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VOCABULARY

1. Persist: to continue to do something despite difficulties or opposition.
 - Synonyms: persevere, strive
 - Antonyms: concede, relent
 - Example: The student's determination to persist in studying paid off with excellent grades.
2. Derogatory: showing strong disapproval and not showing respect.
 - Synonyms: pejorative, deprecatory
 - Antonyms: flattering, complimentary
 - Example: Mark realized he had unintentionally used a derogatory term and quickly apologized.
3. Tussle: a short struggle, fight or argument especially in order to get something.
 - Synonyms: scuffle, clash
 - Antonyms: accord, harmony
 - Example: Despite their differences, the colleagues managed to resolve their disagreement without a major tussle.

4. **Rebuff**: an unkind refusal of a friendly offer, request, or suggestion.
 - Synonyms: rejection, denial
 - Antonyms: approval, consent
 - Example: They faced a rebuff from the client when they presented their proposal.
5. **Paramount**: more important than anything else.
 - Synonyms: cardinal, supreme
 - Antonyms: trivial, inconsequential
 - Example: The safety of the passengers is paramount during any flight.
6. **Animus**: a feeling of hate or anger towards someone or something.
 - Synonyms: animosity, antipathy
 - Antonyms: amity, goodwill
 - Example: Her animus towards the idea was evident in her stern expression.
7. **Comply**: to act according to an order, set of rules, or request.
 - Synonyms: adhere, conform
 - Antonyms: flout, defy
 - Example: Please comply with the safety regulations while in the laboratory.

8. **Flimsy**: badly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used.
- Synonyms: fragile, tenuous
 - Antonyms: robust, solid
 - Example: The teacher rejected the student's flimsy explanation for not completing the homework.
9. **lota**: an extremely small amount.
- Synonyms: modicum, ounce
 - Antonyms: load, heap
 - Example: She didn't show an iota of interest in the new project.

Words of foreign origin

10. **Détente**: an improvement in the relationship between two countries that in the past were not friendly and did not trust each other.
11. **Status quo**: the present situation or condition.

Phrasal verbs

12. **Played out**: developed in a particular way.
13. **Hauled up**: forced someone to go somewhere or see someone in order to be punished or to answer questions about his or her behaviour.

Idiom

14. **Throw the baby out with the bathwater**: to lose valuable ideas or things in your attempt to get rid of what is not wanted.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

25th January, 2024

- 1.** In a new aerospace milestone, the Islamic Republic of Iran has successfully launched its Sorayya satellite into orbit using a solid fuel-powered Qaim 100 satellite carrying missile.
- 2.** The Government of India has announced that former Bihar Chief Minister, Karpoori Thakur, will be posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, the nation's highest civilian award.
- 3.** National Girl Child Day 2024 observed annually on January 24th in India, plays a pivotal role in highlighting the importance of empowering girls and addressing the challenges they face in society.
- 4.** 14th National Voters' Day (NVD) to be celebrated on 25th January 2024.
- 5.** The Central government has selected Uttar Pradesh based '60 Parachute Field Hospital for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2024 for its excellent work in disaster management.

- The '60 Parachute Field Hospital, which has been selected for the prestigious award this year in the institutional category, was established in 1942. It is the sole airborne medical establishment of the Indian Armed Forces, recognised for its exceptional service in various global crises.
6. Alia Bhatt becomes 1st Indian Woman to receive Honorary Award at Joy Awards 2024 in Riyadh.
 7. Telangana's Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, actively accelerates welfare initiatives, notably the awaited Gruha Jyothi Scheme, with plans for a February launch.
 8. The third South Summit was held at Kampala in Uganda from 20 to 23 January 2024 With the theme "Leaving No One Behind".
 - The Third South Summit is a platform to bring energy to the cooperation among its 134 member States of the Group of 77 (G-77) in a more competitive world.
 - From the Indian side Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan attended the inaugural session of the Third South Summit.

- 9.** The Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation is set to commence the construction of a mosque in Ayodhya named "Masjid Muhammed bin Abdullah," to foster unity and goodwill transcending religious differences.
- 10.** Tai Tzu Ying, the legendary player from Chinese Taipei, triumphed in the India Open 2024 women's singles against China's reigning Olympic champion, Chen Yu Fei.
- 11.** According to the Bloomberg report, India has overtaken Hong Kong to become the world's fourth largest stock market. The combined value of Indian exchange shares reached the mark of \$4.43 trillion at the close on 22nd January 2024 while the share market value of Hong Kong was \$4.29 trillion.
- 12.** Rohan Bopanna, 43, is set to become the oldest World No. 1 in men's doubles after reaching the Australian Open semifinals in Melbourne.
- 13.** ICC Award 2023: Rohit Sharma named captain of ICC ODI team of the year.