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VOCABULARY

1. Intensification: The action or process of making something stronger or more extreme.
 - Synonyms: Strengthening, escalation, enhancement
 - Antonyms: Decrease, reduction, weakening
 - Sentence: The intensification of the storm caused widespread damage.

2. Meticulously: In a way that shows great attention to detail; very thoroughly.
 - Synonyms: Carefully, precisely, thoroughly
 - Antonyms: Carelessly, hastily, negligently
 - Sentence: The artist meticulously painted every detail of the landscape.

3. Onslaught: A fierce or destructive attack.
 - Synonyms: Assault, attack, barrage
 - Antonyms: Defense, retreat, withdrawal
 - Sentence: The army launched an onslaught against the enemy's position.

4. Seamless: Smoothly continuous or uniform.
 - Synonyms: Smooth, uninterrupted, integrated
 - Antonyms: Disjointed, interrupted, inconsistent
 - Sentence: The transition of power from the old CEO to the new one was seamless.

5. Glimmer: A faint or wavering light; a faint sign of a feeling or quality.
- Synonyms: Gleam, sparkle, hint
 - Antonyms: Darkness, obscurity, dullness
 - Sentence: There was a glimmer of hope in the diplomat's speech.
6. Buoyant: Able to float; cheerful and optimistic.
- Synonyms: Floating, lively, optimistic
 - Antonyms: Sinking, depressed, pessimistic
 - Sentence: The buoyant economy showed signs of recovery.
7. Undisputed: Not disputed or called into question; accepted.
- Synonyms: Unchallenged, unquestioned, acknowledged
 - Antonyms: Disputed, questioned, doubted
 - Sentence: He was the undisputed champion of the tournament.
8. Infirmity: Physical or mental weakness.
- Synonyms: Weakness, frailty, debility
 - Antonyms: Strength, vigor, robustness
 - Sentence: Despite his infirmity, he continued to work tirelessly.

9. Bumps: Obstacles or setbacks.

- Synonyms: Obstacles, hurdles, setbacks
- Antonyms: Advantages, boosts, advancements
- Sentence: Despite a few bumps along the way, the project was completed on time.

10. Tweaks: Small adjustments or fine-tuning, especially to improve efficiency or performance.

- Synonyms: Adjustments, modifications, improvements
- Antonyms: Overhauls, transformations, disruptions
- Sentence: The engineer made a few tweaks to the design to reduce energy consumption.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Bear in mind : Remember or consider something
12. To put a spoke in one's wheel : to make it difficult for someone to achieve something.
13. To clip one's wings : To deprive one of power
14. Hold up : Delay
15. To play fast and loose : To act in an unreliable way

CURRENT AFFAIRS

3rd July, 2024

1. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty has been selected as the next chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) by the Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB), an arm of the central government.
 - The two other contenders were Ashwini Tiwari and Vinay Tonse. Setty will succeed current chairman Dinesh Khara, whose term ends on August 28.
2. Japan will start issuing new banknotes on the 3rd of July next month. Local media reported that it is the world's first use of cutting-edge holography that makes the portraits of historic figures appear to rotate in 3D.
3. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has taken up a preliminary study on the design and development of an indigenous conventional submarine under Project-76.

About Project 76:

- Project-76 will focus on the indigenous design and development of six new next-generation submarines.
- This project will leverage the robust ecosystem established through Project-75, Project-75I, and the ongoing nuclear submarine programs.

4. Indian Military Communication Technology Gets Better on Its Own In a historic move, the Indian Army recently got its first 4G mobile base station made in India. It was built by Signaltron in Bangalore.
- The purchase was made possible by the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) site, which shows that India has made big steps toward becoming self-sufficient in important technology areas. This development not only improves the military's ability to communicate, but it also marks a big step toward using technology made in the United States for strategic reasons.
5. The Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the state government's Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi at the Krishi Upaj Mandi in Tonk on 30 June 2024.
- The chief minister released Rs650 crore as the first installment to around 65 lakh farmers of the state. The eligible farmers of the state will receive the benefits under the state scheme along with the Rs 6000 per year paid by the central government under the PM-KISAN scheme.
6. Royal Challengers Bengaluru have announced veteran wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik as their batting coach and batting mentor for the men's team. Karthik, who announced his retirement after IPL 2024, will return to the RCB dugout, but this time in a different capacity.

7. The Centre has notified amended rules to allow women government employees to take 180 days of maternity leave in case they have children through surrogacy.
- The government has also allowed the "commissioning mother" (the intending mother of the child born through surrogacy) with child care leave besides paternity leave of 15 days to the "commissioning father", according to the changes made in the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.
8. The World Bank has approved a second round of 1.5 billion dollars in financing to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy.
- The financing is extended to promote a market for green hydrogen, electrolysers, and increased renewable energy penetration.
 - In June 2023, the World Bank approved the 1.5 billion dollars for the First Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation.
 - The fresh funding is expected to help India expand its green hydrogen production and boost the mobilisation of finance for low-carbon investments.
 - The development comes in the backdrop of India's ambitious National Green Hydrogen Mission and energy transition targets. The Centre has set a target of achieving 500 GW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2070.

9. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. has received the "Sustainable Governance Champion Award" at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024.
- GRSE demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable practices and governance excellence.
 - The award acknowledges GRSE's integration of sustainability into core operations.
 - GRSE is recognized for driving innovation in sustainable ship building practices. The company promotes environmental stewardship within the maritime and defense sectors.
10. Indian Naval Ship "Ranvir" of the eastern fleet under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command arrived at Chittogram, Bangladesh on 29th June, 2024 as part of an operational deployment. The ship was accorded a warm welcome by the Bangladesh Navy.