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VOCABULARY

1. Adherence: Commitment or attachment to a cause or belief.
 - Synonyms: Compliance, observance, obedience
 - Antonyms: Disregard, noncompliance, violation
 - Sentence: The strict adherence to the new regulations ensured a safer work environment for everyone.

2. Incremental: Relating to or denoting an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.
 - Synonyms: Gradual, progressive, step-by-step
 - Antonyms: Sudden, abrupt, immediate
 - Sentence: The incremental progress in the project ensured that no detail was overlooked.

3. Callousness: Insensitive and cruel disregard for others.
 - Synonyms: Insensitivity, heartlessness, indifference
 - Antonyms: Compassion, sensitivity, empathy
 - Sentence: The callousness of the manager's decision to fire employees before the holidays was widely criticized.

4. Incapacitated: Deprived of strength or power; debilitated.
 - Synonyms: Disabled, weakened, debilitated
 - Antonyms: Capable, strong, able
 - Sentence: The accident incapacitated him for several months, preventing him from returning to work.

5. Rejuvenated: Made to look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively.
- Synonyms: Revitalized, refreshed, renewed
 - Antonyms: Weakened, aged, depleted
 - Sentence: The spa treatment left her feeling rejuvenated and ready to tackle the challenges ahead.
6. Ambushed: Made a surprise attack on someone from a concealed position.
- Synonyms: Surprised, attacked, waylaid
 - Antonyms: Forewarned, alerted, prepared
 - Sentence: The soldiers were ambushed by the enemy forces as they were patrolling the area.
7. Insurgency: An active revolt or uprising.
- Synonyms: Rebellion, revolt, uprising
 - Antonyms: Peace, compliance, submission
 - Sentence: The government struggled to suppress the insurgency that had taken root in the countryside.
8. Botched-up: Carried out badly or carelessly.
- Synonyms: Mishandled, bungled, failed
 - Antonyms: Successful, accomplished, perfected
 - Sentence: The botched-up operation led to further complications instead of resolving the issue.

9. Augmenting: Making something greater by adding to it; increasing.

- Synonyms: Increasing, enhancing, expanding
- Antonyms: Diminishing, reducing, decreasing
- Sentence: The company focused on augmenting its resources to meet the growing demand.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 10.** A crushing blow : A hurtful action
- 11.** A crying shame : A disgrace; something unfair that make us feel sorry for the victimised
- 12.** A cushy job : An easy job that is not demanding or Difficult
- 13.** A cut above the average : Higher than normal
- 14.** Add fuel to fire : To make matters worse

CURRENT AFFAIRS

10th July, 2024

1. Gagan Narang, four-time Olympian and 2012 Olympic Games men's 10m Air Rifle bronze medalist, has been chosen to replace MC Mary Kom as the Chef-deMission of the Indian contingent to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games beginning on July 26.
2. Tata Power Solar Systems Limited has launched the 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh, starting from Varanasi, aimed at providing every home with clean energy through rooftop solar solutions. This initiative promises substantial financial savings and environmental benefits for residents.
3. The NATO summit, hosted by President Joe Biden in Washington, DC from July 9 to 11, marks a pivotal moment for the alliance. It will include Sweden as a new member, highlighting NATO's expansion and unity amidst global challenges.
 - Biden aims to strengthen support for Ukraine, with announcements expected to bolster military, political, and financial aid. The summit, commemorating NATO's 75th anniversary, underscores its role in Euro-Atlantic security and collective defense against evolving threats.

4. The Supreme Court on Monday appointed former Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit, as chairperson of the search-cum-selection committee for all the universities in West Bengal.
5. The 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee has announced that Maharastra has won the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024. The announcement was made by the 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee, headed by Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.
 - The Maharashtra chief minister, Eknath Shinde, will receive the award on 10 July 2024 at a function in New Delhi.
6. India will host the 28th Malabar naval exercise with the US, Japan, and Australia in October, focusing on advanced anti-submarine warfare to enhance military coordination amid rising China tensions.
7. Upon arrival in Russia's Moscow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accorded Guard of Honour at VNUKOVO-II International Airport.
 - During this visit, Prime Minister will cochair the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit with President H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin.

- In 2019, PM Modi received Russia's highest state honor, 'Order of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First'.
 - India's Ambassador to Russia: Vinay Kumar.
8. Elisa de Anda Madrazo of Mexico has assumed the presidency of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for a two-year term from July 2024 to June 2026.
9. HCL Technologies chairperson Roshini Nadar has been conferred with France's highest civilian award, the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur or the Knight of the Legion of Honour.
- The French ambassador to India, Thierry Mathou, conferred the award to Roshini Nadar on behalf of the French president on 8 July 2024 at the French Embassy in New Delhi.
 - Roshini Nadar was honoured for her outstanding contributions to the business world, her constant endeavour to promote economic ties between France and India and her unwavering commitment to social and environmental causes.

- 10.** The Indian badminton players dominated the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024 by winning both the men's and women's singles titles. However, India had to settle for a silver in the men's doubles. The Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024 was held from 3 to 7 July in Saint-Denis, the capital of the French overseas département of Réunion in the Western Indian Ocean.

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