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## VOCABULARY

1. Dissuaded: Someone has been discouraged from doing something.
  - Synonyms: Deterred, Prevented, Detracted, Diverted.
  - Antonyms: Encouraged, Persuaded, Convinced, Urged.
  - sentence: He attempted to dissuade her from quitting her job.
  
2. Exacerbate: To make a problem or situation worse.
  - Synonyms: Aggravate, Intensify, Escalate, Compound.
  - Antonyms: Alleviate, Mitigate, Ameliorate, Improve.
  - sentence: His comments only served to exacerbate the situation.
  
3. Adversity: Unfavorable circumstances that one may encounter.
  - Synonyms: Hardship, Tribulation, Suffering, Crisis.
  - Antonyms: Blessing, Fortune, Prosperity, Ease.
  - sentence: Even in the face of adversity, they remained resilient and determined.
  
4. Tweaking: Making small adjustments to something.
  - Synonyms: Modifying, Amending, Altering, Fine-tuning.
  - Antonyms: Maintaining, Preserving, Ignoring, Neglecting.
  - sentence: She spent hours tweaking the recipe until it was perfect.

5. Wrath: Intense anger or fury.

- Synonyms: Rage, Indignation, Ire, Outrage.
- Antonyms: Serenity, Tranquility, Peace, Contentment.
- sentence: Her eyes blazed with wrath as she confronted the perpetrator.

6. Substantial: Something of considerable size or importance.

- Synonyms: Significant, Substantive, Large, Sizable.
- Antonyms: Negligible, Meager, Insufficient, Trivial.
- sentence: He made a substantial contribution to the project.

7. Feasibility: The state or quality of being capable of being accomplished.

- Synonyms: Possibility, Viability, Suitability, Practicability.
- Antonyms: Incapability, Impracticality, Unviability.
- sentence: The feasibility of the plan was questioned due to budget constraints.

8. Inconsistent: Not staying the same in behavior or quality.

- Synonyms: Erratic, Variable, Irregular, Fluctuating.
- Antonyms: Stable, Persistent, Uniform, Constant.
- sentence: Her performance was inconsistent throughout the season.

9. Linger: Staying in a place for a longer time than usual.
- Synonyms: Hovering, Enduring, Persisting, Ongoing.
  - Antonyms: Fleeting, Ephemeral, Momentary, Transient.
  - sentence: After the party, the scent of flowers lingered in the air for hours.
10. Incentivise: To provide rewards to encourage certain actions.
- Synonyms: Galvanize, Stimulate, Promote, Inspire.
  - Antonyms: Suppress, Hinder, Penalize, Demotivate.
  - sentence: The company aims to incentivise employees by offering performance based bonuses.

### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

11. Bridge the gap: To reduce or eliminate the differences between two things or groups.
12. Red tape: Excessive bureaucratic procedures or formalities that can impede progress.
13. Bite one's nails: being nervous or worried about something.
14. Turn out: To happen or develop in a particular way.
15. Zero in on: To focus or concentrate on a specific target or objective.

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

- 1. Nepal hosts its 1st Rainbow Tourism Conference, spearheaded by Mayako Pahichan Nepal and the Nepal Tourism Board.**
  - The conference aims to position Nepal as a leading LGBTfriendly tourism destination, stressing the country's legal advancements such as the recognition of same-sex marriages.
  - The conference was inaugurated by Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Bhagawati Chaudhary.
- 2. The total traffic on the Jio network has reached 40.9 Exabytes, marking a 35.2% year-on-year increase.**
  - As of March 2024, Jio boasts a subscriber base of 481.8 million, out of which 108 million subscribers are on Jio's True5G Standalone network.
  - Per capita monthly data usage rose to 28.7 GB from just 13.3 GB in three years.
  - Mukesh Ambani - Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance.
- 3. The Supreme Court said that two-year childcare leave, apart from mandatory maternity leave of 180 days, for a woman employee is a constitutional mandate and denial of such leave is akin to asking her to quit her job.**

- This strong remark came from a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala when petitioner Shalini Dharmani, an assistant professor in a govt college in Himachal Pradesh, complained that she has a child with rare genetic disorder that requires multiple surgeries and constant care.
4. Young Liu is the CEO and chairman of Hon Hai Technology Group (Foxconn). He was among the 132 other Padma Bhushan awardees, approved by President Droupadi Murmu on January 25, the eve of the 75 Republic Day.
  5. Pavuluri Subba Rao Founder and CEO, Chairman of Ananth Technologies has been received with the 'Aryabhatta Award'.
    - The Aeronautical Society of India (ASI) has instituted an award to recognize outstanding contributions made to the promotion of astronautics in India.
  6. The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G), in collaboration with the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) cell of Kamrup election district in Assam, has developed an innovative 3D printed dummy ballot unit. Unveiled at the IIT-G campus, this initiative aims to enhance voter awareness and participation, particularly among new voters and senior citizens.

7. On this World Malaria Day 2024, we unite under the theme "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world." This theme, which is in sync with this year's World Health Day theme "My Health, My Right", underscores the urgent need to address the stark inequities that persist in access to malaria prevention, detection, and treatment services.
8. The UK's Rwanda Scheme, officially initiated under Prime Minister Boris Johnson's administration in April 2022, is a controversial migration policy designed to deter unauthorized arrivals to the UK by rerouting asylum seekers to Rwanda.
- Under this arrangement, individuals who arrive in Britain via unauthorized means, specifically after January 1, 2022, are eligible to be deported to Rwanda while their asylum claims are assessed.
9. World No. 6 Casper Ruud of Norway defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece, clinching the ATP Barcelona Open 500 singles title.

**10.** The prestigious 2024 Laureus Sports Awards ceremony, held in Madrid, was a grand celebration of the world's best athletes and their remarkable achievements.

- This year, 24-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic won the award in the "World Sportsman of the Year" category, defeating the likes of footballers Lionel Messi, Erling Haaland, and F1 racer Max Verstappen.
- In the "World Sportswoman of the Year" category, Spanish footballer Aitana Bonmati won the award. England's and Real Madrid's midfield sensation, Jude Bellingham, also received the award in the "World Breakthrough of the Year" category.

### Other Notable Awards

- Team of the Year Award: Spain Women's Football Team
- Action Sportsman of the Year Award: Arisa Trew
- Laureus Sport for Good Award: Fundación Rafa Nadal
- Sportsman of the Year with a Disability Award: Diede de Groot

**11.** Asia is most climate disaster impacted region : UN meteorological agency say.