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VOCABULARY

- 1. Incumbent: Currently holding an office or position.
 - Synonyms: Current, reigning, in office
 - Antonyms: Former, previous, past
 - Sentence: The incumbent president is running for re-election next year.
- 2. Coalition: An alliance for combined action, especially a temporary alliance of political parties forming a government.
 - Synonyms: Alliance, union, partnership, bloc
 - Antonyms: Disunion, division, separation
 - Sentence: The coalition government was formed by three different political parties.
- 3. Adage: A short, memorable saying expressing a general truth.
 - Synonyms: Proverb, saying, maxim, aphorism
 - Sentence: The old adage "actions speak louder than words is often true in politics.
- 4. Farce: A comic dramatic work using buffoonery and horseplay, typically including crude characterization and ludicrously improbable situations.
 - Synonyms: Mockery, absurdity, nonsense, travesty
 - Antonyms: Seriousness, tragedy, solemnity
 - Sentence: The meeting turned into a farce when no one could agree on anything.

- 5. Disillusionment: A feeling of disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not as good as one believed it to be.
 - Synonyms: Disenchantment, disappointment, discont ent
 - Antonyms: Satisfaction, contentment, fulfillment
 - Sentence: The scandal caused widespread disillusionment among the voters.
- 6. Perpetuation: The act of prolonging something.
 - Synonyms: Continuation, maintenance, prolongation
 - Antonyms: Discontinuation, cessation, end
 - Sentence: The new laws are aimed at the perpetuation of social justice.
- 7. Opportune: Occurring at a favorable or appropriate time.
 - Synonyms: Timely, well-timed, convenient, propitious
 - Antonyms: Inopportune, untimely, inconvenient
 - Sentence: The announcement came at an opportune moment, just as the crowd was gathering.
- 8. Eschew: Deliberately avoid using; abstain from.
 - Synonyms: Avoid, shun, abstain from, forgo
 - Antonyms: Embrace, adopt, use
 - Sentence: He chose to eschew all forms of luxury and live a simple life.

- 9. Teeter: Move or balance unsteadily; sway back and forth.
 - Synonyms: Wobble, totter, sway, stagger
 - Antonyms: Stabilize, steady, balance
 - Sentence: The company's finances began to teeter after the market downturn.
- 10. Wrest: Forcibly pull (something) from a person's grasp.
 - Synonyms: Seize, snatch, grab, take by force
 - Antonyms: Give, release, relinquish
 - Sentence: The rebels managed to wrest control of the capital after a fierce battle.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11. Under a cloud: Under suspicion, in trouble, or out of favor.
- 12. To play fast and loose: behave irresponsibly or immorally.
- 13. To clip one's wings: to limit someone's ability to do or say things.
- 14. To put a spoke in one's wheel: to hinder.
- 15. To nip in the bud: To stop something in the starting.

CURRENT AFFAIRS 15th July, 2024

1. <u>India's mission to drill a 6km deep hole in Koyna,</u> Maharastra:

- It was established by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences in Karad, Maharashtra.
- It aims to execute India's sole scientific deep-drilling program, currently working on their ambitious goal, i.e. drill down to a depth of 6 kilometers (that's roughly 3.7 miles) in the Koyna-Warna region.
- 2. Mukhyamantri Mangala Pashu Bima Yojana, a very good and beneficial scheme for animal farmers, has been announced by the Rajasthan government. Rajasthan state government has announced Mukhyamantri Mangal Pashu Bima Yojanain the budget announcement of 2024-25 in which it has promised to provide free insurance of Rs 5 lakh to all the cattle owners for their animals.
- 3. Kharchi Puja is one of the most significant festivals celebrated in the northeastern state of Tripura, India. Also referred to as the Festival of 14 Gods, it takes place on the eighth day of the new moon in either July or August. During this week-long festivity, the people of Tripura pay homage to Chaturdasa Devata, their ancestral deity.

- 4. International mountaineer Nitish Singh left for Mount Kinabalu, the highest peak in Malaysia, when the rain subsided. He conquered it at 5:30 am on July 9 and hoisted the tricolor there. International mountaineer Nitish Singh, a resident of Gorakhpur, UP, has created a new record by hoisting the tricolor on Kinabalu, the highest peak of Malaysia.
- 5. Locals are protesting against the proposed Upper Siang hydropower project in Arunachal Pradesh due to environmental and social concerns.
 - The project, a massive 11,000 MW dam on the Siang River, is seen as a strategic counter to China's hydropower projects.
- 6. Barbora Krejcikovaof the Czech Republic defeated Italy's Jasmine Paolini to win the Wimbledon women's title for her second Grand Slam singles triumph.
 - Krejcikova, the 31st seed, won 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 on Saturday to add the 2024 All England Club crown to her 2021 French Open victory.
- 7. England all-rounder Ben Stokes on Thursday joined the ranks of cricket legends Garry Sobers of the West Indies and Jacques Kallisof South Africa by becoming the third player, and the first from England, to achieve the milestone of over 6,000 runs and 200 wickets in Test cricket.

- 8. The SDG India Index 2023-24 reveals significant national and subnational progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). India's composite score improved to 71, reflecting advancements across key sectors like poverty eradication, economic growth, climate action, and biodiversity conservation.
- **9.** In a pulsating finale of the World Championship of Legends 2024, India Champions emerged victorious by defeating arch-rivals Pakistan Champions by five wickets here at Edgbaston.
- 10. Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal lost a parliamentary vote of confidence on July 12, 2024. This ended the Dahal's 20- month tenure as Prime Minister of Nepal.
 - The liberal Communist Unified Marxist Leninist (UML) party, his largest ally, withdrew support, prompting the need for the vote.
 - Dahal needed at least 138 votes in the 275-member house to retain power. Out of 258 lawmakers present, 63 voted for Dahal, 194 voted against him, and one abstained.
 - Parliament Speaker Dev Raj Ghimire declared the rejection of Dahal's confidence vote, paving the way for a new coalition government.