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VOCABULARY

1. **Endeavour:** To make a sincere and earnest effort to achieve a goal or task.
 - Synonyms: Strive, Attempt, Undertake, Pursue, Struggle.
 - Antonyms: Abandon, Halt, Neglect, Surrender, Relinquish.
 - sentence: Despite facing numerous challenges, she continued to endeavour in her quest for scientific discovery.

2. **Dissent:** To express disagreement or differing opinions, especially in the context of a formal decision-making process.
 - Synonyms: Disagree, Differ, Contradict, Disapprove, Oppose.
 - Antonyms: Agree, Concur, Approve, Support, Acquiesce.

3. **Fray:** fight, an argument or any lively action scene.
 - Synonyms: Dispute, Tussle, Spat.
 - Antonyms: Mend, Repair, Soothe, Calm, Strengthen.
 - sentence: After the pearl harbour incident, US joined the fray.

4. **Augment**: To increase or enlarge in size, quantity, or degree; to make something greater.
- Synonyms: Increase, Expand, Enhance, Boost, Amplify.
 - Antonyms: Decrease, Diminish, Reduce, Curtail, Lower.
 - sentence: The company decided to augment its production capacity to meet the growing demand for its products.
5. **Spur**: To stimulate, encourage, or incite action or development; to provide motivation
- Synonyms: Stimulate, Encourage, Prompt, Galvanize, Propel.
 - Antonyms: Hinder, Deter, Discourage, Restrain, Impede.
 - sentence: The success of the new initiative is expected to spur innovation and creativity within the organization
6. **Hamstrung**: To hinder or impede the progress.
- Synonyms: Hindered, Restrained, Obstructed, Stifled, Constrained.
 - Antonyms: Facilitated, Enabled, Freed, Unleashed, Empowered.

- sentence: Despite their potential, the stringent regulations hamstrung the company's ability to expand its

7. **Vitiated**: Spoiled, impaired, or corrupted in quality; to make something less effective or valuable.

- Synonyms: Corrupted, Tainted, Debased, Impaired, Spoiled.
- Antonyms: Purified, Enhanced, Improved, Restored, Strengthened.
- sentence: The presence of counterfeit components vitiated the overall quality of the product, leading to customer dissatisfaction.

8. **Belligerent**: Hostile, aggressive, or inclined to wage war; displaying a combative attitude.

- Synonyms: Hostile, Aggressive, Combative, Pugnacious, Militant.
- Antonyms: Peaceful, Amicable, Conciliatory, Cooperative, Pacifist.
- sentence: The belligerent rhetoric between the two nations heightened tensions in the region

9. **Absolve**: To declare someone free from guilt, responsibility, or obligation; to pardon or forgive.

- Synonyms: Pardon, Forgive, Acquit, Exonerate, Clear.
- Antonyms: Blame, Condemn, Accuse, Convict, Punish
- sentence: The court decided to absolve the defendant of all charges due to lack of evidence.

10. **Prolonged:** Extended in duration or time; lasting longer than usual or expected.

- Synonyms: Extended, Lengthy, Long-lasting, Continuous, Protracted.
- Antonyms: Brief, Short-lived, Limited, Temporary, Transient.
- sentence: The prolonged period of heavy rain caused flooding in many low-lying areas

PHRASAL VERBS

11. **Raised Meaning:** To collect or generate; here, it refers to the funds accumulated by the space sector, with a significant portion going to space start-ups.

12. **Stepping out of:** To withdraw or remove oneself; here, it signifies the government's decision to remove obstacles and allow substantial FDI.

13. **Opened the door to:** To create opportunities or possibilities; in this context

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

23rd February, 2024

1. In 2023, India ranked 80th globally for cybercrime targeting, with 34% of users affected by local threats, totaling 74 million incidents. Enterprises are increasingly outsourcing security functions.
- 2.



**India Contributes \$1 Million to IBSA
Poverty Alleviation Fund**

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- India has contributed \$1 million to a fund established by India, Brazil and South Africa which undertake projects aimed at alleviating poverty and hunger.
 - India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj handed over the Cheque of \$1 million as a contribution towards the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Fund (IBSA Fund) to the Director of the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) Dima Al-Khatib here.
3. PM Modi, through a Video Conference, dedicated the transformative Campus Development Project of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad to the nation.
- 4.

LARGEST TRIBAL FESTIVAL

**Sammakka-Sarakka
Medaram Jatara**

Started



- Sammakka Sarakka Medaram Jathara, Asia's largest tribal fair, started in Telangana's Mulugu district witnessed thousands of devotees who paid obeisance to tribal deities.
5. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested the cryogenic engine for the unmanned Gaganyaan (G1) mission on Wednesday (February 21) that will be the first to take Indian astronauts to space, marking a leap forward to accomplishing the mission.
- 6.



The advertisement features a portrait of Mukesh Ambani on the left, smiling. To his right is a large, white, futuristic robotic hand with glowing blue joints. The text 'BharatGPT' is prominently displayed in the upper right, with a logo consisting of three colored squares (orange, green, blue) to its left. Below the image, the text reads: 'Mukesh Ambani set to launch India's own ChatGPT rival 'Hanooman' in March'.

- Reliance Industries, led by Mukesh Ambani, in collaboration with some of the country's premier engineering institutions, is poised to unveil its pioneering ChatGPT-style service named 'Hanooman'.

7. Ladakh's Pangong Lake marathon, dubbed the "world's highest frozen lake marathon", took place on Tuesday, inviting the participation of about 120 runners from seven countries.

- This year marked the second edition of the event, organised jointly by Adventure Sports Foundation of Ladakh with the support of the Administration Union Territory of Ladakh and the 14 Corps of the Indian Army.

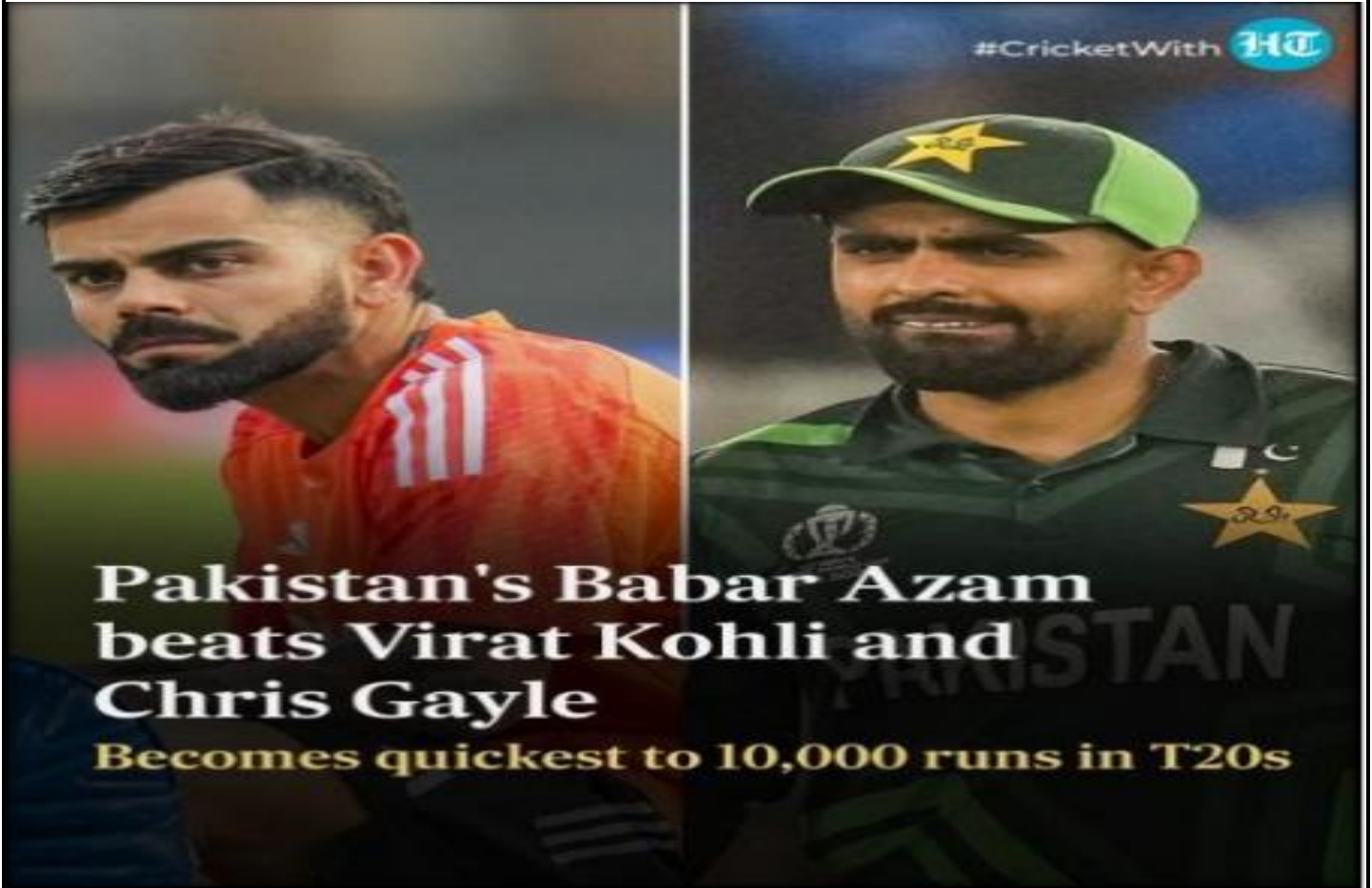
8. Prof. Aditi Sen De has been awarded for Scientific Research for the year 2023.

- The award, established in 1991, recognizes exceptional scientific research conducted by Indian scientists below the age of 50.
- Prof. Aditi Sen De, a distinguished physicist from the Harish-Chandra Research Institute in Prayagraj, has been honored for her outstanding contributions to the field of Physics.

9. Khelo India University Games 2024 medal tally:

Rank	University	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medals	Total medals
1	Jain University, Karnataka	7	4	4	15
2	Chandigarh University	4	6	8	18
3	Savitribai Phule Pune University	4	4	4	12
4	University of Mumbai	3	2	4	9
5	Adamas University	3	2	0	5
6	University of Kerala	3	1	1	5
6	Utkal University	3	1	1	5
8	KLEF University, Guntur	2	2	0	4
9	Panjab University	2	1	1	4
10	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	2	1	0	3
10	Jadavpur University, WB	2	1	0	3
12	Sarvajanik University	2	0	1	3
13	Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University	2	0	0	2
13	Saveetha Institute of Medical & Technical Sciences	2	0	0	2
15	University of Madras	1	4	3	8
16	Anna University, TN	1	4	0	5
17	Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam, (Kerala)	1	2	2	5
18	Thiruvalluvar University, (TN)	1	1	1	3
19	Andhra University	1	1	0	2
20	Guru Kashi University	1	0	1	2
20	Maharshi Dayanand University	1	0	1	2
20	Mangalore University, (Karnataka)	1	0	1	2

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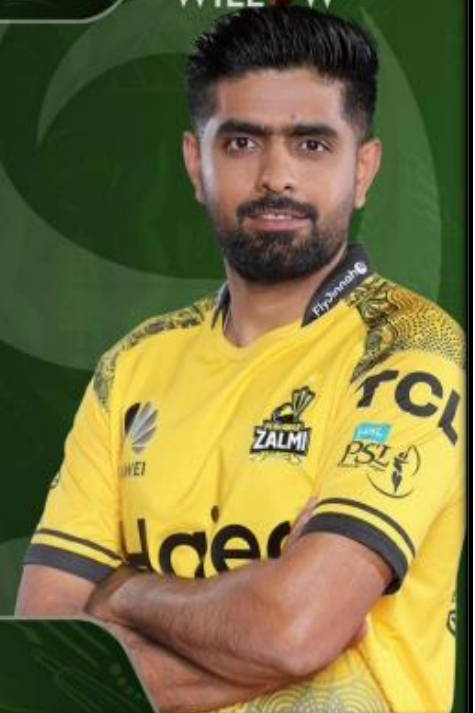


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IN T20s

WILL WHO

	INNINGS
BABAR AZAM	271
CHRIS GAYLE	285
VIRAT KOHLI	299
DAVID WARNER	303
AARON FINCH	327
JOS BUTTLER	350



- Babar Azam showcased his unparalleled prowess once again as he etched his name in the annals of cricket history by becoming the quickest batter to surpass the milestone of 10,000 runs in T20 cricket.

11.

Buddha's bone fragments to be sent from India to Thailand; sacred relics to be treated as 'state guest'

