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VOCABULARY

- 1. Tranche:** A portion of something, especially money, that is paid or received in parts over a period of time.
 - Synonyms: Installment, portion, segment
 - Antonyms: Whole, entirety
 - Sentence: The first tranche of the project funding will be released in January.

- 2. Feasibility:** The state or degree of being easily or conveniently done.
 - Synonyms: Practicality, possibility, viability
 - Antonyms: Impracticality, impossibility, infeasibility
 - Sentence: The government is assessing the feasibility of introducing the new policy.

- 3. Mitigate:** To make less severe, serious, or painful.
 - Synonyms: Alleviate, reduce, ease
 - Antonyms: Aggravate, intensify, worsen
 - Sentence: Efforts were made to mitigate the impact of the disaster.

- 4. Rebound:** To recover in value, amount, or strength after a decline.
 - Synonyms: Recover, bounce back, improve
 - Antonyms: Decline, deteriorate, fall
 - Sentence: The economy is starting to rebound after the slowdown.

- 5. Resurgence:** An increase or revival after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence.
- Synonyms: Revival, renewal, comeback
 - Antonyms: Decline, disappearance, collapse
 - Sentence: The company is witnessing a resurgence in its market share.
- 6. Undermine:** To weaken or damage something gradually.
- Synonyms: Weaken, sabotage, erode
 - Antonyms: Strengthen, reinforce, support
 - Sentence: Constant criticism can undermine a person's confidence.
- 7. Volatility:** Liability to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.
- Synonyms: Instability, fluctuation, unpredictability
 - Antonyms: Stability, consistency, steadiness
 - Sentence: The volatility of the stock market makes it risky for investors.
- 8. Iteration:** The repetition of a process or utterance.
- Synonyms: Repetition, recurrence, cycle
 - Antonyms: Discontinuation, singularity
 - Sentence: The design went through several iterations before final approval.

- 9. Umbrella:** Something that includes or covers many different things.
- Synonyms: Comprehensive, inclusive, broad-based
 - Antonyms: Exclusive, narrow, specific
 - Sentence: The umbrella project includes several smaller research initiatives.
- 10. Crucial:** Of great importance; decisive or critical.
- Synonyms: Essential, critical, vital
 - Antonyms: Insignificant, trivial, minor
 - Sentence: Timely action was crucial in preventing further damage.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11.** Year in, year out: Happening consistently or repeatedly every year
- 12.** See eye to eye: Agree or have the same opinion as someone else
- 13.** Not a hair out of place: Immaculately neat and tidy
- 14.** Face the music: Accept the consequences
- 15.** Whole nine yards: The complete or full extent of something

CURRENT AFFAIRS

14th September, 2024

1. Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels on Wednesday, after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.
 - Capital: The Mexico City
 - Continent: North America
 - Currency: Mexican Peso
 - Mexico gained independence from Spain in 1821.
 - It currently follows Presidential form of government.
2. The picturesque village of Sani in Zaskar is buzzing with excitement as the Ladakh Zaskar Festival 2024 is set to begin this morning. Tourists, locals, and officials have gathered in large numbers to witness this two-day cultural extravaganza, which celebrates the rich heritage and natural beauty of the Zaskar region, where majestic glaciers meet centuries-old traditions.
3. In Nagaland, the State Government has approved the implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Chumoukedima, Niuland, and Dimapur districts. The decision to implement ILP in these three districts was taken during a Cabinet meeting held today, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.

4. Hindi Diwas celebrated annually on September 14, honor the Hindi language and its profound impact on India's cultural and social fabric. The 2024 observance marks the 75th anniversary of Hindi's adoption as one of India's official languages by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.
5. The United Nations International Day of South-South Cooperation is being celebrated today. "A better tomorrow through South-South Cooperation" is the theme of this year. Celebration of the day annually on September 12, provides an opportunity for member states to reaffirm the value and benefits of South-South cooperation.
 - The South-South cooperation is a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, their national and collective selfreliance and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
6. In a meeting held on 11 September 2024 and chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet approved the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana on 25 December 2000 to connect eligible rural habitation with all-weather roads as part of its poverty reduction strategy.

- 7.** In a significant development for India's ornamental fisheries sector, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh, unveiled the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile application.

 - The launch event took place at the prestigious ICAR Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) in Bhubaneswar, marking a new era in the dissemination of knowledge and resources for ornamental fish enthusiasts and professionals alike.

- 8.** Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy successfully flight tested Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on 12 September at around 1500 hrs. The flight test was carried out from a land-based vertical launcher against a low-flying highspeed aerial target. During the test, the weapon system successfully tracked the target and engaged it.

- 9.** The corpus of Rs10,900 crore is for two years. The new scheme will support electric two-wheelers, electric three-wheelers, and other emerging EVs through subsidies and demand incentives worth Rs2,679 crore. An allocation of Rs500 crore each has been made for incentivising electric ambulances and electric trucks.

10. Manipur's T.G. English School won the Junior Boys title of the 63rd Subroto Cup, defeating Meghalaya's Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School 4-3 in a sudden-death tiebreaker. The final, held at BR Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi, on 11 September 2024, ended 1-1 in regulation time.

- Manipur's Namdigong Kamei scored in the 32nd minute, while Meghalaya's Banpliebok Khongjoh equalized with a penalty in the 64th minute. In the tiebreaker, Meghalaya missed a key spot-kick, giving Manipur the victory. It was the first time in 44 years that a team from Manipur won the Subroto Cup. Despite playing with 10 men for 20 minutes, Manipur secured the title.
- The Subroto Cup, one of Asia's oldest tournaments, promotes grassroots football development in India.