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VOCABULARY

- 1. Anaemic:** Lacking in color, spirit, or vitality; weak or feeble.
 - Synonyms: Weak, feeble, insipid
 - Antonyms: Strong, vibrant, robust
 - Sentence: The company's anaemic growth in the last quarter disappointed the investors.

- 2. Dissipation:** The process of slowly disappearing or being reduced, often through wasteful or inefficient use.
 - Synonyms: Dispersal, depletion, waste
 - Antonyms: Accumulation, concentration, preservation
 - Sentence: The dissipation of the post-COVID economic boom has led to a more cautious outlook for the future.

- 3. Resurgence:** An increase or revival after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence.
 - Synonyms: Revival, renewal, comeback
 - Antonyms: Decline, downfall, stagnation
 - Sentence: The resurgence of inflation has forced central banks to consider raising interest rates again.

- 4. Tad:** A small amount; slightly or to a small extent.
 - Synonyms: Bit, smidgen, little
 - Antonyms: Much, lot, significantly
 - Sentence: The soup could use a tad more salt to enhance the flavor.

- 5. Reluctance:** Unwillingness or hesitation to do something.
- Synonyms: Hesitation, unwillingness, resistance
 - Antonyms: Willingness, eagerness, readiness
 - Sentence: Despite the benefits, there was a noticeable reluctance among the employees to adopt the new technology.
- 6. Imperative:** Of vital importance; crucial.
- Synonyms: Essential, necessary, urgent
 - Antonyms: Optional, unnecessary, trivial
 - Sentence: It is imperative that we address the climate crisis before it's too late.
- 7. Rebound:** A recovery in value, amount, or strength after a decrease or decline.
- Synonyms: Recovery, resurgence, comeback
 - Antonyms: Decline, collapse, deterioration
 - Sentence: The economy showed signs of rebound after the severe recession last year.
- 8. Curtail:** To reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.
- Synonyms: Reduce, limit, diminish
 - Antonyms: Increase, expand, extend
 - Sentence: The company decided to curtail its spending to improve profitability.

9. Subdued: Quiet and rather reflective or depressed; restrained in style or quality.

- Synonyms: Restrained, muted, quiet
- Antonyms: Lively, vibrant, exuberant
- Sentence: The mood at the event was subdued due to the recent tragic events.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 10.** Better late than never: To do something rather than not doing
- 11.** Back to the drawing board: To start over again because a plan has failed or been unsuccessful.
- 12.** Hang in there: Stay strong in a difficult Situation
- 13.** Call it a day: To stop doing something
- 14.** Find your feet: to become confident and independent in a new situation

CURRENT AFFAIRS

5th September, 2024

1. South Africa has announced a new Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) with an initial focus on the tourist markets of India and China.
 - The Country's Home Affairs Department said that the scheme is set to be implemented from January next year. The aim of the scheme is to reform the visa system and is expected to increase jobs in the tourism sector.
 - The TTOS will remove the key obstacles standing in the way of South Africa becoming a favoured tourism destination for the second and fifth largest economies in the world. According to the government, Indian tourists account for only 3.9 percent of all international visitors to South Africa.
2. The Centre has given absolute powers to the Delhi lieutenant governor to constitute any authority, board and commission such as the Delhi Commission for Women and the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission.
 - In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the Delhi LG can also appoint members to such authority, board, commission or statutory bodies.
 - The notification has been issued in pursuance of clause (1) of article 239 of the Constitution read with section 45D of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991 (1 of 1992).

- 3.** The International Day of Charity was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012, with the first observance taking place in 2013. The date of September 5th was chosen to honor Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who passed away on that day in 1997. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her charitable work, and she remains a symbol of compassion and humanitarianism.
- The day was established to recognize the efforts of all those who work to alleviate human suffering and to encourage more people to contribute to charitable causes.
 - On this day, people join together to support various causes of the International Charity Day 2024 Theme, such as fighting poverty and improving education and health. Charities, community groups, and individuals take part in activities to help those in need.
- 4.** Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has made history as the first Indian company to exceed ₹10 lakh crore in annual revenue. This milestone was revealed during RIL's Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Chairman Mukesh Ambani.
- For the financial year 2023-24, Reliance achieved a record consolidated turnover of ₹10,00,122 crore (USD 119.9 billion), with a net profit of ₹79,020 crore (USD 9.5 billion).

5. The Madhya Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, has approved a groundbreaking scheme named 'Brindavan Gram'. This initiative, formally announced on Janmashtami (August 26), aims to transform selected gram panchayats into model villages, focusing on cow protection and rural development.
6. In Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh, a series of wolf attacks have led to the death of a three-year-old girl and injuries to two women, despite ongoing efforts under "Operation Bhediya".
 - The operation, aimed at capturing the man-eating wolves responsible for several attacks, has successfully caught four wolves, but the community remains frustrated due to the continued threat.
7. The Cabinet Committee on Security on Monday (September 2, 2024) approved the proposal for the procurement of 240 aeroengines for Su-30MKI aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) under the 'Buy (Indian)' category from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of over ₹26,000 crore.
 - Delivery of the AL-31FP aero-engines will start after one year and be completed over a period of eight years, a Defence Ministry statement said. The engines will have indigenous content of over 54%, enhanced by the indigenisation of some key components, the Ministry said, adding they would be manufactured at HAL's Koraput division.

8. Indian para-badminton players Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manisha Ramadass clinched silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the women's singles SU5 class at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.
9. The Indian deaf shooter Dhanush Srikanth won three gold medals at the 2024 World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany. The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf is organising the 2024 World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany, from 29 August to -8 September 2024.
10. The Indian men's national squash champion, Abhay Singh, won the men's singles title of the 2024 Tuanku Muhriz Trophy. In the final played on 1 September 2024, he defeated
 - the top seed Lau Tsz Kwan of Hong Kong, China. This was the 10 PSA (Professional Squash Association) title for Abhay Singh.
 - The \$15,000 prize money Tuanku Muhriz Trophy is a Professional Squash Association (PSA) Challenger tournament. It was held in Seremban, Malaysia, from 28 August to -01 September 2024.