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VOCABULARY

- 1. Prevalent:** something that is commonly occurring.
 - Synonyms: Pervasive, Rife, Widespread, Ubiquitous, Rampant.
 - Antonyms: Uncommon, Unusual, Rare, Isolated.
 - sentence: Flu outbreaks are prevalent during the winter months.
- 2. Amnesty:** Formal forgiveness granted by authority.
 - Synonyms: Pardon, Exoneration, Absolution, Clemency.
 - Antonyms: Penalty, Prosecution, Sanction, Reprisal.
 - sentence: The dictator offered amnesty to political dissidents to promote reconciliation.
- 3. Inevitable:** something that is certain to happen.
 - Synonyms: Imminent, Fated, Unescapable, Unavoidable.
 - Antonyms: Uncertain, Optional, Preventable.
 - sentence: Death is an inevitable part of life.
- 4. Averted:** To prevent something from happening.
 - Synonyms: Thwarted, Evaded, Halted, Avoided.
 - Antonyms: Incited, Triggered, Ignited, Prompted.
 - sentence: The quick response of the firefighters averted a major disaster.

5. **Affinity**: a natural liking.

- Synonyms: Attraction, Rapport, Fondness, Connection.
- Antonyms: Antipathy, Indifference, Dislike, Aversion.
- sentence: There is an affinity between the artist and the subject she paints.

6. **Incumbent**: Necessary; or current holder of an office.

- Synonyms: Essential, Compulsory, Mandatory, Binding.
- Antonyms: Voluntary, Dispensable, Optional.
- sentence: It is incumbent upon every citizen to vote in the upcoming election.

7. **Unprecedented**: something that has happened never before.

- Synonyms: Novel, Unique, Revolutionary.
- Antonyms: Typical, Usual, Common, Conventional.
- sentence: The company faced unprecedented challenges due to the global pandemic.

8. **Interwoven**: Intricately combined.

- Synonyms: Entwined, Interlaced, Mingled, Meshed.
- Antonyms: Isolated, Detached, Divided, Segregated.
- sentence: Their lives were interwoven by fate, destined to intersect at unexpected moments.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. **In the wake of (Idiom):** Reflecting on the significance in the aftermath of something.
10. **Jumping ship (Idiom):** To leave one situation for another.
11. **Two sides of the same coin (Idiom):** conflicting views of the situation.
12. **Put up with (Phrasal verb):** To tolerate something unpleasant.
13. **Look forward to (Phrasal verb):** To anticipate with pleasure.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

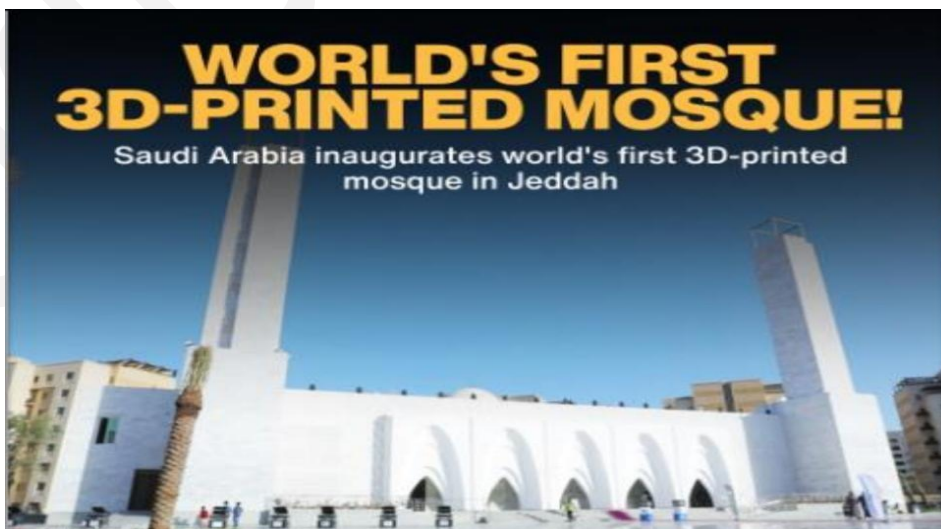
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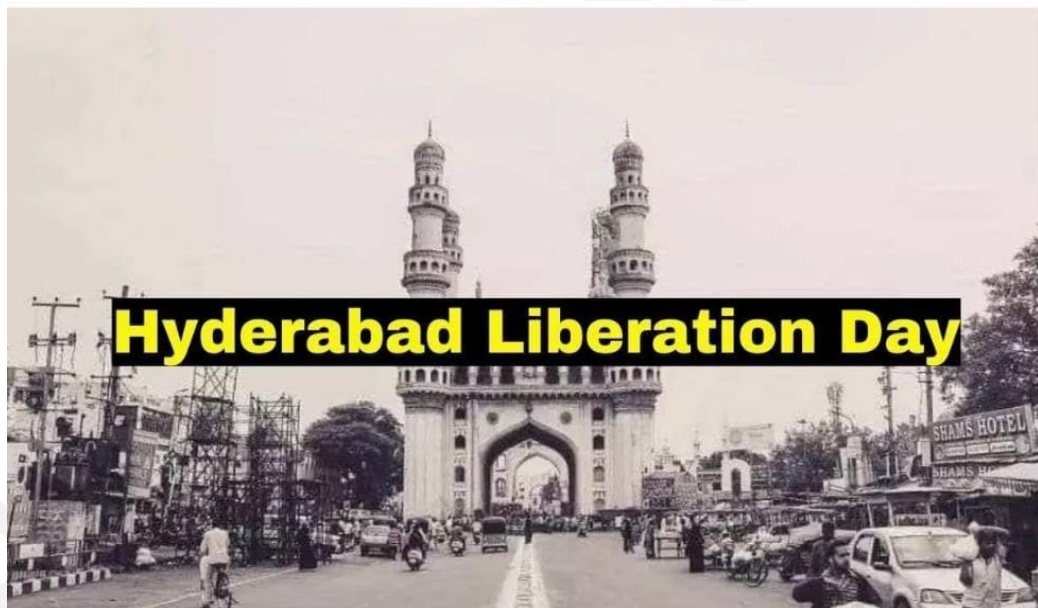
- A Japanese company's first orbital launch attempt ended in a dramatic failure just seconds after liftoff.

2.



- Saudi Arabia recently celebrated the unveiling of the world's first-ever mosque crafted through the revolutionary technique of 3D printing in Jeddah.
- Nestled in the Al-Jawharasuburb, this mosque is named after the late Abdulaziz Abdullah Sharbatly, as a heartfelt tribute from his wife, the prominent Saudi entrepreneur Wajnat Abdulwahed.

3.



- The Central government has announced its decision to celebrate September 17, the day on which the princely State of Hyderabad merged into the Indian Union in 1948, as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day'.

4.



- President Droupadi Murmu emplaned on her first State visit to Mauritius.
- As a significant highlight of the visit, President Murmu will be the Chief Guest at the National Day celebrations of Mauritius, marking a new milestone in the longstanding friendship between the two countries.

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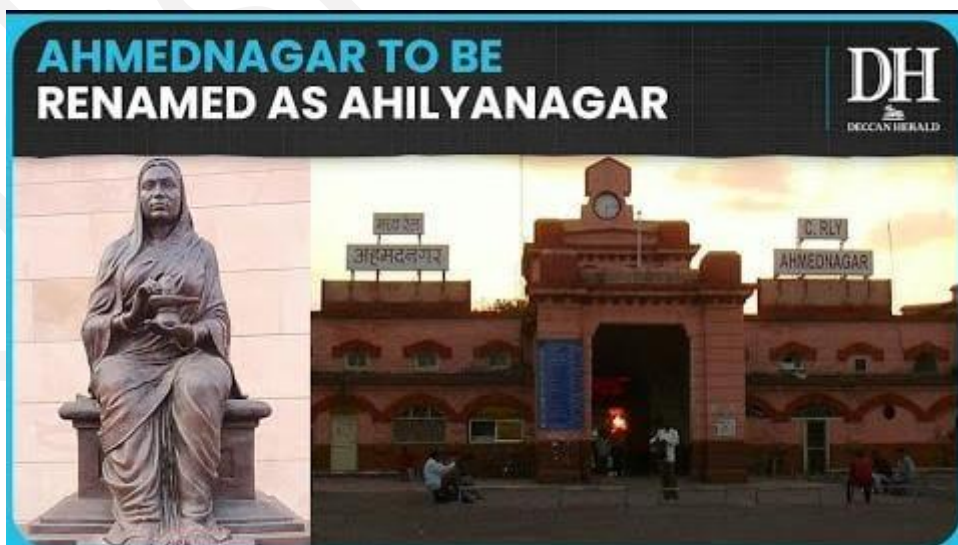


- This year World Kidney Day is observed on 14th March. It is observed on the second Thursday of March every year. The 2024 World Kidney Day campaign theme is Kidney Health for All – Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication Practice.

6.



7.



- Maharashtra Cabinet today approved renaming of Ahmednagar as Ahilya Nagar. Last year, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde had announced the renaming of Ahmednagar city to 'Ahilyanagar' in honor of the esteemed 18th-century Maratha queen, Ahilyabai Holkar. This announcement was made on Ahilyabai Holkar's 298th birth anniversary.
8. Indian Navy's shipbuilding program with the launch of 'Agray' and 'Akshay', the 5th and 6th ships of the 08 x ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare) Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project.

9.



- The Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, inaugurated a unique talent hunt event called KIRTI in Chandigarh.

- Olympic and World Javelin Throw Champion, Neeraj Chopra has praised the initiative of the Union Sports Ministry in launching the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) programme. Chopra believes that this program can potentially create the right balance between sports and studies.

10.



- PM Modi inaugurated the PM-SURAJ national portal during an event organized by the Ministry of Social Justice. The portal signifies the govt's dedication to extending credit support.

11.

"Bangalore" in "Royal Challengers Bangalore" will be replaced with "Bengaluru" during the RCB unbox event on 19th March 2024.



- Royal Challengers Bangalore are set to change their name ahead of IPL 2024. Previously, the franchise changed their logo, but it was always the name that the fans protested against. As per the latest announcement, the Faf du Plessis-led side has hinted to rename the franchise at the RCB Unbox Event, which is slated to take place on March 19.
- it is believed that the term Bangalore will be changing to Bengaluru, the original name of the city, which is the vernacular version of the city's name.

12. Ravindra becomes youngest recipient of Sir Richard Hadlee Medal.
13. Numaligarh Refinery opened first overseas office in Bangladesh.
14. Lok Sabha elections 2024: Gyanesh Kumar, SS Sandhu named as new Chief election Commissioners.