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VOCABULARY

- Lofty:** Elevated in character, noble; of high rank or admirably high quality.
 - Synonyms: Grand, Elevated, Majestic, Sublime, High-minded.
 - Antonyms: Humble, Lowly, Unpretentious, Ordinary.
 - sentence: The speaker articulated lofty ideals, inspiring the audience with a vision of a better future.
- Contingent:** Dependent on something else; subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances.
 - Synonyms: Conditional, Dependent, Subject to, Circumstantial
 - Antonyms: Certain, Fixed, Unconditional, Inevitable, Predictable.
 - sentence: Our plans for the outdoor event were contingent on favorable weather conditions.
- Strive:** Make great efforts, work hard towards a goal, or struggle in opposition.
 - Synonyms: Endeavor, Labor, Work hard, Exert oneself, Aspire.
 - Antonyms: Relax, Abandon, Neglect, Surrender, Rest.
 - sentence: Despite facing challenges, she continued to strive for excellence in her academic pursuits.

4. **Variegated**: Exhibiting different colors, patterns, or forms; diversified in appearance.
- Synonyms: Multicolored, Diverse, Heterogeneous, Assorted.
 - Antonyms: Monochromatic, Uniform, Homogeneous, Plain
 - sentence: The variegated flowers in the garden created a vibrant and visually appealing landscape.
5. **Minimal**: Of a minimum amount, quantity, or degree; barely adequate or the least possible.
- Synonyms: Bare, Least, Smallest, Modest, Meager.
 - Antonyms: Abundant, Maximum, Excessive, Extensive, Ample.
 - sentence: The room had minimal furniture, creating a clean and uncluttered aesthetic.
6. **Discourse**: Communication of thoughts and ideas; a formal discussion or exposition of a topic.
- Synonyms: Conversation, Dialogue, Discussion, Communication.
 - Antonyms: Silence, Monologue, Non-communication, Unvoiced.
 - sentence: The professor delivered a discourse on the historical significance of the cultural movement.
7. **Novel**: New, original, or innovative, especially in an interesting or unusual way.
- Synonyms: New, Original, Innovative, Unique, Fresh.

- Antonyms: Common, Conventional, Ordinary, Routine, Traditional.
- sentence: The scientist proposed a novel approach to solving the complex problem.

8. **Wane**: To decrease gradually in size, extent, or degree; to diminish in intensity or power.

- Synonyms: Decline, Diminish, Decrease, Ebb, Fade.
- Antonyms: Grow, Increase, Strengthen, Rise, Expand.
- sentence: The enthusiasm for the project began to wane as challenges emerged.

9. **Descent**: The action of moving downward; a decline, deterioration, or gradual moving away from a higher state.

- Synonyms: Decline, Drop, Fall, Descent, Deterioration.
- Antonyms: Ascent, Rise, Improvement, Advancement.
- sentence: The stock market witnessed a sudden descent, causing concern among investors.

10. **Testify**: To give evidence or testimony under oath; to make a formal statement based on personal knowledge or belief.

- Synonyms: Attest, Swear, Declare, Witness, Affirm.
- Antonyms: Deny, Contradict, Refute.
- sentence: The witness was ready to testify in court about what they had seen during the incident.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. **On the Wane:** In a state of decline or decrease; diminishing or becoming weaker.
- Synonyms: Declining, Diminishing, Decreasing, Fading, Ebbing.
 - Antonyms: Growing, Increasing, Strengthening.
 - sentence: The popularity of the once trendy fashion style is now on the wane
12. **Pick up pace:** To increase speed or progress; to accelerate or move more quickly.
- Synonyms: Accelerate, Speed up, Hasten, Quickening, Advance.
 - Antonyms: Slow down, Decelerate, Retard, Stall, Lag.
 - sentence: Moon landings are picking up pace for the second time in history, but now with more countries and novel definitions of success in the mix.

PHRASAL VERB

13. **On Last Leg:** In a state of decline, near the end or completion, often used to describe something that is close to failure or exhaustion.
- Synonyms: In its final stages, Exhausted, Declining, Fading, Waning.
 - Antonyms: Thriving, Robust, Flourishing, Beginning.
 - sentence: The old car was on its last leg, requiring constant repairs to keep it running.

14. **Cobble Together:** To quickly and roughly assemble or put together using whatever materials are available; to create or organize hastily.
- Synonyms: Patch together, Haphazardly assemble, Make do with.
 - Antonyms: Craft meticulously, Engineer, Construct systematically.
 - sentence: With limited resources, they had to cobble together a makeshift shelter during the unexpected storm.

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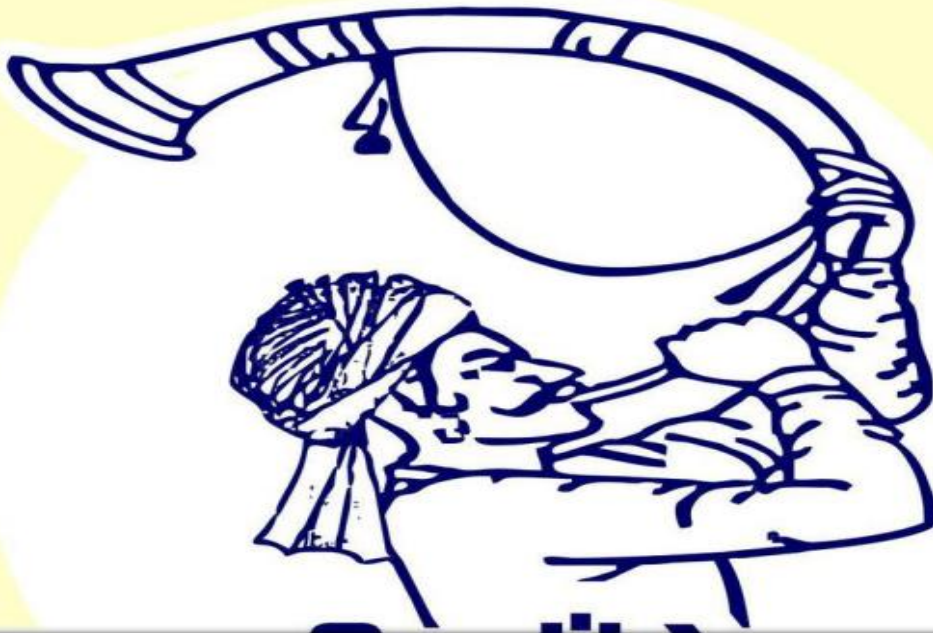
1. A lander from a Houston-based startup touched down on the moon on Thursday, making it the first private spacecraft to land on the lunar surface intact.
- 2.



- Dubai has introduced a five-year multiple entry visa to boost travel between India and the Gulf nation, according to the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET).

3. The Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship inaugurated the Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana, in Sambalpur, Odisha.

4.



- The Election Commission has allotted the symbol of “man blowing turha” (a traditional trumpet) to the Sharad Pawar faction of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sudarshan Setu, India's longest cable-stayed bridge, connecting Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka.

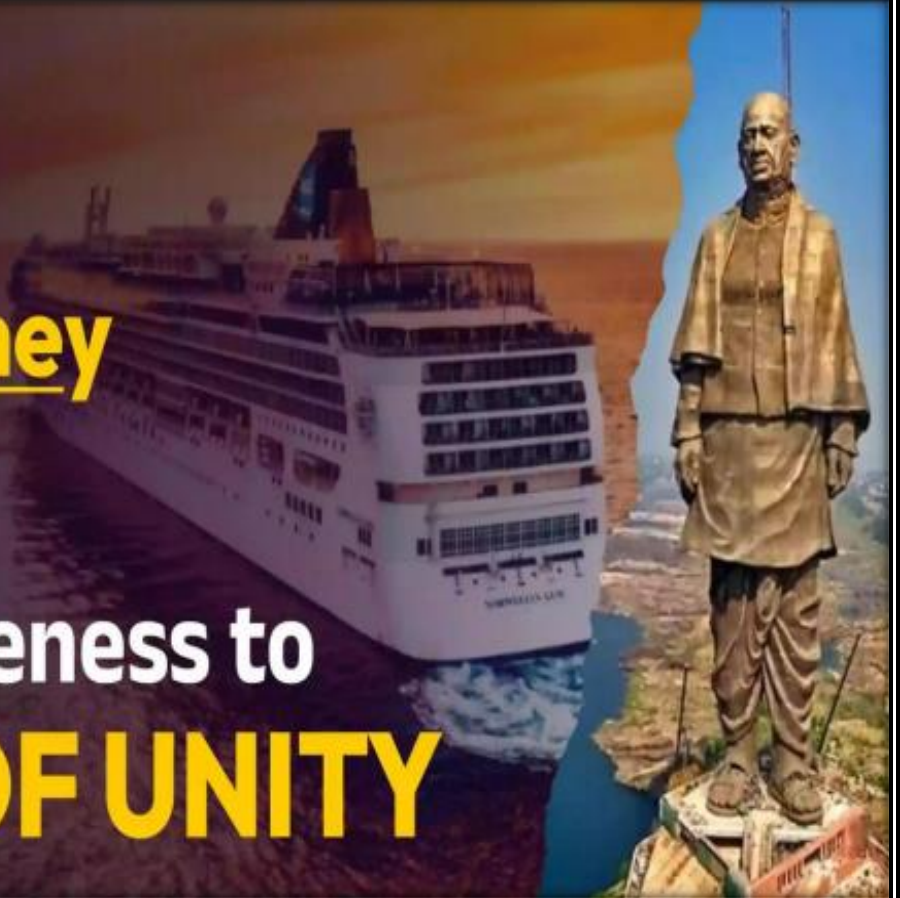
- The unique design of the bridge includes a footpath with verses from the Bhagavad Gita and images of Lord Krishna. The bridge, equipped with solar panels, generates one megawatt of electricity.

6.

Cruise Journey

From

Statue of Oneness to STATUE OF UNITY



- The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to start cruise service between the main attractions of the state, 'Statue of Oneness' of Omkareshwar and 'Statue of Unity' of Gujarat. The state government will run this cruise service in the Narmada river for about 130 kilometers.

7. Each year, the Mobile World Congress brings together industry professionals, fostering connections and collaborations to shape the technological landscape. MWC 2024 will be held in Barcelona, Spain.

EVENT

Mobile World Congress 2024



26-29 February 2024
Barcelona

8. The 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) concluded on Sunday, outlining Africa's priorities for 2024 and beyond.



**ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE AU ASSEMBLY**

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
17-18 FEBRUARY 2024

9. The completion of the Shahpur Kandi barrage has effectively ceased the flow of water from the Ravi river into Pakistan, according to a report.
10. India's first Gati Shakti Research chair established at IIM Shilong.
11. Jacintha Kalyan makes history as India's first female-Pitch Curator.