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**Agri-
Business
News**

THE SALT FARMERS OF WILD ASS COUNTRY

"An estimated 200,000 people work barefoot in extreme hardship, exposed to a relentless sun and a host of occupational dangers."

Under a searing sun, the Agariyas continue to make salt in the Little Rann of Kutch just as their ancestors have done down the ages. A pair of black gum boots stands in the corner of Dhirubhai's temporary shack, his home for eight months in the Little Rann of Kutch. "A salt worker's hands and feet stiffen and at times water oozes out of our legs," says Dhirubhai. All the work is done barefoot—that's the indigenous way salt has been made for centuries.

RELENTLESS

oppressively constant; incessant.

"the relentless heat of the desert"

adjective: relentless

SEARING

extremely hot or intense.

"the searing heat of the sun"

adjective: searing

**Budget
News**

RAIL BHAVAN, NORTH BLOCK SPAR AFTER BUDGET MERGER

"Finance Ministry demand for dividends from PSUs leaves Railways fuming"

The Finance Ministry, which has taken charge of presenting the annual accounts for the railways, has asked the Railway Ministry to hereafter remit the annual dividends it receives from the 14 CPSUs.

Rail Bhavan mandarins are not amused as saving on dividend payments to the Ministry of Finance was one of the biggest arguments made in favour of scrapping the Railway Budget.

REMIT

send (money) in payment or as a gift.

"the income they remitted to their families"

verb: remit

AMUSED

something that comes as a surprise.

"They were not amused at the news of her death as she was ill since a long time"

past participle: amused

**stock
News**

NSE TO GO FOR GRADED SURVEILLANCE OF SHARES WHOSE PRICES DO NOT REFLECT PERFORMANCE

"To protect investors from the perils of trading in scrips where the rise in price is not commensurate with their financial performance and business fundamentals, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) will shortly introduce graded surveillance measures."

This means, scrips whose prices rise abnormally despite indicators such as earnings, book value, fixed assets, net worth, and price/earnings multiple not reflecting adequate reasons for that rise, would be subject to a higher degree of surveillance.

PERILS

serious and immediate danger.

"his family was in peril"

noun : peril
plural noun: perils

COMMENSURATE

corresponding in size ; in proportion.

"salary will be commensurate with experience"

adjective:
Commensurate

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