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**"When you have  
a dream, you've  
got to grab it and  
never let go."**

**— Carol Burnett**

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### VOCABULARY

1. **Null (Adjective):** Having no legal or binding force; invalid.
  - Synonyms: Void, Invalid, Ineffective, Null and void.
  - Antonyms: Valid, Effective, Binding.
  - sentence: The contract was declared null and void due to a breach of its terms.
2. **Entrenched (Adjective):** Firmly established and difficult to change; deeply rooted.
  - Synonyms: Ingrained, Fixed, Intransigent, Ingrained.
  - Antonyms: Flexible, Mutable, Changeable.
  - sentence: The organization's policies were so entrenched that modifying them proved to be a challenging task.
3. **Peril (Noun):** Serious danger or risk.
  - Synonyms: Hazard, Jeopardy, Threat, Danger.
  - Antonyms: Safety, Security.
  - sentence: The adventurers faced great peril as they navigated through the treacherous mountain terrain.
4. **Vetted (Verb):** Thoroughly examined or scrutinized, especially in terms of suitability or qualification.
  - Synonyms: Screened, Checked, Investigated, Examined.
  - Antonyms: Overlooked, Ignored.
  - sentence: All candidates for the job were carefully vetted

to ensure they met the company's standards.

5. **Lured (Verb)**: Attracted or enticed through deceptive means.

- Synonyms: Tempted, Seduced, Coaxed, Allured.
- Antonyms: Warned, Deterred.
- sentence: The online advertisement lured individuals with promises of high-paying jobs, leading them into a trap.

6. **Deterred (Verb)**: Discouraged or prevented from taking a particular action.

- Synonyms: Dissuaded, Hindered, Discouraged, Repelled.
- Antonyms: Encouraged, Motivated, Inspired.
- sentence: Despite the challenges, her determination was not deterred, and she pursued her goals with resilience.

7. **Conceded (Verb)**: Admitted or acknowledged.

- Synonyms: Admitted, Granted, Accepted, Confessed.
- Antonyms: Denied, Refused.
- sentence: After a thorough discussion, he finally conceded that there were flaws in his initial proposal.

8. **Unscrupulous (Adjective)**: Unethical or dishonest, lacking moral principles.

- Synonyms: Dishonest, Unethical, Deceitful, Unprincipled.
- Antonyms: Ethical, Honest, Principled.
- sentence: The unscrupulous recruiter charged exorbitant fees from vulnerable individuals seeking jobs abroad.

9. **Pleas (Noun)**: Earnest requests or appeals.
- Synonyms: Appeals, Requests, Entreaties, Petitions.
  - Antonyms: Demands, Commands.
  - sentence: The families made pleas to the authorities for assistance in bringing back their loved ones from the conflict zone
10. **Stratification (Noun)**: Divisions or hierarchical layers within a community or a structure.
- Synonyms: Hierarchy, Layering, Division, Categorization.
  - Antonyms: Equality, Uniformity.
  - sentence: The social stratification within the organization became evident as employees were assigned different roles based on their positions.
11. **Dubious (Adjective)**: Doubtful or questionable, raising uncertainty or suspicion.
- Synonyms: Suspicious, Uncertain, Skeptical, Questionable.
  - Antonyms: Certain, Trustworthy, Clear.
  - sentence: The explanation provided by the witness seemed dubious, prompting further investigation by the authorities.
12. **Duping (Verb)**: Deceiving or tricking someone by dishonest means.
- Synonyms: Deceiving, Cheating, Swindling, Tricking.
  - Antonyms: Honesty, Truthfulness.

- sentence: Many unsuspecting individuals fell victim to the scam, with fraudsters duping them into investing in fake opportunities.

13. **Menial (Adjective):** Relating to work that is considered lowly, unskilled, or requiring little skill.

- Synonyms: Unskilled, Humble, Lowly, Routine.
- Antonyms: Skilled, Prestigious.
- sentence: Despite their menial roles, the workers played a crucial part in maintaining the organization's daily operations.

14. **Thwart (Verb):** To prevent or hinder the accomplishment of a plan or purpose.

- Synonyms: Hinder, Obstruct, Impede, Foil.
- Antonyms: Facilitate, Assist, Support.
- sentence: Despite their efforts, the security measures were unable to thwart the sophisticated cyber attack on the company's network.

### PHRASES

15. **Pandora's Box:** An action that leads to unforeseen and problematic consequences.

16. **Struck Down:** Declared invalid or nullified, especially in a legal context.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

1. The US Consulate, in collaboration with the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), launched the first-ever USIndia Cyber Security Initiative to strengthen IT connections between the two countries.
2. The Government of Mexico is pleased to announce that Mexican candidate Elisa de Anda Madrazo has been elected to chair the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), becoming the first woman in more than 20 years to head the inter-governmental body.
3. The world's trade Ministers gathered in the U.A.E. on February 26 for a high-level WTO meeting with no clear prospects for breakthroughs, amid geopolitical tensions and disagreements.
  - The World Trade Organisation's (WTO's) 13th ministerial conference (MC13), scheduled to run until February 29 in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, is the first in two years.
4. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) launched its largest military exercise in Europe in decades, Steadfast Defender 2024, in late January 2024.



5. Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar has been appointed as the chairperson of the Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman of India.
6. In a boost to India's defence capabilities, the country's leading private sector defence manufacturer Adani Defence & Aerospace launched two facilities dedicated to the production of ammunition and missiles in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
7. Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Women and Child Development have signed a MoU for the nutritional improvement in adolescent girls through Ayurveda Interventions.
  - It will be a Joint Public Health Initiative for Anaemia Control among adolescent girls using Ayurveda interventions in the five districts under Mission Utkarsh.
8. Namibia's Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton etched his name in cricketing history by smashing the fastest century in T20 Internationals (T20Is), achieving the remarkable feat in just 33 balls against Nepal.
9. India finished the Archery Asia Cup 2024 with 14 medals, including nine gold, four silver and one bronze medal in Baghdad, Iraq.

10. Head coach BB Thomas Muttath on Monday announced the 23-member Indian team for the upcoming SAFF Under-16 Women's Championship to be held in Lalitpur, Nepal from March 1 to 10.
- After being selected in the selection trials, the prospective players will undergo training in Goa. From which the final 23 players were selected. The team will leave for Nepal on Tuesday 27 February. This is the first time the tournament is being organized for under-16.
11. Saad Ahmad Warraich assumes responsibility as Pakistan's new charge d'Affairs in New Delhi.