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VOCABULARY

- 1. Forbearance:** Patient self-control; restraint and tolerance.
 - Synonyms: Patience, tolerance, restraint
 - Antonyms: Impatience, intolerance, agitation
 - Sentence: The bank showed forbearance by not foreclosing on the mortgage during tough economic times.

- 2. Austerity:** Sternness or severity of manner or attitude; extreme plainness and simplicity of style or appearance.
 - Synonyms: Severity, strictness, economy
 - Antonyms: Luxury, extravagance, indulgence
 - Sentence: The austerity measures were implemented to reduce the national debt.

- 3. Cumbersome:** Large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy.
 - Synonyms: Clumsy, awkward, unwieldy
 - Antonyms: Light, manageable, easy
 - Sentence: The old computer system was cumbersome and difficult to use.

- 4. Convened:** Come or bring together for a meeting or activity.
 - Synonyms: Assembled, gathered, summoned
 - Antonyms: Dispersed, adjourned, dismissed
 - Sentence: The committee was convened to discuss the new policy changes.

- 5. Precarious:** Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.
- Synonyms: Unstable, insecure, perilous
 - Antonyms: Stable, secure, safe
 - Sentence: The precarious ladder made him nervous as he climbed to the roof.
- 6. Retrospective:** Looking back on or dealing with past events or situations.
- Synonyms: Backdated, retroactive, backward-looking
 - Antonyms: Prospective, forward-looking, future-oriented
 - Sentence: The company issued a retrospective pay raise to all employees.
- 7. Declutter:** Remove unnecessary items from an untidy or overcrowded place.
- Synonyms: Organize, tidy, streamline
 - Antonyms: Clutter, mess, disarrange
 - Sentence: She decided to declutter her home before moving to a new city.
- 8. Impounded:** Seize and take legal custody of something.
- Synonyms: Seized, confiscated, appropriated
 - Antonyms: Released, freed, returned
 - Sentence: The authorities impounded the illegal goods found at the port.

9. Apprehended: Arrest someone for a crime.

- Synonyms: Arrested, detained, captured
- Antonyms: Released, freed, liberated
- Sentence: The police apprehended the suspect after a brief chase.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Pitch in : to start to do something.

11. Cutting corners : to do something in the quickest or cheapest way.

12. Break the bank : to cost too much

13. Cash cow : a product or service that makes a lot of money.

14. Out of pocket : having lost money in a transaction.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

29th June, 2024

1. In the 2024 report, Vienna, Austria, remains the top city for the third consecutive year, praised for its cultural vibrancy and exceptional public services. However, cities like Karachi, Pakistan, and Dhaka, Bangladesh, are among the least livable, ranking in the bottom ten.
2. Central Electronics Limited (CEL) was honored with "Mini RATNA" status (Category-1) at its Golden Jubilee celebration by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. This recognition underscores CEL's transformation from a loss-making PSU to a profitable entity, achieving a net profit of approximately Rs58 crore and consistently paying dividends to the Government of India for three consecutive years.
3. Japan, the Republic of Korea, and United States began the inaugural execution of exercise Freedom Edge, a trilateral multi-domain exercise, June 27.
 - The execution of the exercise was announced at the Camp David Summit in August 2023 and at the Japan, ROK, and U.S. defense ministerial meeting, which took place in June during the Shangri-La Dialogue.

4. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will organise the first international solar festival, which aims to create conducive conditions for impactful global partnerships to accelerate the solar-led energy transition, in New Delhi.
 - Scheduled to be held from September 5-6 this year, the solar festival will witness a gathering of businesses, academia, youth and community leaders to share knowledge, foster innovation, and build international cooperation towards building a solar-powered future.
5. National Statistics Day in India is celebrated annually on June 29th to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the father of Modern Statistics in India. This year, in 2024, National Statistics Day will be observed on Saturday, June 29th, under the theme, "Use of data for decision making."
6. The Indian Air Force's (IAF) Rafale fighter jets are currently in Egypt for Ex- HOPEX. The C-17 Globemaster and IL-78 tankers are also participating in the weeklong exercise (21-26 June). The aim of this exercise is to promote bilateral and regional cooperation, which is a symbol of the long-standing relations between the two countries.
 - On its way back from Alaska after joining in the 'Red Flag' exercise, the IAF contingent landed in Egypt.

7. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed six consecutive developmental trials of High Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) 'ABHYAS' with improved booster configuration from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha. With this, ABHYAS has successfully completed 10 developmental trials demonstrating the reliability of the system.
8. The deployment marks sustained participation of an Indian Military Contingent in military parade organized as part of Seychelles National Day since 1976. INS Sunayna entered Port Victoria, Seychelles on 26 Jun 24 as part of her long range deployment in the South West Indian Ocean Region.
9. Indian cricket legend Kapil Dev is all set to take charge as the president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI). The 1983 Cricket ODI World Cup-winning captain became a PGTI board member in 2021 and will now be taking over the mantle of president from HR Srinivasan, whose tenure came to an end recently.
10. One of the greatest batters of all time, David Warner's international career ended on a bitter note after Australia failed to qualify for the T20 World Cup 2024 semi-finals, exiting in the Super 8 stage.