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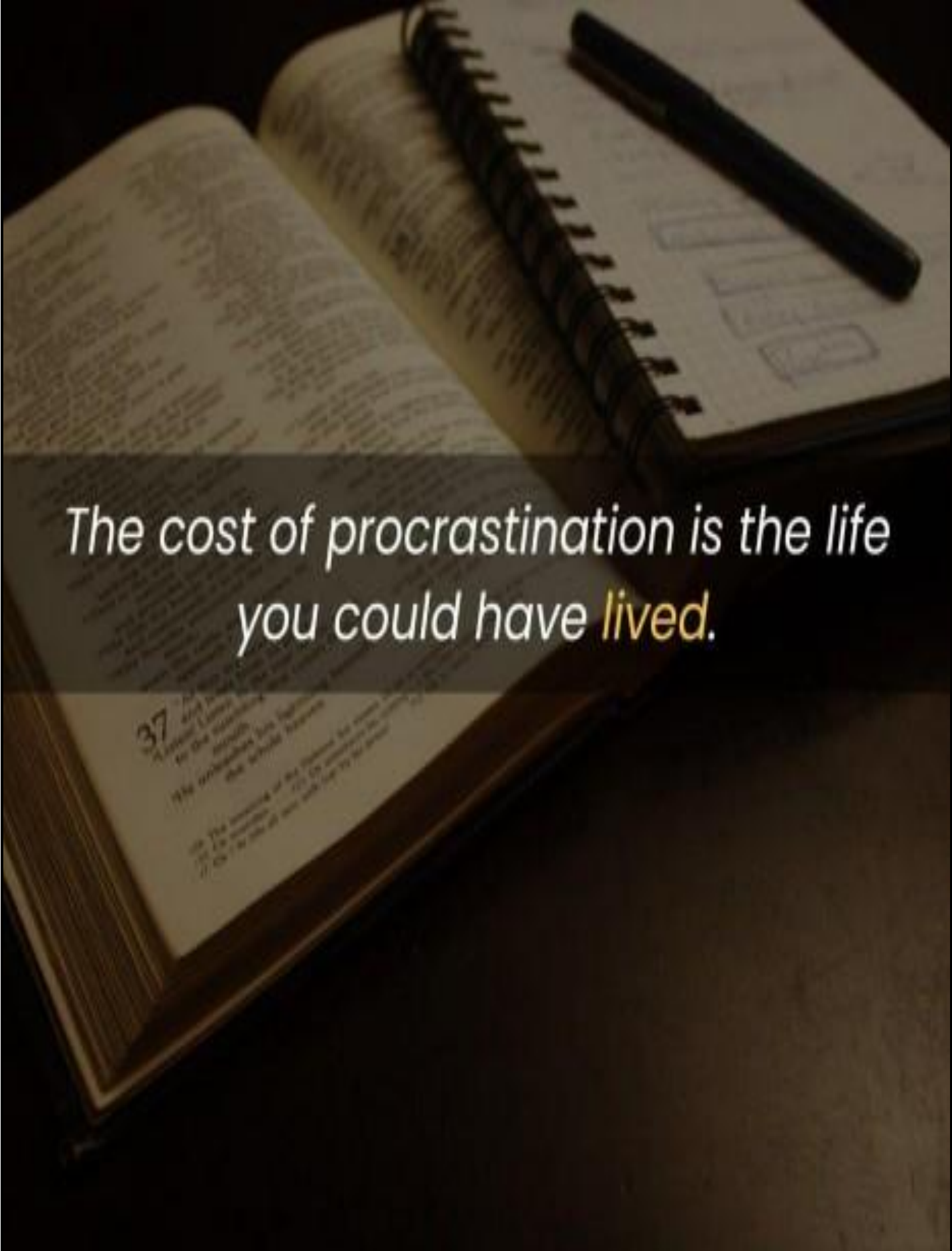
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VOCABULARY

1. Disarray: A state of disorder.
 - Synonyms: Chaos, Pandemonium, Turmoil, Tumult.
 - Antonyms: Tranquility, Peace, Stability, Harmony.
 - sentence: The house was in complete disarray after the party.

2. Tarnished: To lose or diminish the quality of something.
 - Synonyms: Spoiled, Tainted, Marred, Corroded.
 - Antonyms: Polished, Pristine, Clean, Gleaming.
 - sentence: The silverware looked tarnished after being left out in the rain.

3. Inglorious: Something lacking honor or fame.
 - Synonyms: Humiliating, Despicable, Unworthy, Infamous, Ignominious.
 - Antonyms: Esteemed, Admirable, Noble, Reputable.
 - sentence: His inglorious behavior at the ceremony embarrassed the family.

4. Probe: To explore or investigate something.
 - Synonyms: Examine, Interrogate, Scrutinize, Delve.
 - Antonyms: Ignore, Overlook, Avoid, Shun.
 - sentence: The journalist probed the politician about their controversial statements.

5. Incinerated: the process of burning something to ashes.
- Synonyms: Combusted, Charred, Scorched, Vaporized.
 - Antonyms: Preserved, Salvaged, Safeguarded, Rescued.
 - sentence: The old papers were incinerated to make room for new files.
6. Putative: Commonly accepted or supposed to be true.
- Synonyms: Believed, Purported, Apparent, Presumed.
 - Antonyms: Certain, Verified, Factual, Evident, Proven.
 - sentence: The putative winner of the competition was later disqualified for cheating.
7. Transgress: To violate a law.
- Synonyms: Overstep, Disobey, Contravene, Infringe.
 - Antonyms: Obey, Comply, Follow, Adhere.
 - sentence: She felt guilty for transgressing her friend's trust by sharing their secret.
8. Onerous: something that is difficult to bear.
- Synonyms: Burdensome, Arduous, Laborious.
 - Antonyms: Effortless, Facile, Easy, Breezy.
 - sentence: The student found the assignment onerous due to its complexity.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. **Made gains out of something (Phrase):** To achieve benefits from a particular situation.
10. **Blunt the edge (Idiom):** To diminish the effectiveness of something.
11. **Take it with a grain of salt (Idiom):** To be skeptical or cautious about something.
12. **Blow over (Phrasal verb):** something that will no longer cause trouble.
13. **Clamp down (Phrasal verb):** To take strict measures to control something.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

13th March, 2024

1.



- India now stands as the world's second-largest producer of mobile phones at the end of the decade 2014-2024. India Cellular and Electronics Association said in a statement that the sector has transitioned from being 78 percent import-dependent in 2014 to 97 percent self-sufficiency.

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An infographic with a dark background. At the top right is the Akashwari logo. The main text is white and reads: "At the end of the decade 2014-2024, India now stands as the world's second largest producer of mobile phones." Below the text is an illustration of a man in a red shirt and dark pants standing next to a large smartphone. The phone screen shows the time 09:00 and various app icons. There are gears and a potted plant in the background.

Source: Indian Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) Press Release



2 India's Mobile Phone Production Nears INR 20 Lakh Crore in a Decade of Unprecedented Growth.



Source: Indian Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) Press Release



3 97% of all mobile phones sold in India are made in India.



Source: Indian Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) Press Release



4 30% of production in FY24 will now be meant for exports.

Source: Indian Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) Press Release

2.



- In Jammu and Kashmir, the police have initiated “Operation Kamdhenu” to curb the rampant issue of cattle smuggling in the Jammu, Samba, and Kathua (JSK) police ranges.

- This crackdown aims to tackle not only the immediate smuggling activities but also to target the masterminds behind these illicit operations.
- Under Operation Kamdhenu, a comprehensive strategy has been devised to scrutinize the activities of cattle smugglers.

3.



- Banker A S Rajeev was sworn in as a member of the Central Vigilance Commission on 11 March 2024 in New Delhi . He was administered the oath of office as the Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission by the Central Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava.

4.



- Justice Satyendra Singh appointed Lokayukta.

5. Kishor Makwana has assumed the charge of Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi. Shri Luv Kush Kumar has also taken charge as a Member of the NCSC.

6.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the locally developed Agni-5 missile with multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle (MIRV) technology.
- This new capability allows the weapon system to deliver multiple nuclear warheads against different targets spread across hundreds of kilometers, further enhancing India's strategic deterrence capability.

7.



India Ranked 104, Between Niger and Ivory Coast, on the Liberal Democracy Index: Report

The V-Dem report terms India as "one of the worst autocratisers lately", and in the "top ten autocratisers" in the world. It dropped to an 'electoral autocracy' in 2018 and has stayed there in 2023, with worse scores.

8.



- BJP claimed that it has 41 MLAs, plus 5 Independents, taking it past the halfway mark of 45 seats in Haryana assembly.
- Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday resigned as chief-minister of Haryana after cracks appeared in the ruling coalition of BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP) and Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) in the state ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. A Haryana government spokesperson said Manohar Lal Khattar has handed over the resignation letter along with his cabinet to the Haryana governor.



Haryana News Live Updates: Nayab Singh Saini to replace Manohar Lal Khattar as Haryana CM

Haryana News Live Updates: The BJP-JJP alliance has been under strain over seat-sharing talks for the Lok Sabha elections



9.



- In a major boost to Indian athletics and swimming, Chief Minister Sh Naveen Patnaik Saturday inaugurated India's first Indoor Athletics Centre and Indoor Aquatic Centre at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. He also laid the foundation stone for the Indoor Diving Centre.

10.



- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the 5th Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) Para Games at New Delhi's Thyagaraj Stadium.
- The ONGC Para Games is a testament to the spirit of the participating athletes.
- The 5th ONGC Para Games, featuring a total of 371 athletes will witness active participation across a range of sporting disciplines.

11.



- In Yaoundé, African health ministers commit to ending malaria deaths amid escalating global cases. Africa, bearing 94% of cases and 95% of deaths, faces a significant burden.