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India to launch \$1.35 trillion infrastructure plan

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THE ARTICLE

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

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a huge financial package for his country's economy. Mr Modi outlined plans for spending \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure at an Independence Day speech on August the 15th. The huge investment will focus on the economy, youth employment opportunities, and on ways to tackle climate change. Modi hopes the gargantuan injection of cash will provide a boost to the economy. He said the spending plans will "create job opportunities for hundreds of thousands of young people". He added that the stimulus would help local manufacturers to become "globally competitive," and develop new "economic zones" in India.

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

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WARM-UPS

1. INDIA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about India. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

prime minister / financial / package / infrastructure / investment / injection / zones / carbon / neutral / celebrations / energy / independent / hydrogen / railway / climate

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. JOB CREATION: Students A **strongly** believe job creation is more important than tackling climate change; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BOOST: How would you boost these areas of infrastructure? How would this impact climate change. Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Boost	Climate Change
Roads		
Hospitals		
Schools		
Education		
Energy		
Transport		

5. TRILLION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "trillion". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Solar power
- Tidal power
- Wind power
- Biofuel
- Nuclear power
- Carbon capture
- Hydroelectricity
- Geothermal power

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. package | a. Help or encourage something to increase or improve. |
| 2. infrastructure | b. A person or company that makes goods for sale. |
| 3. tackle | c. A set of proposals or terms offered or agreed as part of a plan. |
| 4. gargantuan | d. The basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) needed for the operation of a society or business. |
| 5. boost | e. Enormous; huge. |
| 6. stimulus | f. A thing that starts activity or energy in someone or something. |
| 7. manufacturer | g. Make big efforts to deal with a problem or difficult task. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. carbon-neutral | h. Of very great extent or quantity; immense. |
| 9. vowed | i. Having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed. |
| 10. sustainable | j. Dependence on or trust in someone or something. |
| 11. reliance | k. Making no net release of CO ₂ to the atmosphere. |
| 12. ambitious | l. A machine, device, country, etc., that sends out things like radiation, light, noise, pollution, etc. |
| 13. vast | m. Promised. |
| 14. emitter | n. Able to be maintained at a certain rate or level. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. India's Finance Secretary announced a huge financial package. **T / F**
2. An infrastructure plan was announced on India's Independence Day. **T / F**
3. Part of the plan includes cash to fight climate change. **T / F**
4. The package will provide job opportunities for millions of young people. **T / F**
5. India's leader wants the country to be carbon neutral in 100 years. **T / F**
6. India's leader wants to invest in green hydrogen. **T / F**
7. India is the world's third-largest importer of oil. **T / F**
8. India's leader said India has achieved its climate goals. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. announced | a. address |
| 2. outlined | b. entire |
| 3. gargantuan | c. summarized |
| 4. boost | d. makers |
| 5. manufacturers | e. dependence |
| 6. speech | f. enormous |
| 7. vowed | g. huge |
| 8. reliance | h. declared |
| 9. vast | i. promised |
| 10. whole | j. lift |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. announced a huge financial | a. to the economy |
| 2. ways to tackle | b. railway network |
| 3. provide a boost | c. zones |
| 4. the stimulus would help local | d. neutral country |
| 5. develop new economic | e. manufacturers |
| 6. plans to make India a carbon- | f. emitter by 2030 |
| 7. move away from its reliance | g. package |
| 8. transforming India's vast | h. its climate goals |
| 9. be a net-zero carbon | i. on oil |
| 10. moving fast towards achieving | j. climate change |

GAP FILL

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

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a huge financial (1) _____ for his country's economy. Mr Modi outlined plans for (2) _____ \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure at an Independence Day speech on August the 15th. The huge investment will (3) _____ on the economy, youth employment opportunities, and on (4) _____ to tackle climate change. Modi hopes the gargantuan (5) _____ of cash will provide a boost to the economy. He said the spending plans will "create job (6) _____ for hundreds of thousands of young people". He added that the stimulus would help local (7) _____ to become "globally competitive," and develop new "economic (8) _____" in India.

focus
opportunities
package
manufacturers
injection
spending
zones
ways

Mr Modi focused on plans to make India a carbon-(9) _____ country. He gave his (10) _____ as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He (11) _____ that before India turned 100, the country would be "energy independent". Modi (12) _____ to invest more in sustainable resources such as solar technology and "green hydrogen". He wants the country to move away from its (13) _____ on oil. India is the world's third-largest oil importer. In particular, he outlined (14) _____ plans for transforming India's (15) _____ railway network - the largest in the world. He said he wants the whole network to be a net-zero carbon (16) _____ by 2030. Modi said his country is "moving fast towards achieving its climate goals".

speech
pledged
ambitious
vowed
emitter
neutral
vast
reliance

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a _____
 - a. huge financial pack age
 - b. huge financial pack cage
 - c. huge financial pack aged
 - d. huge financial package
- 2) Modi outlined plans for spending \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure at an _____
 - a. Independence Day speaks
 - b. Independence Day speeches
 - c. Independence Day speech
 - d. Independence Days peach
- 3) the economy, youth employment opportunities, and on ways to _____
 - a. trickle climate change
 - b. tack all climate change
 - c. tickle climate change
 - d. tackle climate change
- 4) Modi hopes the gargantuan injection of cash will _____
 - a. provide a boast
 - b. provide a beast
 - c. provide a baste
 - d. provide a boost
- 5) help local manufacturers to become globally competitive and develop _____ "
 - a. new economic zones
 - b. new economics zones
 - c. new economically zones
 - d. new economical zones
- 6) Mr Modi focused on plans to make India a _____
 - a. carb on-neutral country
 - b. car bon neutral country
 - c. carb bon-neutral country
 - d. carbon-neutral country
- 7) He vowed that before India turned 100, the country would _____
 - a. be energy independence
 - b. be energy independent
 - c. be energy interdependent
 - d. be energy intra-dependent
- 8) invest more in sustainable resources such as solar technology _____
 - a. and greenish hydrogen
 - b. and greenie hydrogen
 - c. and greens hydrogen
 - d. and green hydrogen
- 9) He wants the country to move away from its _____
 - a. reliance in oil
 - b. reliance on oil
 - c. reliance un-oil
 - d. reliance an oil
- 10) He said he wants the whole network to be a net-_____
 - a. zero carbon emitter
 - b. zero carbon mitten
 - c. zero carbon smitten
 - d. zero carbon remitter

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Modi focused on plans to make India a (7) _____. He gave his speech as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He (8) _____ India turned 100, the country would be "energy independent". Modi pledged to invest more (9) _____ such as solar technology and "green hydrogen". He wants the country to move away from its (10) _____. India is the world's third-largest oil importer. In particular, he (11) _____ for transforming India's vast railway network - the largest in the world. He said he wants the whole network to be a net-zero (12) _____ 2030. Modi said his country is "moving fast towards achieving its climate goals".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who introduced a financial package?
2. When was the announcement made?
3. What does the package hope to tackle?
4. What will the package provide a boost to?
5. What will the package make more globally competitive?
6. By when does Narendra Modi hope India will be energy independent?
7. What kind of hydrogen does Mr Modi hope to invest in?
8. What does India want to rely less on?
9. What does the article say is vast in India?
10. What did Mr Modi say India is moving fast towards achieving?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who introduced a financial package?
 - a) India's finance ministry
 - b) the IMF
 - c) India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi
 - d) the Central Bank of India
- 2) When was the announcement made?
 - a) August the 15th
 - b) August the 14th
 - c) August the 12th
 - d) August the 11th
- 3) What does the package hope to tackle?
 - a) discrimination
 - b) climate change
 - c) rising inflation
 - d) corporate corruption
- 4) What will the package provide a boost to?
 - a) confidence
 - b) the financial markets
 - c) regional trade
 - d) the economy
- 5) What will the package make more globally competitive?
 - a) Indian cars
 - b) tech companies
 - c) local manufacturers
 - d) jobs
- 6) By when does Narendra Modi hope India will be energy independent?
 - a) by the end of the decade
 - b) before India turns 100
 - c) some time next century
 - d) 2025
- 7) What kind of hydrogen does Mr Modi hope to invest in??
 - a) nice hydrogen
 - b) high-level hydrogen
 - c) pure hydrogen
 - d) green hydrogen
- 8) What does India want to rely less on?
 - a) loans
 - b) oil
 - c) other countries
 - d) the World Bank
- 9) What does the article say is vast in India?
 - a) its deserts
 - b) its railway network
 - c) its potential
 - d) landscapes
- 10) What did Mr Modi say India is moving fast towards achieving?
 - a) its climate goals
 - b) full employment
 - c) fuel self-sufficiency
 - d) technology goals

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Solar Power

You think solar power is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms of power. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wind power, biofuel or hydroelectricity.

Role B – Wind Power

You think wind power is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms of power. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): solar power, biofuel or hydroelectricity.

Role C – Biofuel

You think biofuel is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms of power. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wind power, solar power or hydroelectricity.

Role D – Hydroelectricity

You think hydroelectricity is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms of power. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wind power, biofuel or solar power.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'India' and 'plan'.

India	plan
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• package• outlined• youth• boost• stimulus• zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• carbon• 100• solar• oil• network• fast
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INDIA SURVEY

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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.

INDIA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'India'?
3. What do you know about India?
4. What is the infrastructure in your country like?
5. What would you spend your government's money on?
6. How could you improve your country's economy?
7. What can your country do to tackle climate change?
8. What are local manufacturers in your town like?
9. How globally competitive are companies in your country?
10. What would you do with a gargantuan injection of cash?

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INDIA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'infrastructure'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about India?
15. How far away is your country from being carbon neutral?
16. What sustainable resources are the most effective?
17. How reliant is your country on oil?
18. What infrastructure in your town needs some money?
19. What will India be like in 50 years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask India's leader?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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Mr Modi focused on plans to make India a (7) _____-neutral country. He gave his speech as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He (8) _____ that before India turned 100, the country would be "energy independent". Modi pledged to invest more in sustainable resources such (9) _____ solar technology and "green hydrogen". He wants the country to move away from its reliance (10) _____ oil. India is the world's third-largest oil importer. In particular, he outlined ambitious plans for transforming India's (11) _____ railway network - the largest in the world. He said he wants the whole network to be a net-zero carbon emitter by 2030. Modi said his country is "moving fast towards (12) _____ its climate goals".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) parcel | (b) package | (c) present | (d) box |
| 2. | (a) inclined | (b) outlined | (c) aligned | (d) lined |
| 3. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) beast | (b) boost | (c) boast | (d) baste |
| 5. | (a) paradox | (b) recognition | (c) stimulus | (d) accolade |
| 6. | (a) cones | (b) hones | (c) zones | (d) tones |
| 7. | (a) hydrogen | (b) carbon | (c) nitrogen | (d) helium |
| 8. | (a) sowed | (b) vowed | (c) wowed | (d) cowed |
| 9. | (a) has | (b) was | (c) as | (d) is |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) up | (c) at | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) everywhere | (b) seep | (c) spread | (d) vast |
| 12. | (a) achieves | (b) achievement | (c) achieving | (d) achiever |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. announced a huge financial aakcpeg
2. Mr Modi iulotedn plans
3. the uanatgganr injection of cash
4. create job oesrputitpnoi
5. the Isuustmi would help
6. local ufreaatrucmns

Paragraph 2

7. plans to make India a carbon-tlunrae country
8. He vdweo that before India turned 100
9. iutalesbans resources
10. green nreodyhg
11. move away from its lcenreia on oil
12. a net-zero carbon tmetrei by 2030

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () help local manufacturers to become "globally competitive," and develop new "economic zones" in India.
- () largest oil importer. In particular, he outlined ambitious plans for transforming India's vast
- () of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He vowed that before India turned 100, the country would
- () and "green hydrogen". He wants the country to move away from its reliance on oil. India is the world's third-
- () for hundreds of thousands of young people". He added that that the stimulus would
- () opportunities, and on ways to tackle climate change. Modi hopes the gargantuan injection
- () railway network - the largest in the world. He said he wants the whole network to be a net-
- () speech on August the 15th. The huge investment will focus on the economy, youth employment
- (**1**) India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a huge financial package for his country's
- () zero carbon emitter by 2030. Modi said his country is "moving fast towards achieving its climate goals".
- () of cash will provide a boost to the economy. He said the spending plans will "create job opportunities
- () economy. Mr Modi outlined plans for spending \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure at an Independence Day
- () Mr Modi focused on plans to make India a carbon-neutral country. He gave his speech as part
- () be "energy independent". Modi pledged to invest more in sustainable resources such as solar technology

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. has Modi huge a announced financial package .
2. infrastructure . plans for spending Outlined on trillion \$1.35
3. the investment huge focus will on The economy .
4. The provides injection a boost . cash gargantuan of
5. become globally competitive . local manufacturers to Help
6. carbon-neutral . to on make India plans focused Modi
7. invest sustainable more resources . to pledged in Modi
8. He move reliance . to away wants from its
9. network be net-zero . to He whole the wants
10. goals . towards fast It's achieving moving climate its

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has *announced* / *announcing* a huge financial package for his country's economy. Mr Modi *inclined* / *outlined* plans for spending \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure at an Independence Day speech on August the 15th. The huge investment will focus *in* / *on* the economy, *youth* / *young* employment opportunities, and on *way* / *ways* to tackle climate change. Modi hopes the *gargantuan* / *gargoyle* injection of cash will provide a *boost* / *boast* to the economy. He said the spending plans will "create *job* / *jobs* opportunities for hundreds of thousands of young people". He added that the *simulation* / *stimulus* would help local manufacturers to become "globally competitive," and develop new "economic *zones* / *clones*" in India.

Mr Modi focused *on* / *in* plans to make India a carbon-neutral country. He gave his speech *was* / *as* part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations. He *wowed* / *vowed* that before India turned 100, the country would be "energy independent". Modi pledged to *invest* / *ingest* more in sustainable resources such as solar technology and "green *hydroxide* / *hydrogen*". He wants the country to move away from its *reliance* / *relies* on oil. India is the world's third-largest oil importer. In particular, he outlined *ambitious* / *ambition* plans for transforming India's *baste* / *vast* railway network - the largest in the world. He said he wants the whole network to be a net-zero carbon *emission* / *emitter* by 2030. Modi said his country is "moving fast *towards* / *for* achieving its climate goals".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

indias prime minister narendra modi has announced a huge financial package for his countrys economy mr modi outlined plans for spending 135 trillion on infrastructure at an independence day speech on august the 15th the huge investment will focus on the economy youth employment opportunities and on ways to tackle climate change modi hopes the gargantuan injection of cash will provide a boost to the economy he said the spending plans will create job opportunities for hundreds of thousands of young people he added that the stimulus would help local manufacturers to become globally competitive and develop new economic zones in india

mr modi focused on plans to make india a carbonneutral country he gave his speech as part of indias 75th independence day celebrations he vowed that before india turned 100 the country would be energy independent modi pledged to invest more in sustainable resources such as solar technology and green hydrogen he wants the country to move away from its reliance on oil india is the worlds thirdlargest oil importer in particular he outlined ambitious plans for transforming indias vast railway network the largest in the world he said he wants the whole network to be a netzero carbon emitter by 2030 modi said his country is moving fast towards achieving its climate goals

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. INDIA: Make a poster about India. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. JOBS: Write a magazine article about governments spending more money on jobs than on climate change. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on India. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions of India. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. c	3. f/g	4. j	5. d
6. a	7. i	8. e	9. f/g	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- August the 15th
- Climate change
- The economy
- Local manufacturers
- Before India turns 100
- Green hydrogen
- Oil
- Its railway network
- Its climate goals

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Modi has announced a huge financial package.
- Outlined plans for spending \$1.35 trillion on infrastructure.
- The huge investment will focus on the economy.
- The gargantuan injection of cash provides a boost.
- Help local manufacturers to become globally competitive.
- Modi focused on plans to make India carbon-neutral.
- Modi pledged to invest more in sustainable resources.
- He wants to move away from its reliance.
- He wants the whole network to be net-zero.
- It's moving fast towards achieving its climate goals.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)