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VOCABULARY

1. **Indigenous:** something that is native to a particular region.
 - Synonyms: Local, Aboriginal, Native-born.
 - Antonyms: Alien, Foreign, Outsider.
 - sentence: The indigenous people have lived here for generations.

2. **Breakthrough:** A significant achievement that represents a notable progress.
 - Synonyms: Milestone, Success, Advancement.
 - Antonyms: Stagnation, Setback, Failure, Standstill.
 - sentence: The team celebrated their breakthrough discovery with joyous cheers.

3. **Doctrine:** A set of beliefs.
 - Synonyms: Principle, Dogma, Tenet, Ideology.
 - Antonyms: Skepticism, Doubt, unbelief.
 - sentence: The doctrine of equality promotes fairness and justice for all.

4. **Poised:** In a state of readiness.
 - Synonyms: Prepared, Composed, Positioned.
 - Antonyms: Unprepared, Unsettled, Frazzled.
 - sentence: She stood poised at the edge of the stage, ready to perform.

- 5. Conciliatory:** Attitude intended to reconcile differences.
- Synonyms: Peacemaking, Placatory, Harmonizing.
 - Antonyms: Aggressive, Combative, Antagonistic.
 - sentence: His conciliatory smile diffused the tension in the room.
- 6. Espoused:** To support a particular idea or belief.
- Synonyms: Embraced, Adopted, Advocated, Championed.
 - Antonyms: Rejected, Refuted, Opposed, Abandoned.
 - sentence: She enthusiastically espoused the principles of environmental conservation.
- 7. Retaliation:** Responding to an action in a harmful way.
- Synonyms: Revenge, Retribution, Vengeance.
 - Antonyms: Forgiveness, Mercy, Pardon, Reconciliation.
 - sentence: He chose not to engage in retaliation, preferring to rise above the conflict.
- 8. Veered:** To change direction suddenly or sharply.
- Synonyms: Deviated, Shifted, Diverged, Deflected.
 - Antonyms: Continued, Remained, Persisted.
 - sentence: As the storm approached, the ship veered off course to avoid the worst of it.

9. Drudgery: Tedious work that lacks enjoyment.

- Synonyms: Chore, Tedium, Routine, Monotony.
- Antonyms: Pleasure, Delight, Enjoyment.
- sentence: The endless drudgery of washing dishes filled her with frustration.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Hit the jackpot: To achieve great success.

11. Reach for the stars: Encourages aiming for the highest goals or aspirations.

12. Roping in: To entice someone in doing something.

13. Shot down: To cause to fall by shooting.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

22nd March, 2024

1. The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has officially confirmed that 2023 to be the hottest year on record.
 - The State of Global Climate Report, published Tuesday, stated that the global average near-surface temperature was 1.45 degrees Celsius (with a margin of uncertainty of ± 0.12 degrees Celsius) above the pre-industrial baseline. It was the warmest ten-year period on record.
2. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), an ISRO Facility at Thumba, has developed a multi-purpose 'SAKHI app' that will help astronauts on Gaganyaan space flight mission.
3. On 17 March 2024, renowned Carnatic musician T M Krishna has been selected for the 2024 Sangita Kalanidhi. While Neena Prasad has been selected for the Nritya Kalanidhi Award for 2024.
4. World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance – held on 22 March –focusing on the importance of freshwater, coordinated by UN-Water and led by one or more UN-Water Members and Partners with a related mandate," wrote the United Nations on their official website.

5. Ireland's Prime Minister Leo Varadkar says he is stepping down as the leader of the governing Fine Gael party. In the surprise announcement on Wednesday, Varadkar said he would also relinquish his role as prime minister as soon as a successor is chosen.
6. The festival of Rang Holi is also celebrated as DolJatra, Dol Purnima, Dol Utsavin parts of West Bengal, Odisha and Assam. The day is dedicated to Lord Krishna and Radha, one of them adorned with flowers, fruits and costumes. This festival is popular among the Gopal community of Odisha. The Gaudiya community in Bengal also celebrates this festival with great enthusiasm.
7. World Forestry Day: March 21st.
In 2024, it falls on a Thursday. The United Nations General Assembly established World Forestry Day in 2012 to raise awareness about the vital role of forests and encourage efforts for their conservation and sustainable management.
 - The theme for 2024 is "Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World."
8. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) are going to jointly organize an event and they are going to launch BhashaNet Portal for digital inclusion around the nation.

- The theme of the event is going to be BhashaNet: Impetus Towards Universal Acceptance.
9. YES Bank collaborates with the Indian Olympic Association for Paris Olympics 2024, launching the 'MilkarJitayengey' campaign. Introducing the 'YES Glory Debit Card' and 'YES Glory' savings account.
 10. March 19 marked the spring or vernal equinox, the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.
 11. Kiren Rijju gets additional charge after Pashupati Kumar Paras resigns from union cabinet.
 12. Mousumi Chakraborty becomes the director general of All India Radio.