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VOCABULARY

1. Substance (noun) : the real physical matter of which a person or thing consists; a material with particular physical characteristics
 - Synonyms: Material, matter
 - Antonyms: Triviality, insignificance
 - Example: The scientist discovered a new substance that could change the way we produce energy.
2. Grace (noun) : simple elegance or refinement of movement; courteous goodwill
 - Synonyms: Elegance, poise
 - Antonyms: Clumsiness, awkwardness
 - Example: Her dance was full of grace and beauty, captivating everyone in the audience.
3. Cutting-edge (adjective) : highly advanced; innovative or pioneering
 - Synonyms: Innovative, avant-garde
 - Antonyms: Outdated, obsolete
 - Example: The lab is known for its cutting-edge research in biotechnology.

4. Diplomat (noun) = an official representing a country abroad; a person who can deal with others in a sensitive and effective way
- Synonyms: Envoy, ambassador
 - Antonyms: Agitator, instigator
 - Example: The diplomat skillfully negotiated a peace treaty between the two warring nations.
5. Condemnation (noun) = the expression of very strong disapproval; censure
- Synonyms: Censure, criticism
 - Antonyms: Praise, endorsement
 - Example: The international community expressed strong condemnation of the country's violation of human rights.
6. Autonomy (noun) = the right or condition of self-government; freedom from external control or Influence
- Synonyms: Independence, self-determination
 - Antonyms: Dependence, subjection
 - Example: The region fought for many years to gain autonomy from the central government.

Idioms and Phrases

7. In the breach - In a position where one has to deal with a difficult situation because there are no other options.
8. Joint statement - A written or spoken announcement made together by two or more parties.
9. Big ticket - Referring to items or projects that are very expensive or high in value.
10. Work in progress - Something that is still being worked on and not yet complete.
11. Stepped into - Took action or assumed a role, often due to the absence or inability of someone else.
12. Meet up - To have a meeting or encounter.
13. Cut out - Having a clear and definite task or purpose.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

27th January, 2024

- 1. The inaugural edition of Joint Military Exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' between India and Saudi Arabia will be held from January 29 to February 10 in Rajasthan.**
 - The exercise aims to enhance synergy, interoperability and jointmanship by learning and sharing best practices between the Armies of both nations.
- 2. The global economy may witness a poor performance by the end of 2024 — the slowest half-decade of GDP growth in 30 years — and a major course correction is the need of the hour, according to the World Bank.**
- 3. Twelve distinctive products from Arunachal Pradesh received Geographical Indication (GI) tags with the support of NABARD.**
 - These products included Apatani textile, Monpa-textile, Nyishi textile, Monpa handmade paper, Adi textile, Singpho Phalap (Singpho tea), Galo textile, Adi Apong, Dao (sword), Angnyat millet, Marua Apo (Marua millet beverage) and Tai Khamti textile.

4. India is set to begin the delivery of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines, two years after the two countries signed a deal worth almost \$375 million to equip the Philippine Marines with three batteries of the missiles.
5. Visakhapatnam police commissioner Dr A Ravi Shankar inaugurated the 14th All-India Police Commando Competition (AIPCC) at the AP Police Greyhounds training facility in the city.
6. In a major boost to 'Make in India', Airbus Helicopters has announced that it is partnering with the Tata Group to establish a Final Assembly Line (FAL) for helicopters in the country.
7. Bhavish Aggarwal, Ola's visionary, secures \$50M for Krutrim. This AI start-up, a tech frontrunner, is poised to revolutionize the industry with cuttingedge technology.
8. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is poised to make history by presenting her sixth consecutive Budget, an unmatched achievement in Indian parliamentary history.

9. Nitish Kumar took oath as the Bihar Chief Minister for the record ninth time.

- Some Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders were among eight others who took oath as ministers in Nitish Kumar's new Bihar Cabinet.

IMPORTANT ONE LINER

- 10.** England to host 2027 World Test Championship Final.
- 11.** Rare Golden Tiger spotted in Kajiranga National Park, Assam, India.
- 12.** ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the year 2023 Award: Chamari Athapaththu
- 13.** Tanmay Agarwal fails to go past Brian Lara's 501 But smashes most sixes world record in first-class cricket.