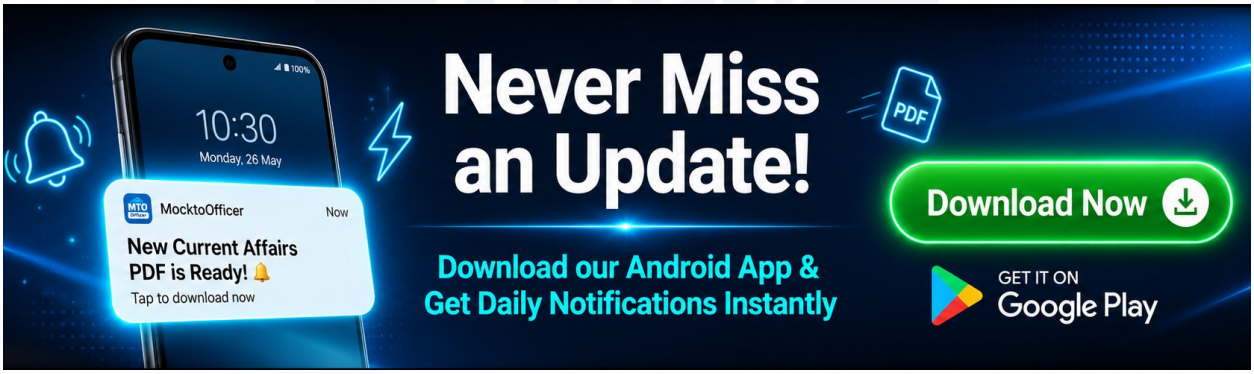
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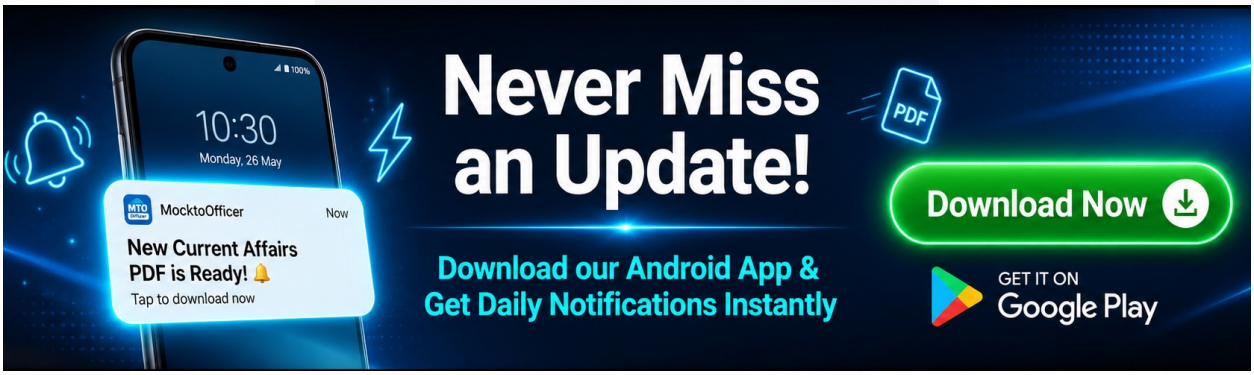
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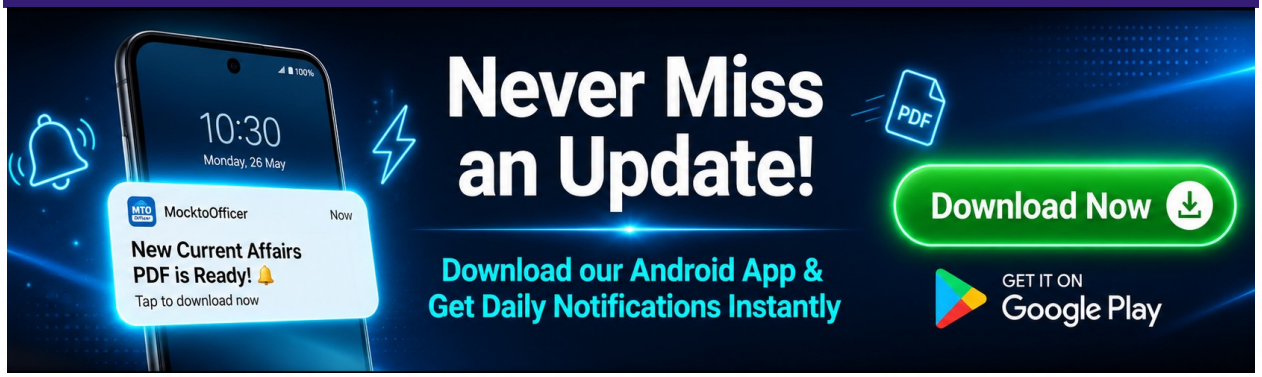
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EDITORIAL 1: EYES ON ICE: ON THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR PHYSICS

Source: The Hindu

[GS3/Science & Technology] | [Prelims/Current Affairs] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

The 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics goes to Francis Halzen for the IceCube idea of using Antarctic ice to catch elusive neutrinos; the editorial welcomes the science but says awarding one person keeps alive a Nobel habit of crediting collective achievements to individuals.

Context

IceCube has thousands of sensors buried up to 2.5 kilometres beneath the South Pole, linked by cables to a laboratory above ground. When neutrinos hit atoms in the ice, a faint flash of light is recorded, letting scientists work out the particle's energy and direction. The observatory has been online since 2011 and has detected extremely high-energy neutrinos. Over 400 experts from 14 countries work on it. The Nobel statutes bar dividing a prize among more than three people, so the 2017 gravitational-wave prize also went to three scientists despite hundreds of contributors. The statutes do allow awards to organisations, an option the editorial says is repeatedly overlooked.

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

• Intro: The 2026 physics Nobel celebrates IceCube, a telescope that uses Antarctic ice to study cosmic particles.

• Body 1: IceCube is the work of 400-plus experts across 14 countries, so its success is collective by design.

• Body 2: The rule limiting a prize to three people rewards star individuals and hides team effort in modern science.

• Counter/way forward: Honour organisations or collaborations, as the statutes already permit, to reflect how research works today.

• Conclusion: Recognition systems must catch up with the cooperative nature of science, since no one succeeds alone.

Syllabus Anchor: GS3 — Science and Technology: developments and their applications and effects in everyday life

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UPSC Prelims Lane

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

Q1. As per the editorial, up to what depth beneath the South Pole are IceCube's sensors embedded?

(A) 250 metres

(B) 1 kilometre

(C) 2.5 kilometres

(D) 25 kilometres

Answer: C

Q2. As per the editorial, among how many individuals at most do the Nobel statutes allow a prize to be divided?

(A) Two

(B) Three

(C) Four

(D) Five

Answer: B

Q3. As per the editorial, since which year has the IceCube observatory been online?

(A) 2001

(B) 2006

(C) 2017

(D) 2011

Answer: D

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Deleterious	Causing harm or damage	Harmful	Beneficial
Simple Example: *Eating too much sugar has a deleterious effect on health.*			
Crucibles	Places where things are severely tested or formed	Testing grounds	Sanctuaries
Simple Example: *Great leaders are often forged in the crucibles of hardship.*			
Fealty	Loyalty and faithful duty to a person or cause	Loyalty	Betrayal
Simple Example: *The knights swore fealty to the king.*			

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Perpetuates	Makes something continue for a long time	Sustains	Ends
Simple Example: *Silence perpetuates injustice in many workplaces.*			
Laureates	People honoured with a major prize	Prizewinners	Runners-up
Simple Example: *The laureates received their medals in Stockholm.*			
Accumulated	Gathered or built up over time	Amassed	Dispersed
Simple Example: *Dust accumulated on the unused shelves.*			
Statutes	Formal written laws or rules	Laws	Customs
Simple Example: *The club's statutes limit membership to adults.*			
Reinforcing	Making something stronger by adding support	Strengthening	Weakening
Simple Example: *Daily revision is reinforcing what students learn in class.*			
Recognises	Accepts or acknowledges the value of something	Acknowledges	Ignores
Simple Example: *The law recognises every citizen's right to vote.*			
Extensive	Covering a large area or amount	Wide-ranging	Limited
Simple Example: *The team carried out extensive tests on the machine.*			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
No man is an island	No one can live or succeed entirely alone	Nobody manages alone
Break new ground	To do something new and pioneering	Do something new

Quick Recall: Nobel 2026 · IceCube · Collective Credit

EDITORIAL 2: PAST FORWARD: ON BRAZIL'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THE FIRST ROUND

Source: The Hindu

[GS2/International Relations] | [Prelims/Current Affairs] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

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Flávio Bolsonaro took a surprise lead in Brazil's first-round presidential vote, bringing the far right back to the centre of politics; the editorial says President Lula now faces a tall task in the 25 October run-off.

Context

Flávio, son of former President Jair Bolsonaro, won 47% of the vote against 45% for Lula, who is seeking a fourth term. Jair Bolsonaro has been serving a 27-year sentence since 2025 for plotting a coup, yet his family returned strongly: his wife Michelle and son Carlos won Senate seats, and his Liberal Party doubled its Senate strength. Brazil grew by an average of 3% a year in 2023-25 and unemployment fell from 6.6% in 2024 to 5.6% last year. Still, a worse fiscal position, higher interest rates, criticism over handling organised crime and the rallying of conservative and evangelical voters worked against Lula. His camp accused the United States of interfering in favour of the Bolsonaros.

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

• Intro: Brazil's first round shows a rightward shift, mirroring a wider trend across Latin America.

• Body 1: Lula's economic gains were offset by fiscal stress, higher interest rates and worries over organised crime.

• Body 2: Conservative and evangelical groups rallied behind the Bolsonaros while many left-wing voters stayed away.

• Counter/way forward: Lula must win back disillusioned left voters and persuade centrists before the run-off.

• Conclusion: Brazil's choice will shape the politics of Latin America's largest economy and a key BRICS partner.

Syllabus Anchor: GS2 — Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests

UPSC Prelims Lane

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

Q1. As per the editorial, on which date will Brazil's presidential run-off be held?

(A) 11 October

(B) 18 October

(C) 25 October

(D) 1 November

Answer: C

Q2. As per the editorial, what share of the first-round vote did Flávio Bolsonaro win?

(A) 45%

(B) 47%

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(C) 50%

(D) 52%

Answer: B

Q3. As per the editorial, how long is the prison sentence Jair Bolsonaro is serving for plotting a coup?

(A) 7 years

(B) 17 years

(C) 22 years

(D) 27 years

Answer: D

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Embroiled	Deeply involved in a conflict or difficulty	Entangled	Detached
Simple Example: *The company was embroiled in a long legal dispute.*			
Disillusioned	Disappointed after losing faith in something	Disenchanted	Hopeful
Simple Example: *Disillusioned voters stayed away from the polling booths.*			
Abstained	Chose not to take part or vote	Refrained	Participated
Simple Example: *Two members abstained from the vote.*			
Cementing	Making something firm and lasting	Consolidating	Undermining
Simple Example: *Strong results are cementing the team's lead.*			
Annulled	Declared legally invalid	Cancelled	Upheld
Simple Example: *The court annulled the contract.*			
Interference	Meddling in the affairs of others	Meddling	Neutrality
Simple Example: *Outside interference spoiled the peace talks.*			
Invalid	Not legally or officially acceptable	Void	Valid
Simple Example: *An unsigned form is invalid.*			
Traditionally	In the way done for a very long time	Customarily	Unusually
Simple Example: *Traditionally, Diwali is celebrated with lamps and sweets.*			
Persuade	To convince someone to do or believe something	Convince	Dissuade

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Simple Example: She tried to persuade him to apply.			
Advantage	A favourable position over others	Edge	Disadvantage
Simple Example: Home fans give the team an advantage.			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Turn the tide	To reverse a situation in one's favour	Change the situation
Tall order	A task that is very hard to achieve	Very hard task

Quick Recall: Brazil · Run-off · Right-wing Shift

EDITORIAL 3: THE UNIVERSE WHISPERS THROUGH GHOST PARTICLES

Source: The Indian Express

[GS3/Science & Technology] | [Prelims/Current Affairs] | [Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

Core Issue

Francis Halzen's work has used neutrinos to probe places that light cannot escape from, opening a new window on the cosmos; the editorial says the next frontier is studying neutrinos alongside other cosmic messengers.

Context

In 1930, Austrian physicist Wolfgang Pauli proposed an elusive particle to explain a mystery in radioactive decay; the neutrino was detected about two decades later. Neutrinos have tiny masses, carry no electric charge and interact so weakly that billions pass through our bodies unnoticed. They can escape the dense interiors of exploding stars, carrying information telescopes cannot reach. Halzen's IceCube turned a cubic kilometre of South Pole ice into a detector with more than 5,000 optical sensors. In 2013 it gave evidence of high-energy neutrinos originating beyond the solar system. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the physics Nobel.

UPSC Mains Lane

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

• Intro: Neutrinos, once a puzzle in radioactive decay, now let scientists observe the universe without light.

• Body 1: Their weak interaction lets them escape dense, violent regions like exploding stars and reach Earth.

• Body 2: IceCube's ice-based detector gave evidence in 2013 of high-energy neutrinos from beyond the solar system.

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• Counter/way forward: Combine neutrino data with light, gravitational waves and cosmic rays in multi-messenger astronomy.

• Conclusion: Seeing farther can mean detecting what the universe silently sends, not building a bigger eye.

Syllabus Anchor: GS3 — Science and Technology: developments and their applications and effects in everyday life

UPSC Prelims Lane

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

Q1. As per the editorial, which physicist proposed the existence of the neutrino in 1930?

(A) Enrico Fermi

(B) Wolfgang Pauli

(C) Niels Bohr

(D) Max Planck

Answer: B

Q2. As per the editorial, in which year did IceCube give evidence of high-energy neutrinos from beyond the solar system?

(A) 2005

(B) 2011

(C) 2013

(D) 2020

Answer: C

Q3. As per the editorial, which approach is described as the next frontier in studying the cosmos?

(A) Multi-messenger astronomy

(B) Gravitational lensing

(C) Radio astronomy

(D) Dark-matter mapping

Answer: A

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Inaccessible	Impossible or very hard to reach	Unreachable	Accessible
Simple Example: *The village is inaccessible during heavy floods.*			

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Whispers	Speaks or sounds in a very soft voice	Murmurs	Shouts
Simple Example: *The wind whispers through the tall trees.*			
Mystery	Something that is hard to explain	Puzzle	Clarity
Simple Example: *The missing key remains a mystery.*			
Extreme	Very great in degree; far beyond normal	Intense	Mild
Simple Example: *Extreme heat closed schools across the district.*			
Messengers	People or things that carry information	Couriers	Recipients
Simple Example: *Pigeons were once used as messengers.*			
Silently	Without making any sound	Quietly	Noisily
Simple Example: *The cat crept silently across the roof.*			
Originating	Starting from a particular source or place	Arising	Ending
Simple Example: *The river originating in the hills feeds many towns.*			
Evidence	Facts that show something is true	Proof	Disproof
Simple Example: *The police found new evidence at the scene.*			
Interiors	Inner parts of something	Insides	Exteriors
Simple Example: *The temple's interiors are covered in carvings.*			
Violent	Involving great force that can cause damage	Brutal	Gentle
Simple Example: *A violent storm uprooted several trees.*			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Open a window on	To give a fresh view of something	Give a new view
Throw light on	To make something clearer	Make clearer

Quick Recall: Neutrinos · IceCube · Multi-messenger

EDITORIAL 4: SHE LED THE WAY TO THE TOP, THAT'S HER LEGACY

Source: The Indian Express

[Banking Awareness] | [SSC GK]

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Core Issue

Harmanpreet Kaur has stepped down as India's women's cricket captain; the editorial says her real legacy is the belief she built in the team, which Smriti Mandhana must now turn into a habit of winning.

Context

When Harmanpreet became captain, India had already reached two ODI World Cup finals but still felt it had to prove it belonged among the best. Under her, India reached the 2018 T20 World Cup semifinal, the 2020 T20 World Cup final and the 2023 T20 World Cup semifinal, and then won the 2025 ODI World Cup. Her batting grew less consistent and her decisions were often questioned, yet she stayed at the centre of the team. Mandhana takes over a side that has tasted success, and the editorial says she should lead in her own way while protecting the confidence already built.

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Mains use: intro anecdote only — Harmanpreet Kaur's captaincy shows how belief, not just results, builds a winning team.

UPSC Prelims Lane

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

Q1. As per the editorial, who takes over as India's women's cricket captain after Harmanpreet Kaur?

(A) Smriti Mandhana

(B) Shafali Verma

(C) Deepti Sharma

(D) Jemimah Rodrigues

Answer: A

Q2. As per the editorial, in which year did India win the ODI World Cup under Harmanpreet Kaur?

(A) 2017

(B) 2022

(C) 2025

(D) 2023

Answer: C

Q3. As per the editorial, in which T20 World Cup did India reach the final during her captaincy?

(A) 2018

(B) 2020

(C) 2023

(D) 2025

Answer: B

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Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Inherits	Receives something from a predecessor	Receives	Bequeaths
Simple Example: *The new manager inherits a well-run team.*			
Consistently	In a steady and regular way	Steadily	Irregularly
Simple Example: *She scores consistently in every mock test.*			
Questioned	Doubted or asked about closely	Doubted	Accepted
Simple Example: *His decision was questioned by many.*			
Captaincy	The position or period of being a team's leader	Leadership	Subordination
Simple Example: *His captaincy brought discipline to the side.*			
Belonged	Fitted in or had a rightful place	Fitted	Alienated
Simple Example: *He felt he belonged in the new school.*			
Passion	Strong feeling or enthusiasm for something	Enthusiasm	Apathy
Simple Example: *Her passion for teaching inspires students.*			
Recreate	To make or do something again	Replicate	Destroy
Simple Example: *Chefs struggle to recreate the old recipe.*			
Protect	To keep safe from harm	Safeguard	Endanger
Simple Example: *Helmets protect riders from serious injury.*			
Tasted	Experienced something for the first time	Experienced	Missed
Simple Example: *The team tasted victory after years of effort.*			
Smooth	Free from difficulty or interruption	Seamless	Rough
Simple Example: *The first week of work was smooth.*			

Idioms

Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Go all the way	To succeed fully or reach the final goal	Reach the end
Take over	To assume control or responsibility	Assume control

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Step down	To resign from a position	Resign

Quick Recall: Harmanpreet · Captaincy · Mandhana

EDITORIAL 5: RBI'S FOCUS ON INFLATION IS TIMELY

Source: The Indian Express

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

Core Issue

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee raised the repo rate and shifted its stance to 'calibrated tightening'; the editorial calls this timely because growth is robust while inflation is rising past the 4 per cent target.

Context

The MPC raised the repo rate by 25 basis points from 5.25 per cent to 5.5 per cent, the first hike since February 2023. All six members voted for it. The stance moved from 'neutral' to 'calibrated tightening', last adopted eight years ago. Strong 7.8 per cent growth in the April-June quarter led the RBI to raise its 2026-27 growth forecast from 6.7 to 7.1 per cent. Inflation is the worry: West Asia tensions, costlier crude, a deficient monsoon and El Niño could push retail inflation to 6 per cent by December, with about 5.2 per cent for the full year. The editorial says rate cuts are off the table for now.

UPSC Mains Lane

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

• Intro: The RBI's hike and stance change signal that fighting inflation has become its first priority.

• Body 1: Robust growth of 7.8 per cent in the first quarter gave the RBI room to tighten without hurting the economy.

• Body 2: Costlier crude, a deficient monsoon and El Niño are pushing inflation towards 6 per cent by December.

• Counter/way forward: Raise rates carefully, watch supply-side food and fuel shocks, and keep communication clear.

• Conclusion: Acting early keeps inflation from becoming broad-based and protects household purchasing power.

Syllabus Anchor: GS3 — Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilisation of resources, growth, development and employment

UPSC Prelims Lane

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

Q1. As per the editorial, to what level did the RBI raise the repo rate?

(A) 5.00 per cent

(B) 5.25 per cent

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(C) 5.50 per cent

(D) 5.75 per cent

Answer: C

Q2. As per the editorial, to which stance did the RBI shift from 'neutral'?

(A) Accommodative

(B) Withdrawal of accommodation

(C) Hawkish pause

(D) Calibrated tightening

Answer: D

Q3. As per the editorial, what is the RBI's new full-year (2026-27) growth forecast?

(A) 6.7 per cent

(B) 7.1 per cent

(C) 7.8 per cent

(D) 5.2 per cent

Answer: B

Vocabulary

Vocabs	Simple Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
Dampen	To reduce the strength or intensity of something	Curb	Boost
Simple Example: *Heavy rain may dampen the festival mood.*			
Squarely	Directly and firmly	Directly	Indirectly
Simple Example: *The blame rests squarely on the manager.*			
Hardening	Becoming firmer or less flexible	Firming	Softening
Simple Example: *Hardening oil prices worry importers.*			
Spike	A sudden sharp rise	Surge	Plunge
Simple Example: *A spike in onion prices hit households.*			
Pencilled	Tentatively planned, with scope for change	Tentative	Finalised
Simple Example: *The meeting is pencilled for Monday morning.*			
Unanimous	Agreed on by everyone without exception	Undivided	Divided
Simple Example: *The jury's verdict was unanimous.*			
Breaching	Breaking or going beyond a limit or rule	Violating	Obeying

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Simple Example: Prices are breaching the limit set by the government.			
Trending	Moving in a general direction over time	Heading	Reversing
Simple Example: Prices are trending upwards this season.			
Hike	A sharp increase	Rise	Cut
Simple Example: A fare hike upset daily commuters.			
Timely	Happening at a suitable moment	Opportune	Belated
Simple Example: The rescue team's timely arrival saved lives.			

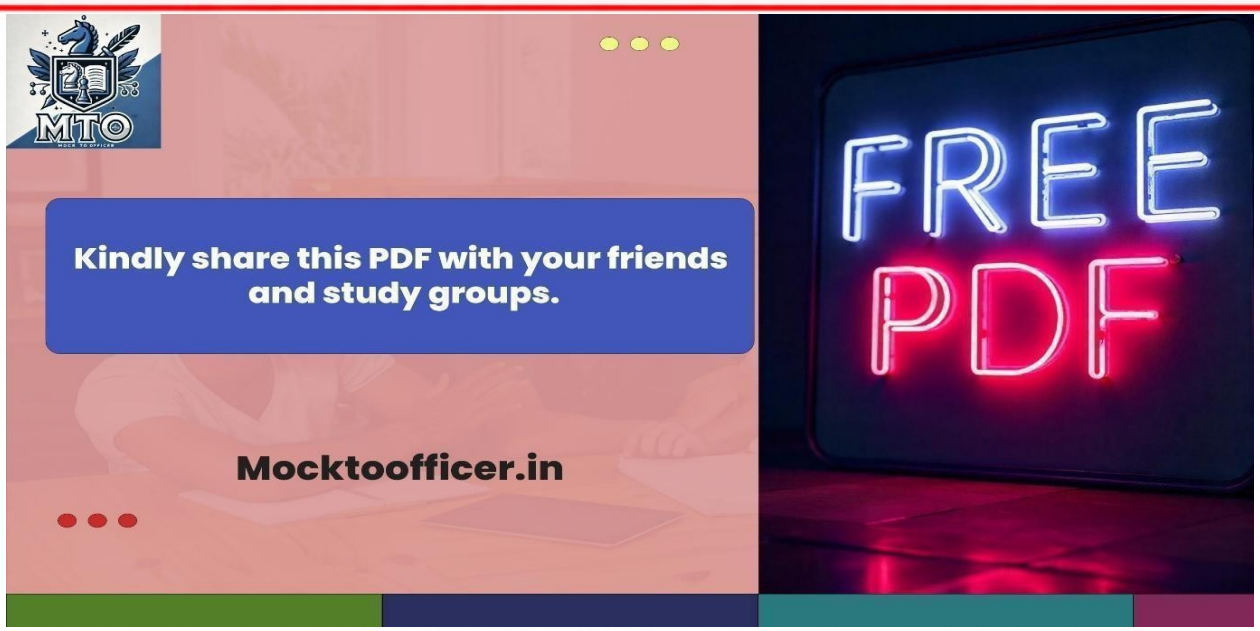
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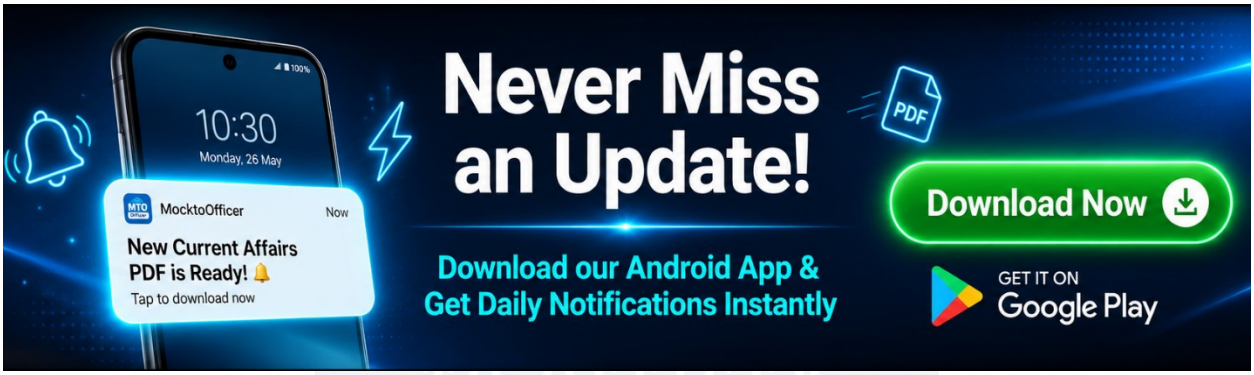
Idiom	Actual Meaning	Simple Meaning
Off the table	No longer open for discussion or consideration	No longer an option
Bump up	To raise something by a small amount	Raise slightly
In a bid to	In an attempt to achieve something	In an attempt to

Quick Recall: Repo Rate · Calibrated Tightening · Inflation



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