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**“Attitude is the
'little' thing that makes
a big difference.”**

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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VOCABULARY

1. **Quest (Noun/ Verb):** journey in search of something.
 - Synonyms: Pursuit, Expedition, Exploration, Adventure.
 - Antonyms: Inaction, Stagnation, Stillness, Indolence.
 - sentence: The knight's quest led him to distant lands in search of the lost treasure.
2. **Shun (Verb):** to avoid or ignore someone.
 - Synonyms: Eschew, Abstain, Reject, Evade.
 - Antonyms: Embrace, Accept, Welcome, Include.
 - sentence: She shunned the party, preferring solitude instead.
3. **Hierarchy (Noun):** a system in which people or things are organized.
 - Synonyms: Ranking, Order, Level, Pyramid.
 - Antonyms: Equality, Egalitarianism.
 - sentence: The organization's hierarchy ensures clear lines of authority and responsibility.
4. **Misogyny (Noun):** a deep-seated dislike towards women.
 - Synonyms: Women-hating, Gender discrimination, Disparity.
 - Antonyms: Gender equality, Gender inclusivity.

- sentence: Despite claims of progress, misogyny remains a persistent issue in many societies.

5. **Tepid (Adjective)**: something that lacks enthusiasm.

- Synonyms: Lukewarm, Indifferent, Half-hearted, Mild.
- Antonyms: Passionate, Excited, Ardent.
- sentence: The coffee had gone tepid by the time I remembered to drink it.

6. **Apex (Noun)**: highest point or peak of something.

- Synonyms: Pinnacle, Summit, Acme, Crest, Zenith.
- Antonyms: Nadir, Base, Bottom, Depths.
- sentence: At the apex of the mountain, they found breathtaking views stretching for miles.

7. **Fractious (Adjective)**: someone that is easily angered.

- Synonyms: Quarrelsome, Argumentative, Testy.
- Antonyms: Amiable, Cooperative, Docile, Easygoing.
- sentence: The fractious child refused to cooperate with his parents' instructions.

8. **Linger (Verb)**: To stay in a place longer than necessary.

- Synonyms: Remain, Loiter, Languish, Dally.
- Antonyms: Leave, Hasten, Depart, Rush.
- sentence: Despite the doctor's advice, the flu symptoms continued to linger for several days.

9. **Resuscitation (Noun)**: the act of reviving something.

- Synonyms: Rejuvenation, Renewal, Restoration.

- Antonyms: Deterioration, Decline, Decay, Worsening.
- sentence: The swift resuscitation efforts of the medical team saved the patient's life.

10. **Thwart (Verb):** to hinder someone or something.

- Synonyms: Obstruct, Impede, Sabotage, Block.
- Antonyms: Assist, Facilitate, Support, Promote.
- sentence: The detective's clever strategy thwarted the criminal's plan.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. **Taking the path less trodden (Idiom):** Choosing a less popular course of action often in pursuit of independence.

12. **Paying lip service (Idiom):** To express support or agreement with something verbally.

13. **Ripple effect (Idiom):** Spreading of a particular influence or impact from one event.

14. **Edged out (Phrasal verb):** To defeat or surpass someone or something.

15. **Laid down (Phrasal verb):** To establish something.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

5th March, 2024



1. India and Nicaragua have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Pharmacopoeia on cooperation in the field of the regulation of medicines. With this MoU, Nicaragua has become the first nation in Spanish speaking world to recognise Indian Pharmacopoeia.



2.



- Uttar Pradesh issues over 5 crore Ayushman cards, Highest in India, under Ayushman Bharat scheme. Daily patient admissions under the scheme increase from 2,000 to 8,000.

3.



- L&T reaches a major milestone in clean energy, launching its first locally made electrolyser at the Green Hydrogen Plant in Hazira, Gujarat.

4.



- Chapchar Kut is a significant spring festival celebrated with great enthusiasm by the people of Mizoram.
- Following the clearing of forests for jhum cultivation, local Mizo tribes don traditional attire and perform the Cheraw and Chai dances.

5.



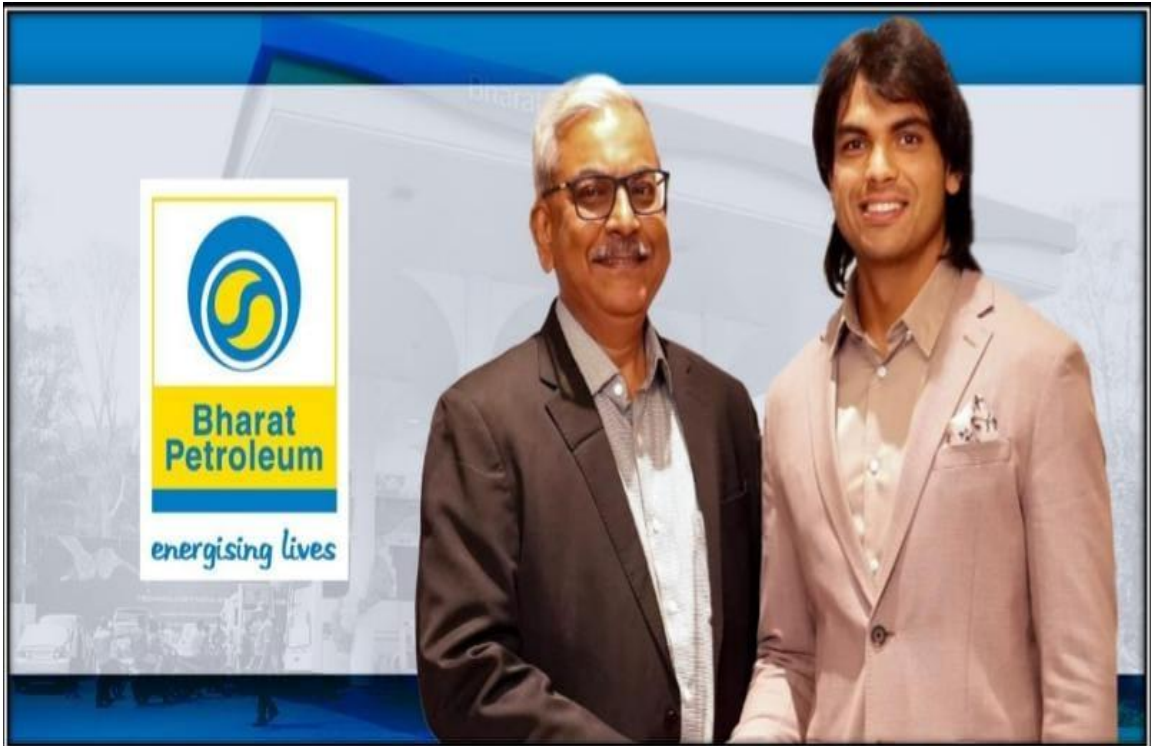
- Suman Kumari has become the first woman sniper in the Border Security Force (BSF). Completing the grueling eightweek sniper course at the Central School of Weapons and Tactics (CSWT) in Indore, Suman has proven her mettle and shattered the glass ceiling in a male-dominated field.

6.



- Mask making and manuscript painting of Majuli, an island-district of Assam, have received Geographical Indication (GI) tags.
7. Russia's defence ministry recently announced a successful test fire of Yars intercontinental ballistic nuclear missile.

8.



- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) revealed Olympic and World Javelin Champion Neeraj Chopra as the brand ambassador for their Premium Petrol ‘Speed’.
9. Recently, the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority and an Indian company signed the contract for building “Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems” in Delft or Neduntheevu, Nainativu and Analaitivu islands off Jaffna peninsula.
10. Dr. Pradeep Mahajan has been awarded the prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024.

11.



12. IPL 2024: Sunrisers Hyderabad appoint Pat Cummins as Captain.
13. India secures top spot in ICC World Test Championship Ranking.