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VOCABULARY

1. Curtailing: To reduce or restrict something.
 - Synonyms: Limiting, Constricting, Abating, Diminishing.
 - Antonyms: Expanding, Amplifying, Enhancing, Escalating.
 - sentence: The company is curtailing its expenses to improve profitability.

2. Tussle: A vigorous struggle or fight.
 - Synonyms: Scuffle, Skirmish, Clash, Conflict.
 - Antonyms: Harmony, Truce, Accord, Conciliation.
 - sentence: After a brief tussle, they finally reached a compromise.

3. Subsumed: To include or absorb something.
 - Synonyms: Assimilated, Engulfed, Incorporated, Enfolded.
 - Antonyms: Isolated, Separated, Excluded, Exempted. a
 - sentence: The individual needs were subsumed under the collective goals.

4. Perjury: The offense of willfully lying or giving false testimony.
 - Synonyms: Falsification, Dishonesty, Falsehood.
 - Antonyms: Truthfulness, Veracity, Honesty.
 - sentence: The suspect committed perjury by providing false information to the court.

5. Panacea: A solution that is believed to cure all problems.
- Synonyms: Remedy, Antidote, Elixir.
 - Antonyms: Complication, Impediment, Issue, Difficulty.
 - sentence: While technology has its benefits, it's not a panacea for all our problems.
6. Blatant: Very obvious or conspicuous.
- Synonyms: Evident, Clear, Apparent, Glaring.
 - Antonyms: Subtle, Hidden, Covert, Unnoticeable.
 - sentence: The politician's blatant disregard for the law was evident in his actions.
7. Spree: A period or burst of unrestrained activity.
- Synonyms: Splurge, Rampage, Frenzy.
 - Antonyms: Temperance, Restraint, Sobriety.
 - sentence: He went on gambling spree last weekend and lost all his savings.
8. Denigrated: To criticize or belittle someone or something.
- Synonyms: Disparaged, Demeaned, Decried, Vilified.
 - Antonyms: Lauded, Respected, Applauded, Extolled.
 - sentence: He constantly denigrated her achievements, undermining her confidence.
9. Tacit: Something understood or implied without being directly expressed.
- Synonyms: Inferred, Implicit, Unexpressed, Indirect.
 - Antonyms: Explicit, Evident, Clear, Verbalized.

- sentence: His silence was a tacit approval of her plan.

10. Perilous: Full of danger or risk.

- Synonyms: Dangerous, Hazardous, Treacherous.
- Antonyms: Secure, Harmless, Protected, Safe.
- sentence: Swimming in rough waters is perilous.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Turning a blind eye: The act of willfully ignoring something.

12. Cocking a snook: showing a lack of respect for someone or something.

13. Turned up the heat: To increase pressure or difficulty in a situation.

14. At the heart of something: The central or essential aspect of something.

15. Came down on: To criticize or reprimand someone harshly for something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

4th April, 2024

1. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi sworn in for third term as Egyptian President on April 2, 2024.
 - Sisi won the Presidential election with 89.6% of the vote in December last year.
 - His presidency extends until 2030. Sisi pledges to prioritize the interests of the Egyptian people.
 - Egypt has faced significant economic challenges, addressed with foreign loans and investments.
2. According to geologists, the African continent is currently experiencing a rare geological phenomenon that could lead to the formation of a sixth ocean in 5 to 10 million years.
3. Paradip Port Authority, Odisha, outperforms Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, handling 145.38 MMT cargo in FY23-24. Achievements include coastal shipping dominance, productivity peak.
4. The Election Commission of India has bestowed a big responsibility on Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana. He has been appointed as the country's youth icon by the Election Commission of India.

5. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the first PM outside the Nehru-Gandhi family to complete 10 years, or two full terms, in office, will finish a remarkable political innings in the Rajya Sabha spanning 33 years.
6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is considering establishing the Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA) as a new tool to combat cybercrime.
 - This proposed agency focuses on the approval of legal applications and the growth of publicly registered illegal loan applications.
7. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has introduced the 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' norm, which aims to prevent the use of a single FASTag for multiple vehicles or linking multiple FASTags.
8. Joint efforts aimed at Sanskrit research and education advancement. Highlights include annual international conferences, study center establishment, Gurukul support, designated study center.
9. The Maharashtra team made a clean sweep at the 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24. It won both the men's and women's titles, held at Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium and the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. The winning team collected a cash prize of Rs3 lakh and a trophy. The runner-up got a cash prize of Rs2 lakh and a Trophy.

10. India's celebrated weightlifter, Manipur's Bindyarani Devi, secured a historic bronze medal in the women's 55kg event at the prestigious IWF World Cup. She lifted an impressive total of 196kg (83kg in snatch and 113kg in clean and jerk) to clinch the medal. Her lift in the clean and jerk category also resulted in a silver medal.

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