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Important words used in editorial

Resonate : **Echo, reverberate, ring**

Deplete : **Exhaust, drain, consume, empty, spend**

Assemble : **Gather, collect, meet, convene, congregate**

Mitigation : **Reduction, alleviation, lessening**

Mitigate ⇒ pacify / calm down
 ↳ reduce
 ↳ alleviate

Predominant	: Main, primary, chief, dominant, principal.
Populous	: Crowded, densely inhabited, teeming
Appetite	: Hunger, desire, craving, demand, inclination.
Landmark	: Milestone, breakthrough turning point
Nudge	: Push, prompt, encourage, prod, urge

Important idioms and phrases used in the editorial

Achilles heel : To be the weak point or vulnerability.

In the short run : Over a short period, in the near future.

Lead the charge : To be the first or most active in a movement or activity.

- Contingent on** : **Dependent on something else in the future in order to happen.**
- Edge out** : **To narrowly defeat or surpass someone or something**

Green energy can't yet bend climate curve

Last year, renewable energy installations scaled a landmark, globally. Solar, wind and hydro edged out fossil fuels as the predominant source of power. The world's two most populous countries, India and China, led the charge in adding clean energy installations. Yet, human activities pushed global warming to 1.37 degrees Celsius in 2025, according to the latest Indicators of Global Climate Change (IGCC) report, published on Wednesday in the journal Earth System Science Data. That the increase in warming comes at a time when the appetite for clean energy is at record levels frames the scale of the challenge for policymakers the world over.

The expansion in renewables, though significant, is still not enough to check the rise in GHG emissions. Unlike the power sector and, to an extent, the transport sector, large sections of the industry continue to be driven by fossil fuels. Transitioning to cleaner alternatives – green hydrogen, for instance – takes time and requires investments.

In the short run, national policies can help by nudging manufacturers towards adopting energy-efficient machines, using recyclable materials, and minimising waste. Recycled aluminium, for instance, requires much less energy than new aluminium. However, sustainable equipment often has high upfront costs. Integrating green technologies with traditional systems requires research and development. All this can be contingent on cooperation between academia and governments, and among governments. Unfortunately, know-how transfer has been the Achilles Heel of global warming mitigation. At the current emission rate, the carbon budget the GHG that can still be emitted if global warming can be kept below the Paris Climate Pact's threshold of 1.5°C could be completely depleted in about three years, according to the IGCC report. The report comes at a time when national representatives have assembled at Bonn for mid-year climate talks. With the heatwave sweeping Europe and several other parts of the world, the report's warnings should resonate among the participants.

1. Which of the following best explains the **paradox** highlighted in the first paragraph?

- (a) Renewable energy growth has **completely** halted fossil fuel consumption.
- (b) Global warming continues to rise despite unprecedented growth in renewable energy installations.
- (c) India and China have reduced their renewable energy investments significantly.
- (d) Renewable energy sources have become less efficient than fossil fuels.

2. According to the passage, which factor is identified as a major obstacle to effective global warming mitigation?

- (a) Lack of renewable energy resources
- (b) Declining interest in green technologies
- (c) Insufficient transfer of technological knowledge and expertise
- (d) Excessive dependence on recycled materials

3. The author's tone throughout the passage can best be described as:

- (a) ~~Optimistic and celebratory~~
- (b) ~~Critical and pessimistic~~
- (c) Concerned yet pragmatic
- (d) ~~Indifferent and analytical~~

4. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- (a) Renewable energy alone is unlikely to achieve climate goals without changes in industrial practices.
- (b) Green hydrogen has already replaced fossil fuels in most industries.
- (c) The transport sector contributes more emissions than the industrial sector.
- (d) Sustainable equipment is widely adopted because of its low cost.

5. The phrase "**Achilles Heel**" as used in the passage most nearly means:

- (a) A remarkable achievement
- (b) A temporary challenge
- (c) A critical weakness or vulnerable point
- (d) An unexpected opportunity

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