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VOCABULARY

1. Tranches: Portions or divisions of something.
 - Synonyms: Segments, Slices, Sections, Parts, Stages.
 - Antonyms: Entirety, Whole, Complete, Aggregate.
 - sentence: The loan was divided into several tranches to accommodate various investor needs.

2. Retaliation: The act of responding to an action That is intended to harm something or someone.
 - Synonyms: Revenge, Retribution, Reprisal, Vengeance
 - Antonyms: Forgiveness, Mercy, Pardon, Magnanimity.
 - sentence: She decide against retaliation, opting for forgiveness instead.

3. Morass: A complicated or confused situation that is difficult to escape.
 - Synonyms: Dilemma, Mire, Tangle, Predicament.
 - Antonyms: Clarity, Ease, Simplicity.
 - sentence: She felt trapped in a morass of paperwork and deadlines.

4. Rampage: A violent or frenzied behavior.
 - Synonyms: Fury, Spree, Outburst, Riot.
 - Antonyms: Calm, Serenity, Stability, Tranquility.

- sentence: The wild elephant went on a rampage, damaging crops and property in the village.

5. Hasten: To quicken the pace of something.

- Synonyms: Accelerate, Expedite, Speed up, Rush.
- Antonyms: Delay, Slowed down, Impede, Hinder.
- sentence: She drank her coffee quickly to hasten her morning routine.

6. Clamorous: A situation or environment that is loud or noisy.

- Synonyms: Vociferous, Raucous, Uproarious, Riotous.
- Antonyms: Hushed, Quiet, Peaceful, Silent.
- sentence: The classroom was clamorous as the children played during recess.

7. Sway: To influence someone.

- Synonyms: Persuade, direct, Guide, Impact.
- Antonyms: Resist, Oppose, Disregard, Defy.
- sentence: The charismatic leader was able to sway the crowd with his passionate speech.

8. Dichotomy: A division or contrast between two things.

- Synonyms: Duality, Split, Discrepancy, Binary.
- Antonyms: Union, Harmony, Cohesion, Integration.

- sentence: The teacher explained the dichotomy between good and evil in literature.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. Widening the pool: Expanding the range or variety of something.
10. Done and dusted: Something is completed successfully and finalized.
11. Dial down: To reduce or decrease the intensity, level or extent of something.
12. Stand down: To step back in a situation or activity.
13. Rein in: To control or limit something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

17th April, 2024

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to become the first prime minister of India to feature on the cover of Newsweek after Indira Gandhi. Former prime minister Indira Gandhi featured on the cover of Newsweek's April 1966 issue.
2. A recent report by Switzerland's EA Earth Action reveals India as one of the top twelve contributors to 60% of the world's mismanaged plastic waste. Released on April 12, 2024, the Plastic Overshoot Day report highlights Eritrea as the worst in the Mismanaged Waste Index, with Bermuda at the bottom.
3. Princeton University Press author Avi Wigderson has been honored with the 2023 ACM A.M. Turing Award, given by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and widely referred to be the "Nobel Prize of computing."
4. British-American author Salman Rushdie releases his memoir "Knife" on Tuesday, recounting the harrowing experience of being stabbed at a public event in 2022 and how he overcame the near-fatal ordeal.
 - Rushdie lost sight in one eye after the attack by a knife-wielding assailant, who jumped on stage at an arts gathering in New York state.

5. Supreme Court Justice Aniruddha Bose appointed as National Judicial Academy's new director post-retirement. NJA, founded in 1993 under Supreme Court's guidance, enhances judicial skills.
6. Longte, one of the biggest festivals of the Nyishi tribe, began with lots of fanfare and enthusiasm among the people in different parts of the state.
7. Greece is facing a severe population decline, potentially becoming the first country to experience a "population collapse." Mortality rates have increased due to heart failure, stroke, blood clots, and cancer among otherwise healthy young people.
8. Kristalina Georgieva has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for another 5-year term starting October 1, 2024.
9. Mamta G. Sagar, a renowned Kannada poet, writer, academic, and activist based in Bengaluru, has added another feather to her cap by winning the prestigious World Literary Prize.
10. Nat Sciver-Brunt has become the first English woman to be honoured as Wisden's leading cricketer in the world in 2024.

- She was recognized for her outstanding performance in 2023, including hitting three ODI centuries in five innings and setting a new English record with a 66-ball hundred against Sri Lanka.

11. Delhi's IGI airport among top 10 busiest airport in the world.

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