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VOCABULARY

1. Ascendancy: Occupation of a position of dominant power or influence.
 - Synonyms: Dominance, supremacy, hegemony
 - Antonyms: Subordination, inferiority, subservience
 - Sentence: The company's ascendancy in the tech market was unquestionable.

2. Legitimacy: Conformity to the law or to rules.
 - Synonyms: Validity, legality, authenticity
 - Antonyms: Illegitimacy, invalidity, unlawfulness
 - Sentence: The legitimacy of the election results was questioned by the opposition.

3. Plagued: Cause continual trouble or distress to.
 - Synonyms: Afflicted, tormented, beset
 - Antonyms: Relieved, comforted, soothed
 - Sentence: The country has been plagued by economic instability for years.

4. Obscure: Not discovered or known about; uncertain.
 - Synonyms: Unknown, unclear, ambiguous
 - Antonyms: Clear, obvious, well-known
 - Sentence: The artist remained obscure until a gallery discovered his work.

5. Endorsed : Declare one's public approval or support of.
- Synonyms: Approved, supported, recommended
 - Antonyms: Opposed, rejected, disapproved
 - Sentence: The committee endorsed the new policy changes.
6. Consolidation: The action or process of making something stronger or more solid.
- Synonyms: Unification, strengthening, merging
 - Antonyms: Fragmentation, division, separation
 - Sentence: The consolidation of the two companies created a market leader.
7. Repression: The action of subduing someone or something by force.
- Synonyms: Suppression, oppression, subjugation
 - Antonyms: Liberation, freedom, emancipation
 - Sentence: The government's repression of protests led to widespread condemnation.
8. Sabotaged: Deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something).
- Synonyms: Undermined, disrupted, damaged
 - Antonyms: Supported, assisted, protected
 - Sentence: The workers sabotaged the factory equipment during the strike.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. Throw in the towel: to admit that you are defeated or cannot do something any more.
10. Mare's nest: a false discovery, illusion, or deliberate hoax.
11. A storm in a teacup: a situation in which people are very angry or upset about something that is not important.
12. Blue blooded: membership in a noble or socially prominent family.
13. Do a roaring trade: to do very good business.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

8th July, 2024

1. Every year, 4th July is observed as the death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. He is considered as the father of modern Indian nationalism and is also credited with raising interfaith awareness and bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion in the late 19th century.
2. The first Union Budget (2024-25) of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term will be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha on July 23, with the Parliament session commencing a day earlier and scheduled to conclude on August 12.
3. World's oldest cave painting in Indonesia shows a pig and people :
 - On the Island of Sulawesi in Indonesia, archaeologists have found the world's oldest known cave picture with a date that can be trusted .
 - This piece of art was found on the roof of Leang Karampuang cave in the Maros Pangkep region of South Sulawesi province by using a laser to date a type of crystal called calcium carbonate that formed naturally on top of the painting.

4. World zoonoses day 6th July :

- World zoonoses day is an important annual observance that aims to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases – infections that can spread from animals to humans. As we approach World Zoonoses Day 2024, it's crucial to understand the significance of this day and how we can contribute to preventing these potentially dangerous diseases.

5. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is launching a new MA programme in Bhagavad Gita Studies starting July 2024. The course, offered through open and distance learning, spans 2 to 4 years.

6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 1 announced the appointment of Arnab Kumar Chowdhury and Charulatha S. Kar as executive directors. Mr. Chowdhury and Ms. Kar will look after three departments each.

- Ms. Kar has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) with effect from July 1 while Mr. Chowdhury has been appointed ED with effect from June 3, 2024, according to the RBI.

7. Reformist Masoud Pezeshkian has been elected as Iran's new president, beating his hardline conservative rival Saeed Jalili.
- The vote was declared in Dr Pezeshkian's favour after he secured 53.3% of the more than 30 million votes counted. MrJalili polled at 44.3%.
 - The election was called after Iran's previous president Ebrahim Raisi was killed in a helicopter crash in May, in which seven others also died.
8. Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia, Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), a joint venture between India and Russia, has announced successful delivery of 35,000 AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Army.
- Production has been deployed in India in full compliance with the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan (Self-Reliant India) programmes. The project includes technology transfer, and its concept includes 100 per cent localization of AK-203 production.
9. A 28-member Indian athletics team, led by men's javelin throw defending champion Neeraj Chopra, will compete at the Paris 2024 Olympics, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced on June 04.

10. The 133rd edition of the Durand Cup will kick off on 27th July 2024. Asia's and India's oldest club-based football tournament will end on 31 August 2024, with the final being played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (Salt Lake Stadium) in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- The 133rd Durand Cup matches will be held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar(Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong(Meghalaya). For the first time, Jamshedpur will host the Durand Cup matches.
- "President of India, on the recommendation of Government of India, has approved the proposal for summoning of both the Houses of Parliament for the Budget Session, 2024, from July 22, 2024, to August 12, 2024, (subject to exigencies of Parliamentary Business). Union Budget 2024-25 will be presented in Lok Sabha on 23 July, 2024," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju posted on social media platform X on Saturday.