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VOCABULARY

1. Solatium: A thing given to someone as a compensation or consolation.
 - Synonyms: Compensation, recompense, reparation
 - Sentence: The company provided a solatium to the family of the injured worker.

2. Illicit: Forbidden by law, rules, or custom.
 - Synonyms: Illegal, unlawful, forbidden
 - Antonyms: Legal, lawful, permitted
 - Sentence: The police conducted a raid on the illicit gambling den.

3. Opportune: (of a time) Well-chosen or particularly favorable or appropriate.
 - Synonyms: Timely, convenient, suitable
 - Antonyms: Inopportune, untimely, inconvenient
 - Sentence: The arrival of the investment was opportune for the company's expansion.

4. Expeditiously: With speed and efficiency.
 - Synonyms: Promptly, quickly, swiftly
 - Antonyms: Slowly, leisurely, sluggishly
 - Sentence: The manager ensured that all tasks were completed expeditiously.

5. Diktats: An order or decree imposed by someone in power without popular consent.
- Synonyms: Decree, command, mandate
 - Antonyms: Request, appeal, suggestion
 - Sentence: The new company policies were seen as diktats by the employees.
6. Complacency: A feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
- Synonyms: Self-satisfaction, smugness, contentment
 - Antonyms: Dissatisfaction, humility, self-doubt
 - Sentence: The team's early success led to complacency, and they eventually lost the match.
7. Envisaged: Contemplated or conceived as a possibility or a desirable future event.
- Synonyms: Imagined, envisioned, planned
 - Antonyms: Ignored, disregarded, dismissed
 - Sentence: The new policy was envisaged to bring economic stability.
8. Deterioration: The process of becoming progressively worse.
- Synonyms: Decline, degradation, worsening
 - Antonyms: Improvement, enhancement, progress
 - Sentence: The deterioration of the building was evident after years of neglect.

9. Expedient: Convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral.

- Synonyms: Convenient, advantageous, pragmatic
- Antonyms: Inconvenient, disadvantageous, unwise
- Sentence: The manager made an expedient decision to resolve the issue quickly.

10. Gravitated: Move toward or be attracted to a place, person, or thing.

- Synonyms: Inclined, attracted, leaned
- Antonyms: Repelled, distanced, averted
- Sentence: The youth gravitated towards the new tech startup due to its innovative culture.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Better late than never: To do something rather than not Doing.

12. Beat around the bush : Not saying directly.

13. Hang in there : Stay strong in a difficult situation.

14. Call it a day : To stop doing something.

15. Cut corners : Purchase something in the least expensive Way.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

21st June, 2024

1. New Zealand has scrapped plans for a so-called "burp tax" aimed at lowering greenhouse gas emissions from sheep and cattle.
 - The country's centre-right coalition government said on Tuesday it would exclude agriculture from the country's emissions trading scheme in favour of exploring other ways to reduce methane.
2. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, has committed \$105 million (approximately Rs 871 crore) to Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan.
3. Ukraine officially established the world's first unmanned force on 11 June, a new branch of the military dedicated to harnessing the power of unmanned warfare.
 - Known as the Unmanned Systems Forces, the command aims to co-ordinate the deployment of air, sea, and ground unmanned and robotic systems.
4. UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, announced the appointment of the British actor Theo James as its newest global Goodwill Ambassador.

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will grant certificates to more Tuesday to empower the country's rural women, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare said.
6. 3rd edition of World Food India, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, Shri Chirag Paswan and Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Railways, Shri Ravneet Singh, launched the website and mobile application for World Food India 2024.
7. The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in a meeting held on 19 June 2024 and chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops for the marketing season 2024-25.
 - The agriculture marketing season in India is from July to June.
 - In the Union Budget 2018-19 the government of India had announced that the MSP of a crop shall be at least 1.5 times the All-India weighted average Cost of Production.
 - In the recently announced MSP for the 2024-25 Kharif season, Bajra has the highest margin over the cost of production (77 percent), followed by Tur (59 percent), maize (54 percent), and Urad (52 percent). For the rest of the crops, the margin over the cost of production is estimated to be 50 percent.

8. World Crocodile Day is celebrated on 17th June. The day is a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.
9. In a remarkable achievement, India opener Smriti Mandhana surpassed the 7000-run milestone in international cricket during the first ODI against South Africa at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
10. India ranks 63rd on World Economic Forum's Energy transition report.

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