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**Level 5 – 18th August, 2021**

## **India to launch \$1.35 trillion infrastructure plan**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210818-india-infrastructure-5.html>

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a huge financial package for his country. India plans to spend \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure. The huge investment will focus on the economy, youth employment, and on ways to tackle climate change. Mr Modi hopes the gigantic injection of cash will provide a boost to the economy. He said his spending plans will "create job opportunities for hundreds of thousands of young people". He added that it would also help local manufacturers to become "globally competitive," and to develop new "economic zones" in India.

Mr Modi wants to focus on making India carbon-neutral. He gave his speech as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He promised that India would be "energy independent" before it turned 100. Modi promised to invest more in sustainable energies such as solar and "green hydrogen". He wants to move India away from its reliance on oil. India is the world's third-largest oil importer. He outlined ambitious plans for transforming India's vast railway network. He wants it to be a net-zero carbon emitter by 2030. Modi said his country is "fast achieving its climate goals".

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<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/pm-modi-says-1-35-trillion-infrastructure-plan-to-be-unveiled-soon/articleshow/85342765.cms>  
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/8/15/modi-unveils-infrastructure-plan-on-indias-75th-independence-day>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. announced a huge financial     | a. on the economy        |
| 2. plans to spend \$1.35 trillion | b. competitive           |
| 3. The huge investment will focus | c. tackle climate change |
| 4. ways to                        | d. on infrastructure     |
| 5. the gigantic injection         | e. to the economy        |
| 6. provide a boost                | f. manufacturers         |
| 7. help local                     | g. package               |
| 8. become globally                | h. of cash               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. focus on making India            | a. emitter by 2030      |
| 2. invest more in sustainable       | b. plans                |
| 3. He wants to move India away from | c. carbon-neutral       |
| 4. India is the world's third-      | d. its climate goals    |
| 5. He outlined ambitious            | e. railway network      |
| 6. transforming India's vast        | f. energies             |
| 7. a net-zero carbon                | g. its reliance on oil  |
| 8. his country is fast achieving    | h. largest oil importer |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ financial package for his country. India plans to spend \$1.35 (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The huge investment will focus on the economy, youth employment, and on ways (3) \_\_\_\_\_ change. Mr Modi hopes the gigantic injection of cash will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the economy. He said his spending plans will "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ for hundreds of thousands of young people". He added that it would also help local manufacturers to become "globally competitive," and to develop (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in India.

Mr Modi wants to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ India carbon-neutral. He gave his speech as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He promised that India would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ before it turned 100. Modi promised to invest more in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as solar and "green hydrogen". He wants to move India away from its reliance on oil. India is the world's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ importer. He outlined ambitious (11) \_\_\_\_\_ India's vast railway network. He wants it to be a net-zero carbon emitter by 2030. Modi said his country is "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ climate goals".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# INDIA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210818-india-infrastructure-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about India in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

