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VOCABULARY

1. Retaliation: The act of hurting someone or doing something harmful to someone because they have done something harmful to you.
 - Synonyms: Reciprocate, Revenge, Retribution, Requite
 - Antonyms: Exoneration, Forgiveness, Pardon, Clemency
 - Sentence: US military retaliation is likely to further damage confidence.

2. Flagrant: Shockingly noticeable or evident; obvious; glaring
 - Synonyms: Conspicuous, Blatant, Glaring, Audacious
 - Antonyms: Slight, Subtle, Inconspicuous, Mild
 - Sentence: The conviction was a flagrant breach of justice.

3. Breach: An act of breaks an agreement, a law, or code of conduct.
 - Synonyms: Violation, infringement, Infraction, transgression
 - Antonyms: Observance, compliance, adherence
 - Sentence: The conviction was a flagrant breach of justice.

4. Inexplicable: Unable to be explained or accounted for.
 - Synonyms: Unexplainable, incomprehensible, baffling
 - Antonyms: Explainable, comprehensible, clear
 - Sentence: The disappearance of the ship remains inexplicable to this day.

5. Elusive: Difficult to find, catch, or achieve.
- Synonyms: Evasive, slippery, difficult to catch
 - Antonyms: Obvious, clear, attainable
 - Sentence: The elusive thief was finally captured after months of investigation.
6. Fraternity: A group of people sharing a common profession or interests.
- Synonyms: Brotherhood, fellowship, association
 - Antonyms: Isolation, separation, individualism
 - Sentence: The medical fraternity gathered to discuss the latest advancements in the field.
7. Exorcise: To drive out or attempt to drive out (an evil spirit) from a person or place.
- Synonyms: Expel, banish, purge
 - Antonyms: Invite, retain, welcome
 - Sentence: The priest was called to exorcise the haunted house.
8. Desolate: A place that is deserted and bleak.
- Synonyms: Isolated, barren, uninhabited
 - Antonyms: Populated, lively, fertile
 - Sentence: The once-bustling city now lay desolate after the economic collapse.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. Draw a longbow: to exaggerate in telling stories; overstate something
10. A hard nut to crack: a problem that is very difficult to solve
11. Eat like a bird: eat very little
12. Find your feet: to become confident and independent in a new situation
13. Better late than never: doing something late is better than not doing it at all

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

6th August, 2024

1. Hiroshima Day is observed on August 6 to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II. An estimated 80,000 people died instantly from the blast, while the effects of radiation killed tens of thousands more within the months and years that followed.
 - Hiroshima Day, which is observed at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Japan, highlights the effects of nuclear wars, pays respect to those who got killed, discourages nuclear proliferation and promotes world peace.
2. Manu Bhaker, India's two-time Olympic bronze medallist, has been chosen to be India's flagbearer for the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics. According to sources from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Bhaker will represent India as the women's flagbearer during the event.
3. China is seeking to get full intellectual property rights to this technology.
 - Now China plans to build the world's first NPP based on molten salt in the Gobi desert. Construction will begin in 2025 with the aim of developing safer and more environmentally friendly nuclear energy.

4. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has successfully conducted a demonstration and trial of the formidable 'Typhoon' vehicle at its Transport Battalion in Chandigarh. This event, graced by officials from Vehicle Factory Jabalpur, marks a significant stride in modernizing the force's fleet.
 - The Typhoon-K, a versatile and robust vehicle, is designed to be a backbone for logistical support in challenging terrains. Its capabilities extend beyond troop and cargo transportation, serving as a platform for various technical systems and weapons. Available in both 6×6 and 4×4 configurations, the Typhoon boasts exceptional mobility, protection, and firepower.
5. Turkey blocked access to the social networking platform Instagram in the country yesterday. The Turkish government has accused Meta, the US-based parent company of Instagram of blocking condolence posts on the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh.
6. "VIRAASAT", a fortnight long exhibition dedicated to celebrating 10th National Handloom Day began at Handloom Haat in Janpath on 3rd August, 2024. National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC) is organising the handloom expo under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India which will conclude on 16th August, 2024.

7. President Droupadi Murmu will be on a three-nation visit to Fiji, New Zealand and Timor-Leste from the 5th to 10th of this month. Briefing media in Delhi yesterday, Secretary (East) Jaideep Mazumdar said this would be the first-ever visit by the President of India to Fiji and Timor Leste.
- He said that ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi enunciated his Act East Policy, the region of South East-Asia and the Pacific has been a very special focus for India. He said all these three countries fall within the Act East Policy.
8. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has given clearance to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) to produce 200 Astra air-to-air missiles for its Su-30 and LCA Tejas fighter aircraft.
9. The Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand has launched the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan
- Samman Yojanato provide financial assistance to eligible women in the state. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren will officially launch the scheme on 16 August 2024.
 - The 81-member Jharkhand legislative Assembly will go to poll in November /December 2024, as the tenure of the present assembly will end on 5 January 2025.
 - The scheme is seen as a pre-election sop announced by the Hemant Soren government in the state before the next legislative assembly election.

- 10.** A four-ringed butterfly, belonging to a family with most members in China, has resurfaced in India after 61 years.
- The butterfly was recorded in 2018 from the Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh.
 - The discovery was made by a team including a policeman and members of the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).
 - This discovery highlights the rich biodiversity of India's eastern most tiger reserve, which straddles the border with Myanmar.

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