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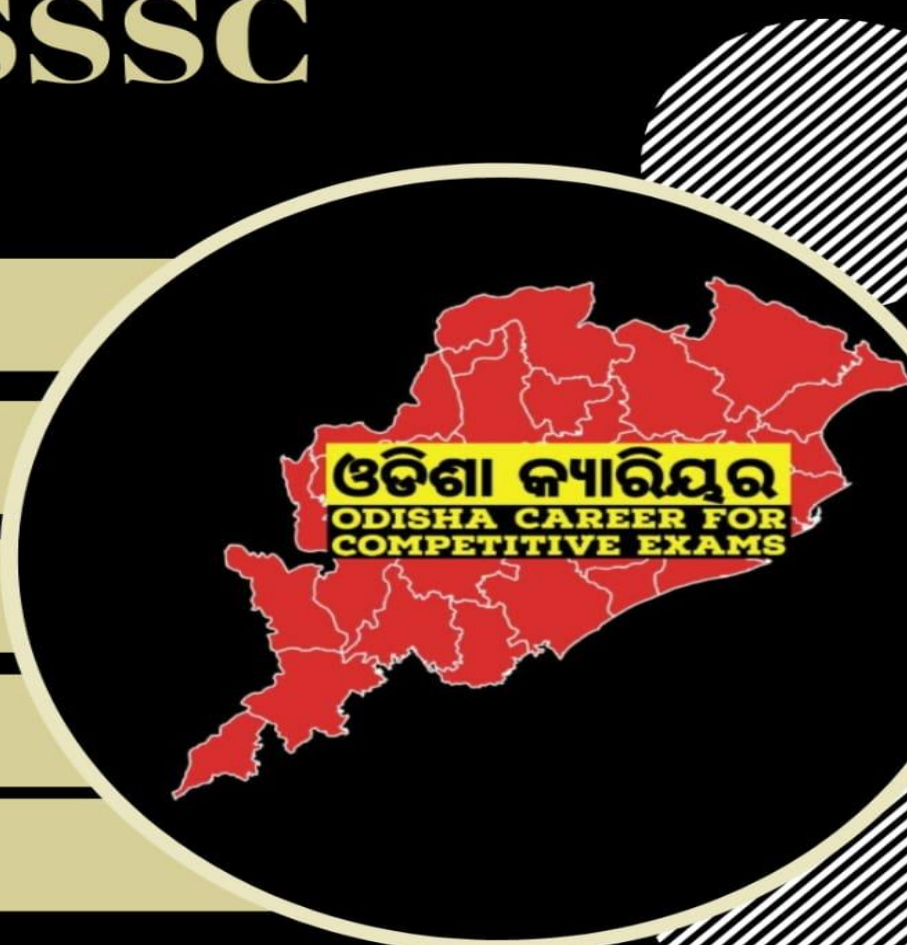
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VOCABULARY

1. **Slammed:** criticized somebody/something very strongly.
 - **Synonyms:** lambasted, castigated
 - **Antonyms:** lauded, extolled
 - **Example:** The teacher didn't hesitate to slam the student's poorly researched essay.
2. **Incremental:** increasing in regular amounts.
 - **Synonyms:** gradual, piecemeal
 - **Antonyms:** abrupt, hasty
 - **Example:** She made incremental progress on her project by completing on task at a time.
3. **Vowed:** made a determined decision or promise to do something.
 - **Synonyms:** pledged, swore
 - **Antonyms:** denied, rejected
 - **Example:** With determination, he took a vow to improve his health.

4. **Embrace:** the act of accepting an idea, a proposal, a set of beliefs, etc, especially when it is done with enthusiasm.

- **Synonyms:** adoption, espousal
- **Antonyms:** renunciation, repudiation
- **Example:** In education, the embrace of different learning styles enhances student engagement.

5. **Putative:** generally believed to be something.

- **Synonyms:** supposed, presumed
- **Antonyms:** actual, proven
- **Example:** The putative leader of the group remained elusive, shrouded in mystery

6. **Championing:** supporting, defending, or fighting for a person, belief, right, or principle.

- **Synonyms:** advocating, endorsing
- **Antonyms:** condemning, opposing
- **Example:** Jake is championing the importance of mental health awareness through his social media platform.

7. **Euphoria:** an extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement that usually lasts only a short time.

- **Synonyms:** ecstasy, rapture
- **Antonyms:** despair, melancholy

- **Example:** After a long day of hiking, a sense of euphoria washed over them as they reached the summit.

8. **Volte-face (word of foreign origin):** a sudden change from one set of beliefs or plan of action to the opposite.

PHRASAL VERBS

9. **Ruled out:** stated that something was not possible or that somebody/something was not suitable.
10. **Keep up:** to continue without stopping or changing, or to continue something without allowing it to stop or change.
11. **Calling for:** publicly asking for something to happen.
12. **Take on:** be willing or ready to meet an adversary or opponent.
13. **Warm up to:** to begin to like or enjoy someone or something.
14. **Ramped up:** increased the speed, power, or cost of something.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

27th January, 2024

- 1.** World's first Malaria Vaccine programme for children starts in Cameroon.
- 2.** Perth in Australia will soon be home to the world's tallest Ram temple - the colossal structure will be approximately 721 feet tall. Spearheaded by the ShriRam Vedic and Cultural Trust, the monumental project, estimated to cost around ₹ 600 crore, will be spread across 150 acres.
- 3.** The nine-member VijayRaghavan panel, established by the government, has recently submitted a comprehensive report addressing concerns about the functioning of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

- 4.** A day after Pran Pratishtha of Ram Lalla at the Ram Janmbhoomi Temple complex, a 42-day Mahamandal festival began on Wednesday in the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi complex in Ayodhya.
 - The festival was started in the sanctum sanctorum of the newly constructed Ram temple in conjunction with Ram Mandir trustee Jagadguru Vishvesh Prapann Tirtha.

- 5.** Justice Prasanna Bhalachandra Varale took the oath of office as judge of the Supreme Court on Thursday, raising the Dalit representation on the Bench to three.
 - Supreme Court judges, Justices B.R. Gavai and C.T. Ravikumar, are the other two. Justice Gavai is in line to be the Chief Justice of India in accordance with the seniority norm.

- 6.** Republic Day 2024 marks India's 75th anniversary of the Republic, celebrated with fervor and pride nationwide.

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1	Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali	Art	Tamil Nadu
2	Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
3	Shri M Venkaiah Naidu	Public Affairs	Andhra Pradesh
4	Shri Bindeshwar Pathak (Posthumous)	Social Work	Bihar
5	Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam	Art	Tamil Nadu

Padma Bhushan (17)

SN	Name	Field	State/Region/Country
6	Ms. M Fathima Beevi (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Kerala
7	Shri Hormusji N Cama	Literature & Education - Journalism	Maharashtra
8	Shri Mithun Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
9	Shri Sitaram Jindal	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
10	Shri Young Liu	Trade & Industry	Taiwan
11	Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Medicine	Maharashtra
12	Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	West Bengal
13	Shri Ram Naik	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
14	Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel	Medicine	Gujarat

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15	Shri Olanchery Rajagopal	Public Affairs	Kerala
16	Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt	Art	Maharashtra
17	Shri Togdan Rinpoche (Posthumous)	Others - Spiritualism	Ladakh
18	Shri Pyarelal Sharma	Art	Maharashtra
19	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur	Medicine	Bihar
20	Ms. Usha Uthup	Art	West Bengal
21	Shri Vijaykanth (Posthumous)	Art	Tamil Nadu
22	Shri Kundan Vyas	Literature & Education - Journalism	Maharashtra

Padma Shri (110)

SN	Name	Field	State/Region/Country
23	Shri Khalil Ahamad	Art	Uttar Pradesh
24	Shri Badrappan M	Art	Tamil Nadu
25	Shri Kaluram Bamaniya	Art	Madhya Pradesh
26	Ms. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya	Art	Bangladesh
27	Ms. Naseem Bano	Art	Uttar Pradesh
28	Shri Ramlal Bareth	Art	Chhattisgarh
29	Ms. Gita Roy Barman	Art	West Bengal
30	Ms. Parbati Baruah	Social Work	Assam
31	Shri Sarbeswar Basumatary	Others - Agriculture	Assam
32	Shri Som Datt Battu	Art	Himachal Pradesh

7. Based on the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) findings, it can be said that a "large Hindu temple" once existed at the site of the Gyanvapi mosque in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, the Hindu side in the dispute.

- Earlier, both the Hindu and Muslim sides in the dispute had applied for copies of the ASI survey report on the Gyanvapi mosque complex adjoining the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

8. President Droupadi Murmu has approved gallantry awards to 80 military personnel, including 12 posthumous, on the eve of 75th Republic Day. These include six Kirti Chakras, including three posthumous; 16 Shaurya Chakras, including two posthumous; 53 Sena Medals, including seven posthumous; one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) and four Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

- The six Kirti Chakras were awarded to Major Digvijay Singh from 21 Para (Special Forces), Major Deependra Vikram Basnet from 4 Sikh Regiment and Havildar Pawan Kumar Yadav from 21 Mahar Regiment and posthumously to Captain Anshuman Singh from Army Medical Corps (AMC), Havildar Abdul Majid from 9 Para SF and Sepoy Pawan

Kumar originally from Grenadiers and with the 55 Rashtriya Rifles in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

- The awards also included 53 Sena Medal (seven posthumous), one Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) and four Vayu Sena Medals (gallantry). Apart from this, President Murmu approved 311 defence decorations to armed forces and other personnel.

9. International Customs Day happens every year on January 26, and it's a day to appreciate the hardwork of customs officials worldwide. The World Customs Organization (W.C.O.) started this tradition in 1983 to recognize the crucial role of customs agencies in making international trade effective.

10. Saudi Arabia is preparing to open its first alcohol store, exclusively for diplomats.

11. Virat Kohli wins ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the year award for 4th time.

12. ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the year award:
Suryakumar Yadav