COLOUR ME



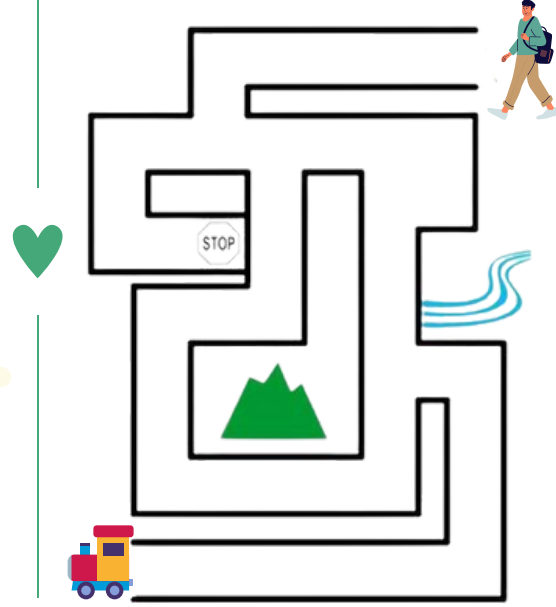
## CROSSWORD

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- LOCOMOTIVE
- PASSENGER
- PLATFORM
- SIGNAL
- SLEEPER
- STATION
- STEAM ENGINE
- TERMINAL
- TICKET
- TRAIN

## REACH ME

Help Peter reach his train



### JUMBLLED WORDS

- Calendar
- February
- Leaplings
- Century
- Minutes

### RIDDLES

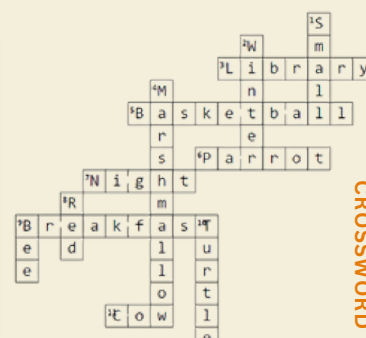
- What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years? - **The letter 'M'.**
- What is the richest nut? - **A CASH-EW.**
- How many seconds are in a year? - **Twelve**
- What kind of cup doesn't hold water? - **Cupcake**
- Which animal can jump higher than a building? - **Buildings don't jump, silly!**
- What jumps when it walks and sits when it stands? - **A Kangaroo**

### REARRANGE THE PHRASES

- (a) A majority of people wear a watch these days.
- (b) It measures time in hours, minutes and seconds.
- (c) A wristwatch is available in different shapes and sizes.
- (d) Some people like digital wristwatches
- e) while others prefer mechanical ones.

### SUDOKU

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7	5	3	2	8	4	1	6	9



## VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER TRAINS SCHEDULED FOR 2025 LAUNCH

India is set to launch its first sleeper Vande Bharat train by 2025, promising a two-hour reduction in travel time compared to existing trains. The new sleeper train, faster than the current premium Rajdhani trains, aims to enhance passenger convenience with modern interior designs and a focus on providing jerk-free rides. Comprising 16 coaches with 1AC tier and a total of 857 berths, the 'Made in India' Vande Bharat sleeper trains are undergoing significant modifications at the ICF and BEML factory in Bengaluru. Government officials highlight the transformative potential of these advanced trainsets, foreseeing opportunities for international exports.

## SMART DEVICE FOR REMOTE TRACKING OF PATIENT'S O2 AND CO2 LEVELS

A senior anesthesia specialist at Government Medical College, Sangareddy, has teamed up with biomedical engineers to create an innovative medical device. The Eto2monitor capnograph, currently in testing, allows remote monitoring and measurement of vital respiratory gases in ICU patients via a mobile phone.

Unlike expensive traditional consoles, this device offers real-time, non-invasive measurement of carbon dioxide during inspiration and expiration. The cost-effective solution aims to enhance patient care in anesthesia and intensive care settings, potentially revolutionizing healthcare practices.

Who is called the father of Indian Railways?

- a) M.Visweswariah
- b) Lord Ripon
- c) Lord Dalhousie

Which is the biggest railway station in India?

- a) Gorakhpur
- b) Bilaspur
- c) Trivandrum Central

What is the symbol of Indian Railways?

- a) Tiger
- b) Horse
- c) Elephant

How many zones are there in Indian Railways?

- a) 21
- b) 16
- c) 17

Who is the present Railway Minister of India?

- a) Ashwini Vaishnav
- b) Nirmala Seethamaraman
- c) Piyush Goyal

## LET US TWIST

FRED FED TED BREAD,  
AND TED FED FRED BREAD





## AFTER 5 DECADES, TIGERS SPOTTED IN CAUVERY NORTH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

In a remarkable conservation milestone, two male tigers have returned to Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary after 50 years. Cameras in Hosur caught these tigers, which came from Bannerghatta National Park in Karnataka. With a dedicated patrolling team and plans to expand camera traps, the success signals the viability of the habitat for tiger conservation by government. Chief Wildlife Warden Srinivas R Reddy attributes the success to protection measures and creating safe corridors, making Cauvery sanctuaries potential homes for more tigers in the future.



### DID YOU KNOW?

There are 5 tiger reserves in Karnataka

**BANDIPUR**

**BHADRA**



**NAGARAHOLE**

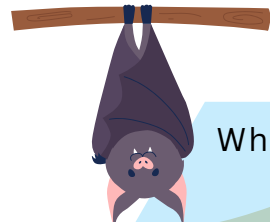
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**BRT RESERVE**



### ANIMAL TRIVIA

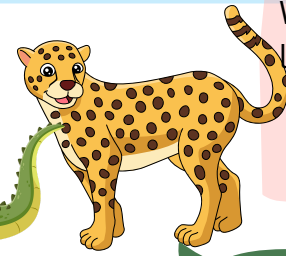


What is the only flying mammal?

**-BAT**

What's the fastest land animal?

**-CHEETAH**



What is the world's largest reptile and is known for its powerful bite?

**-CROCODILE**



Which is the largest mammal on Earth?

**-BLUE WHALE**



Which animal is famous for its ability to climb trees?

**-MONKEY**



What bird can turn its head almost 360 degrees?

**-OWL**



### EVENTS OF THE WEEK

All kids can have fun at the Kids Zone with trampolines and various other games at LA LA LAND. Join the excitement at HITEX Exhibition Grounds on February 11th, 2024.



### GDP AND INFLATION

