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VOCABULARY

1. **Convolutd:** extremely complicated and difficult to understand.
 - Synonyms: Byzantine, confusing
 - Antonyms: straightforward, clear
 - Example: The instructions for assembling the furniture were unnecessarily convoluted.
2. **Oust:** to force someone to leave a position of power, job, place, or competition.
 - Synonyms: dethrone, overthrow
 - Antonyms: appoint, install
 - Example: The company decided to oust its CEO due to financial mismanagement.
3. **Purportedly:** in a way that is stated to be true, although this may not be the case.
 - Synonyms: supposedly, ostensibly
 - Antonyms: certainly, surely
 - Example: The new restaurant in town purportedly serves the best pizza.

4. **Conjured**: made something appear unexpectedly or seemingly from nowhere.
 - Synonyms: summoned, materialised
 - Antonyms: terminated, annihilated
 - Example: The chef managed to conjure a delicious meal with limited ingredients.
5. **Burnished**: enhanced or perfected (something such as a reputation or a skill).
 - Synonyms: refined, enhanced
 - Antonyms: worsened, deteriorated
 - Example: His skills were burnished through experience, making him an expert in his field.
6. **Vendetta**: a long and violent argument between people or families, in which one group tries to harm the other in order to punish them for things that happened in the past.
 - Synonyms: vengeance, retribution
 - Antonyms: forgiveness, harmony
 - Example: Despite the apology, there seemed to be an underlying vendetta between the two coworkers.
7. **Unsavoury**: unpleasant, or morally offensive.
 - Synonyms: contemptible, egregious
 - Antonyms: delightful, pleasing

- Example: I overheard an unsavoury comment, and it made me uncomfortable.

Phrasal verbs

8. **Handed out:** gave advice, a punishment, etc.
9. **Falling out:** having an argument with somebody so that you are no longer friendly with them.
10. **Grappling with:** trying to deal with or understand a difficult problem or subject.
11. **Spruce up:** to make someone or something cleaner and tidier or to improve his, her, or its appearance generally.

Phrase

12. **In tatters:** destroyed or ruined.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

1st FEBRUARY, 2024

- 1.** Transparency International's CPI provides key insights on India's public sector integrity globally. India ranked 93rd out of 180 nations in the 2023 CPI assessment.
- 2.** Comoros President Azali Assoumani secured a disputed fourth term with 63% of the vote, prompting opposition allegations of fraud.
 - In a disputed electoral process, Comoros President Azali Assoumani has claimed victory for a fourth term with 63% of the vote, as announced by the electoral body Ceni.
- 3.** Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, released a significant report on the status of Snow leopards in India.
- 4.** The prestigious National Chilika Birds Festival began on Jan 26 in Odisha, inaugurated by CM Naveen Patnaik, kicking off three days of grand celebrations.

5. In a pivotal move, the President appointed Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu to the Rajya Sabha, acknowledging his outstanding role in education, philanthropy, and community development.
6. World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January, across the globe. Therefore, it was observed on 28 January, this year. However, in India, this day is annually celebrated on 30 January.
- World Leprosy Day helps to create awareness about the disease and eliminate the stigma and discrimination faced by those who suffer from the disease.
 - Theme 2024 – Beat Leprosy
 - The first World Leprosy Day was established in 1954 by French Journalist Raoul Follereau. He chose the date as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, who showed compassion and empathy towards people affected by leprosy.
 - The day aims to campaign for awareness about the disease and to highlight available treatment options.

- 7.** Malaysia's Sultan Ibrahim from the southern state of Johor was installed as the country's 17th king on Wednesday, taking the oath of office in a ceremony at the national palace in Kuala Lumpur.
- 8.** The 4th Edition of the Khelo India Winter Games will be organized from February 2 to 6 at Leh.
 - It will be inaugurated by the Sports and Youth-Affairs Minister Anurag Singh Thakur at Leh on February 2.
- 9.** The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has initiated 'Operation Dara-e-Bolan' in the Mach and Bolan regions of Balochistan in alliance with the BLA's elite units, including the Majeed Brigade, Special Tactical Operations Squad, Fateh Squad, and Intelligence Wing, The Balochistan Post reported.
- 10.** At the ISSF World Cup, Rhythm Sangwan and Ujjwal won gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event. Meanwhile, Arjun Babuta and Sonam Uttam Maskar won silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team event.
- 11.** Toyota retains its position as the world's top selling Auto-maker in 2023.

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