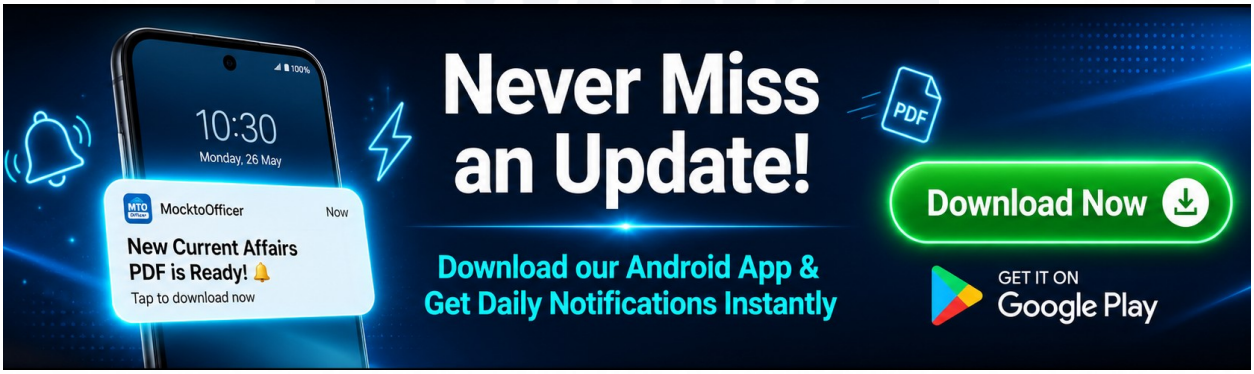
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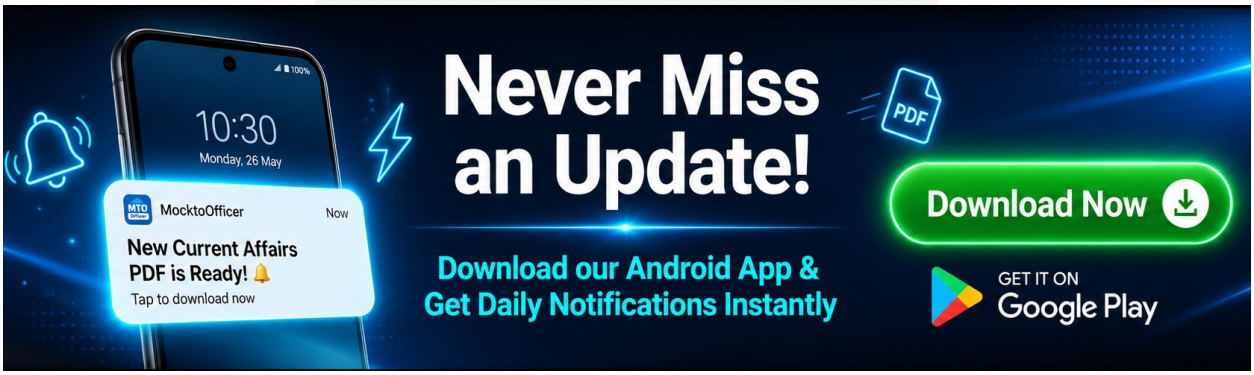
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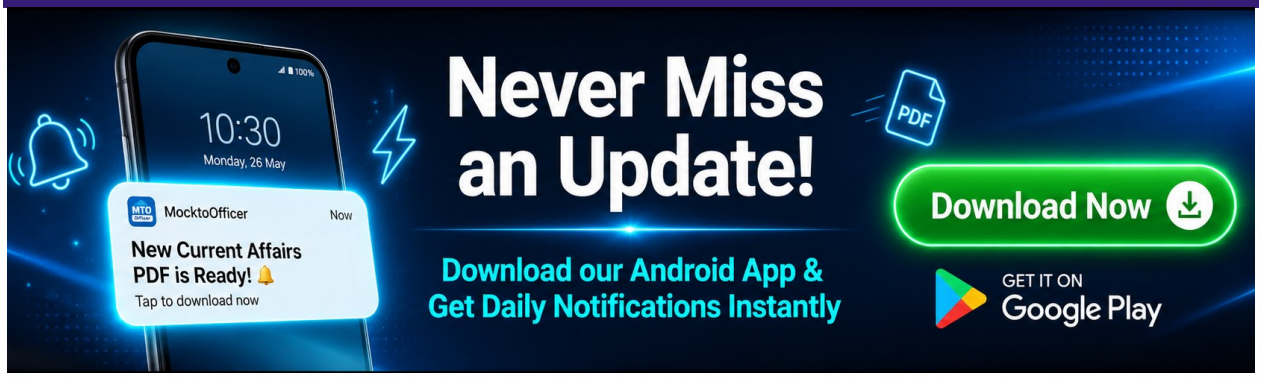
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EDITORIAL 1: OTHER THAN OUTRAGE: ON WOMEN, UNSAFE PUBLIC SPACES

Source: The Hindu

[GS1/Society] | [GS2/Governance] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

A fresh wave of sexual assaults on women and girls in Delhi shows how little has changed since the Nirbhaya case; the editorial argues that the answer is better policing and justice, not restrictions on women's freedom.

Context

Last month's cases in the national capital include the gang-rape of a 17-year-old in Astha Kunj Park by three men posing as police personnel, the gang-rape and murder of a 16-year-old in Swaroop Nagar, and the gang-rape of another 17-year-old on a sleeper bus from Greater Noida to Delhi. The latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report shows an 80% rise in crimes against women since Nirbhaya, from 2.4 lakh in 2012 to 4.4 lakh in 2024; some of this reflects better reporting, but not all. In 2024, more than 50 crimes against women were reported every hour, with the highest rates in Jaipur, Indore, Lucknow and Delhi. Government initiatives include the Safe City project, Mission Shakti, a women's helpline, an emergency response support system, one-stop centres and fast-track courts, many financed through the Nirbhaya Fund. The editorial says CCTV and lighting are useless unless monitored and linked to a response system, and calls for preventive, outcome-based policing, public audits of vulnerable locations, faster trials, and a challenge to the culture of toxic masculinity.

UPSC Mains Lane

Also useful for: Banking/SSC reading comprehension & vocabulary-in-context practice

• Intro: Fourteen years after Nirbhaya, NCRB data show crimes against women rising from 2.4 lakh (2012) to 4.4 lakh (2024).

• Body 1: Schemes such as Safe City, Mission Shakti and one-stop centres exist, but recent crimes expose weak implementation and monitoring.

• Body 2: A shift from scheme-based to preventive, outcome-based policing, with audited vulnerable spots and clear accountability, is needed.

• Counter/way forward: Curfews and curbs on women's movement shift the burden to victims; clearing case backlogs and changing patriarchal attitudes matter more.

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• Conclusion: Safe public spaces are a test of equal citizenship; the state must protect women's freedom, not limit it.

Syllabus Anchor: GS1 — Role of women and social empowerment; GS2 — Mechanisms for the protection of vulnerable sections

UPSC Prelims Lane

Also counts as: Banking Awareness / SSC GK — same fact, same format

Q1. As per the editorial, crimes against women rose from 2.4 lakh in 2012 to how many in 2024 (NCRB)?

(A) 3.2 lakh

(B) 3.8 lakh

(C) 4.4 lakh

(D) 5.0 lakh

Answer: C

Q2. As per the editorial, many women's safety schemes have been financed through which fund?

(A) Nirbhaya Fund

(B) PM CARES Fund

(C) National Disaster Response Fund

(D) Consolidated Fund of India

Answer: A

Q3. As per the editorial, roughly how many crimes against women were reported every hour in 2024?

(A) 10

(B) 25

(C) 40

(D) More than 50

Answer: D

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Sickening	Causing strong disgust or shock	Revolting	Pleasing
Simple Example: *The video of the accident was truly sickening.*			
Numb	Unable to feel or react	Deadened	Sensitive
Simple Example: *After the bad news, she felt numb for hours.*			
Unleashed	Released or set loose suddenly	Released	Restrained

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Simple Example: The storm unleashed heavy rain on the city.			
Slew	A large number of things	Host	Handful
Simple Example: The new phone comes with a slew of features.			
Facilitated	Made something easier to do	Enabled	Hindered
Simple Example: The new bridge facilitated trade between the towns.			
Rectify	To correct or put right	Correct	Worsen
Simple Example: The bank promised to rectify the billing error.			
Deficiencies	Shortcomings or things that are lacking	Shortcomings	Strengths
Simple Example: The audit found several deficiencies in the hospital.			
Backlog	A pile of unfinished work	Arrears	Clearance
Simple Example: The court is struggling with a huge backlog of cases.			
Temptation	A strong urge to do something unwise	Urge	Restraint
Simple Example: He resisted the temptation to check his phone.			
Patriarchal	Controlled by men and favouring them	Male-dominated	Egalitarian
Simple Example: Old patriarchal customs still limit girls in some villages.			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Give way to	To be replaced by something else	Be replaced by
Put a question mark on	To raise doubt about something	Raise doubts about

Quick Recall: Women's Safety · NCRB · Policing

EDITORIAL 2: SEASON'S END: ON THE INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT FORECASTS, RAINFALL DEFICIT

Source: The Hindu

[GS1/Geography] | [GS3/Agriculture] | [Prelims/Geography] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

The monsoon ended at 87% of normal, and the editorial argues the IMD was too conservative in forecasting only 'below normal' rain and must improve its regional forecasts.

Context

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The IMD's April and May forecasts both pointed to a dry monsoon amid one of the strongest El Niño events, but it predicted 'below normal' rain (90%-95% of average) even though its models pointed to a 'deficient' season (below 90%). On September 30, the monsoon tally stood at 759 mm, 87% of the normal 869 mm, within the IMD's error window. Monthly misses were larger: June got 65% of normal against a 92% forecast, while August came in at 84% of the LPA. The northeast, expected to get normal rain, had its driest monsoon since 1901 (26% short), and the south peninsula was 23% short. Western disturbances are bringing more monsoon rain, while southern India seems more vulnerable to El Niño. Kharif sowing trailed last year's by 16% on July 10 but the gap narrowed to under 2% by early September. Karnataka has declared drought in over 100 taluks and Maharashtra in 265 of 358, though the national deficit of about 12% is below the Centre's 20% threshold for an 'agricultural drought'. The Cabinet raised wheat's support price by Rs 25 a quintal and mustard's by Rs 413.

UPSC Mains Lane

Also useful for: Banking/SSC reading comprehension & vocabulary-in-context practice

• Intro: The 2026 monsoon ended at 759 mm, 87% of the normal 869 mm, in a strong El Niño year.

• Body 1: The IMD's 'below normal' call was technically within its error window, but its own models had pointed to a deficient season.

• Body 2: Regional errors were glaring — the northeast had its driest monsoon since 1901 — hurting planning for farmers and states.

• Counter/way forward: Climate change and Western disturbances make forecasting harder; better sub-regional models and candid warnings are needed.

• Conclusion: With El Niño set to persist into October-December, accurate forecasts are vital for sowing, water and drought relief decisions.

Syllabus Anchor: GS1 — Important geophysical phenomena (monsoon, El Niño); GS3 — Agriculture and disaster management

UPSC Prelims Lane

Also counts as: Banking Awareness / SSC GK — same fact, same format

Q1. As per the editorial, what was India's total monsoon rainfall in 2026?

(A) 869 mm

(B) 759 mm

(C) 812 mm

(D) 690 mm

Answer: B

Q2. As per the editorial, which region recorded its driest monsoon since 1901?

(A) South peninsula

(B) Central India

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(C) North-west India

(D) Northeast

Answer: D

Q3. As per the editorial, what is the Centre's rainfall-deficit threshold for an 'agricultural drought'?

(A) 10%

(B) 20%

(C) 15%

(D) 25%

Answer: B

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Unambiguously	In a clear way that leaves no doubt	Clearly	Vaguely
Simple Example: *The report unambiguously blamed the company for the leak.*			
Unanimity	Complete agreement among everyone	Consensus	Disagreement
Simple Example: *There was unanimity in the panel on the winner.*			
Consequential	Important because of its results	Significant	Trivial
Simple Example: *Choosing a career is a consequential decision.*			
Conservative	Cautious and lower than likely	Cautious	Bold
Simple Example: *Her conservative estimate turned out to be too low.*			
Tally	A total count or score	Count	Fraction
Simple Example: *The final tally showed 40 votes in favour.*			
Suppresses	Holds back or prevents something	Restrains	Encourages
Simple Example: *Cold weather suppresses the growth of weeds.*			
Mettle	The ability to face difficulty bravely	Courage	Timidity
Simple Example: *The tough final tested the young player's mettle.*			
Perplexing	Very confusing and hard to understand	Puzzling	Clear
Simple Example: *The sudden price drop was perplexing to traders.*			
Glaring	Very obvious, usually in a bad way	Blatant	Hidden
Simple Example: *The essay had a glaring spelling mistake.*			

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Trailed	Was behind in a race or comparison	Lagged	Led
Simple Example: *Our team trailed by two goals at half-time.*			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
In the offing	Likely to happen soon	About to happen
Test one's mettle	To challenge someone's ability or courage	Challenge one's ability
Bearer of ill news	A person who brings bad news	One who brings bad news

Quick Recall: Monsoon · El Niño · IMD Forecasts

EDITORIAL 3: BEIJING DOESN'T GET IT – JANE EYRE IS NO MODEL FOR DOMESTICITY

Source: The Indian Express

[Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

China has made Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre mandatory reading for ninth-graders to promote marriage and domesticity, but the editorial says the novel's real lesson is self-respect and equality.

Context

Jane Eyre has been popular in China since it was first translated in the early 1920s, likely because of its insistence on equality. Beijing, facing plummeting birth and marriage rates, now presents the heroine as rebellious but not irredeemably so, independent but willing to settle down. The editorial notes that Eyre walks away from Rochester when staying would make her lesser and unequal, and returns only after an inheritance gives her independence — so love is a choice, not a surrender. It quotes her: "I can live alone, if self-respect, and circumstances require me so to do. I need not sell my soul to buy bliss."

UPSC Mains Lane

Mains use: intro anecdote only — China assigning Jane Eyre to push domesticity, while the heroine insists on equality, is a neat hook for essays on state propaganda, demography or gender equality.

UPSC Prelims Lane

Also counts as: Banking Awareness / SSC GK — same fact, same format

Q1. As per the editorial, who wrote the novel Jane Eyre?

(A) Emily Brontë

(B) Jane Austen

(C) Charlotte Brontë

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(D) George Eliot

Answer: C

Q2. As per the editorial, China has made Jane Eyre mandatory reading for students of which grade?

(A) Ninth grade

(B) Seventh grade

(C) Eleventh grade

(D) Twelfth grade

Answer: A

Q3. As per the editorial, when was Jane Eyre first introduced in China in translation?

(A) Early 1900s

(B) Early 1920s

(C) Late 1940s

(D) Early 1980s

Answer: B

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Domesticity	Home life and household duties	Homemaking	Public life
Simple Example: *After years of travel, he enjoyed quiet domesticity.*			
Insistence	A firm demand that something be done	Demand	Indifference
Simple Example: *At her insistence, we left early for the station.*			
Plummeting	Falling very fast	Plunging	Soaring
Simple Example: *Plummeting onion prices hurt farmers this month.*			
Propaganda	Biased information used to promote a cause	Indoctrination	Truth
Simple Example: *The poster was clearly wartime propaganda.*			
Rebellious	Refusing to obey rules or authority	Defiant	Obedient
Simple Example: *The rebellious teenager ignored the school curfew.*			
Irredeemably	In a way that cannot be corrected	Hopelessly	Redeemably
Simple Example: *The old radio was irredeemably damaged by water.*			
Averse	Strongly disliking or opposed to	Opposed	Keen

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Simple Example: He is not averse to working on weekends.			
Outspoken	Saying openly what one thinks	Frank	Reticent
Simple Example: The outspoken player criticised the selectors.			
Undergirded	Supported or strengthened from below	Underpinned	Undermined
Simple Example: Her confidence was undergirded by careful practice.			
Surrender	The act of giving up control	Submission	Resistance
Simple Example: The rebels offered their surrender after a week.			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Home and hearth	One's home and family life	Home and family
Have a mind of one's own	To think and decide independently	Think independently
Turn one's back on	To reject or abandon something	Reject or abandon

Quick Recall: Jane Eyre · China · Equality

EDITORIAL 4: INDUSTRY IS GROWING, BUT ISN'T CREATING JOBS

Source: The Indian Express

[GS3/Economy] | [Prelims/Economy] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

India's formal manufacturing sector is growing at a healthy pace, but it has not become an engine of mass employment, leaving most workers in the informal economy or on farms.

Context

As per the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), registered manufacturing output grew 7.8% in 2024-25, employment 7.2% and emoluments 12.08%. However, wages per worker have grown slower than net profit, output per worker has stayed roughly flat, and invested capital has risen steadily, with effects on consumption, investment and productivity. Persons engaged in organised manufacturing crossed 2 crore in 2024-25, up from 1.72 crore in 2021-22, but that is a fraction of the labour force. The Periodic Labour Force Survey 2025 shows 73.1% of non-farm workers in informal-sector enterprises. In 2023-24, 1.9 crore people worked in organised manufacturing against about 3.3 crore in the unorganised segment (Economic Survey). Organised manufacturing is dominated by small firms, though bigger factories (over 100 workers) employ more people, pay better and are more productive. Manufacturing's share of GDP and employment has barely moved, unlike in Korea and China, so the low-skilled stay on farms or take up gig work.

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Also useful for: Banking/SSC reading comprehension & vocabulary-in-context practice

• Intro: ASI data show registered manufacturing output up 7.8% and employment up 7.2% in 2024-25, yet jobs remain India's core challenge.

• Body 1: Wages lag profits, output per worker is flat and capital intensity is rising, so growth is not reaching workers.

• Body 2: With 73.1% of non-farm workers in informal enterprises (PLFS 2025), formal factories absorb only a fraction of the labour force.

• Counter/way forward: Helping small firms scale up, labour-intensive sectors, skilling and easier compliance can create larger, better-paying factories.

• Conclusion: Without manufacturing jobs, those leaving farms will keep drifting to gig work — a structural risk to inclusive growth.

Syllabus Anchor: GS3 — Indian economy: growth, employment and industrial policy

UPSC Prelims Lane

Also counts as: Banking Awareness / SSC GK — same fact, same format

Q1. As per the editorial, which survey provides data on India's registered manufacturing output and employment?

(A) National Family Health Survey

(B) Annual Survey of Industries

(C) Census of India

(D) All India Debt and Investment Survey

Answer: B

Q2. As per the editorial (PLFS 2025), what share of non-farm workers are in informal-sector enterprises?

(A) 45.2%

(B) 58.4%

(C) 64.0%

(D) 73.1%

Answer: D

Q3. As per the editorial, persons engaged in organised manufacturing crossed how many in 2024-25?

(A) 2 crore

(B) 1.72 crore

(C) 3.3 crore

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(D) 1.9 crore

Answer: A

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Emoluments	Salary, wages or other payments for work	Earnings	Unpaid labour
Simple Example: *The new post comes with higher emoluments.*			
Warrant	To justify or call for	Justify	Discount
Simple Example: *The minor scratch does not warrant a new car.*			
Steadily	In a regular, gradual way	Gradually	Erratically
Simple Example: *Prices have risen steadily since January.*			
Fraction	A small part of a whole	Portion	Entirety
Simple Example: *Only a fraction of the guests stayed till midnight.*			
Substantial	Large in amount or importance	Considerable	Negligible
Simple Example: *She received a substantial bonus this year.*			
Dominated	Controlled or mostly made up of	Controlled	Subordinated
Simple Example: *Small shops dominated the old market street.*			
Successive	Following one after another	Consecutive	Intermittent
Simple Example: *The team won three successive titles.*			
Budged	Moved slightly	Shifted	Stayed
Simple Example: *The heavy door hardly budged when I pushed it.*			
Trajectory	The path or course of development	Course	Deviation
Simple Example: *Her career followed a steady upward trajectory.*			
Alternative	Another possible choice	Option	Necessity
Simple Example: *Cycling is a cheap alternative to taking a taxi.*			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Chug along	To keep moving or working at a steady pace	Keep going steadily

Quick Recall: Manufacturing · ASI · Jobless Growth

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EDITORIAL 5: FOR NEW ENERGY, REMOVE OLD BOTTLENECKS

Source: The Indian Express

[GS3/Infrastructure-Energy] | [GS3/Environment] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

India's renewable capacity has crossed 300 GW, but transmission gaps and lack of storage mean green power often fails to reach consumers at peak hours; the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III aims to fix this.

Context

India ranks third globally in renewable-energy deployment with more than 300 GW installed. From April to June, grid operators had to curtail a significant amount of solar power because of transmission constraints and grid-security needs. The Centre's Green Energy Corridor Phase-III will strengthen state networks to evacuate up to 135 GW of renewable energy, add 50 GWh of battery energy storage, and has earmarked Rs 1,36,378 crore for transmission infrastructure; its focus on intra-state networks targets the last leg to consumers. A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy report (December last year) flagged right-of-way compensation, land acquisition and delayed environmental clearances as major hurdles. Battery storage needs viable business models, incentives (given reliance on overseas raw materials), recycling arrangements and clear rules on who uses and pays for it. The panel also proposed a single portal bringing all approving authorities together for real-time monitoring.

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• Intro: With over 300 GW installed, India ranks third in renewables, but solar curtailment shows capacity alone is not enough.

• Body 1: Variable solar and wind need strong intra-state transmission and storage; GEC Phase-III targets 135 GW evacuation and 50 GWh of batteries.

• Body 2: Right-of-way compensation, land acquisition and slow environmental clearances have repeatedly delayed transmission lines.

• Counter/way forward: Storage needs viable business models, domestic supply chains and recycling; a single approvals portal can speed decisions.

• Conclusion: Centre-state coordination can make the corridor the backbone of India's energy transition and net-zero goals.

Syllabus Anchor: GS3 — Infrastructure: energy; Conservation and environmental impact (renewable energy transition)

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Q1. As per the editorial, India ranks where globally in renewable-energy deployment?

(A) First

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(B) Second

(C) Third

(D) Fifth

Answer: C

Q2. As per the editorial, Green Energy Corridor Phase-III aims to evacuate up to how much renewable energy?

(A) 100 GW

(B) 135 GW

(C) 300 GW

(D) 50 GW

Answer: B

Q3. As per the editorial, how much battery energy storage will the GEC Phase-III add?

(A) 50 GWh

(B) 25 GWh

(C) 100 GWh

(D) 135 GWh

Answer: A

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Deployment	The act of putting something into use	Installation	Withdrawal
Simple Example: *The quick deployment of buses eased the rush.*			
Evacuate	To move something out of a place	Remove	Retain
Simple Example: *New lines will evacuate power from the solar parks.*			
Variability	The tendency to change or vary	Fluctuation	Stability
Simple Example: *The variability of rainfall worries farmers.*			
Intermittency	Starting and stopping at intervals	Irregularity	Continuity
Simple Example: *Batteries help manage the intermittency of wind power.*			
Concentrated	Gathered together in one area	Clustered	Dispersed
Simple Example: *Most jobs are concentrated in a few big cities.*			
Earmarked	Set aside for a particular purpose	Allocated	Diverted

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Simple Example: The council earmarked funds for a new park.			
Acquisition	The act of obtaining something	Procurement	Disposal
Simple Example: Land acquisition delayed the highway project.			
Viable	Able to work or succeed	Feasible	Impractical
Simple Example: Solar pumps are a viable option for small farms.			
Backbone	The main support of a system	Mainstay	Weak link
Simple Example: Farmers are the backbone of the rural economy.			
Bottlenecks	Points where progress is slowed or blocked	Obstacles	Facilitators
Simple Example: Port bottlenecks delayed the export shipments.			

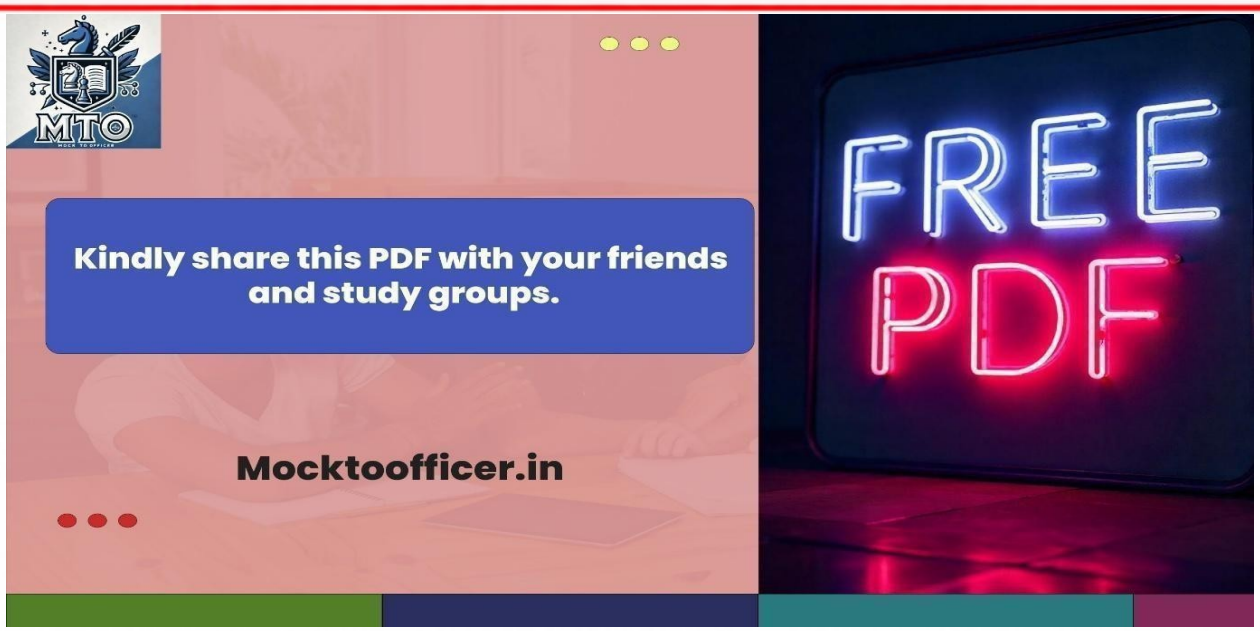
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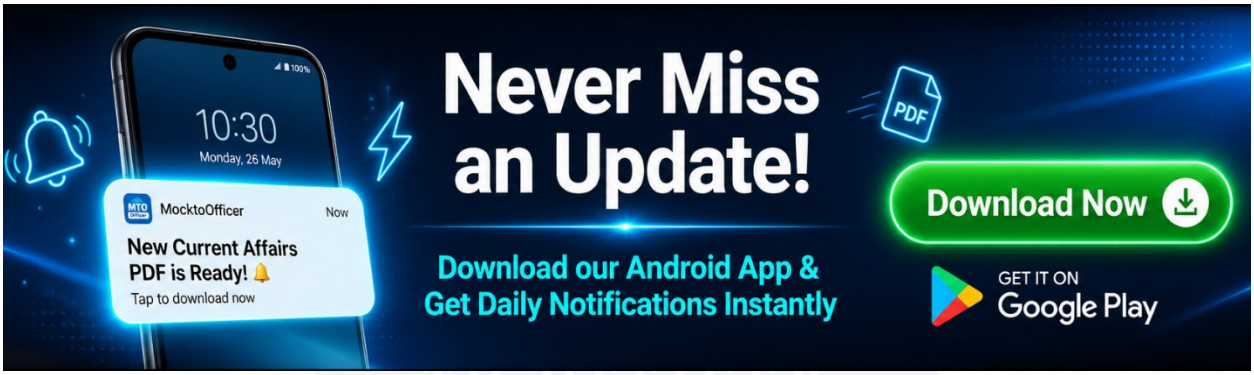
Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Give serious thought to	To consider something carefully	Consider carefully
Do well to	To be wise or sensible to do something	Be wise to

Quick Recall: Renewables · Transmission · Storage



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