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VOCABULARY

1. Incumbent: Currently holding office.
 - Synonyms: Current, reigning, in-office
 - Antonyms: Former, previous, past
 - Sentence: The incumbent mayor is running for re-election this year.

2. Pecuniary: Relating to or consisting of money.
 - Synonyms: Financial, monetary, fiscal
 - Antonyms: Nonfinancial
 - Sentence: He was satisfied with the pecuniary benefits of his new job.

3. Reinvigorate: Give new energy or strength to.
 - Synonyms: Revitalize, refresh, rejuvenate
 - Antonyms: Weaken, exhaust, drain
 - Sentence: The new policies aim to reinvigorate the struggling economy.

4. Belligerence: Aggressive or warlike behavior.
 - Synonyms: Hostility, aggression, combativeness
 - Antonyms: Peacefulness, friendliness, amity
 - Sentence: His belligerence often led to conflicts with his neighbors.

5. Reviled: Criticized in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.
- Synonyms: Denounced, condemned, vilified
 - Antonyms: Praised, admired, lauded
 - Sentence: The dictator was reviled by the international community for his human rights abuses.
6. Tarnished: Diminished or spoiled in quality or character.
- Synonyms: Stained, sullied, blemished
 - Antonyms: Honored, esteemed, revered
 - Sentence: The scandal tarnished his reputation irreparably.
7. Unalloyed: Pure, not mixed with anything else.
- Synonyms: Pure, untainted, unmixed
 - Antonyms: Mixed, impure, adulterated
 - Sentence: Her unalloyed joy was evident on her wedding day.
8. Flurry: A sudden short period of activity or excitement.
- Synonyms: Burst, spurt, outbreak
 - Antonyms: Calm, lull, peace
 - Sentence: There was a flurry of activity as the deadline approached.
9. Radicalisation: The process by which individuals come to adopt extreme political, social, or religious ideologies.
- Synonyms: Extremism, fanaticism, zealotry

- Sentence: Efforts are being made to prevent the radicalisation of youth.
10. Complicit: Involved with others in an illegal activity or wrongdoing.
- Synonyms: Involved, implicated, partnered
 - Antonyms: Innocent, uninvolved, exonerated
 - Sentence: The manager was complicit in the company's illegal activities.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Over the hill: Something is old and no longer fit, Attractive, or capable of doing useful work.
12. Hit the books: To study.
13. Keep Nose to the Grindstone: To work hard and diligently.
14. Drop the Ball: To make a mistake or fail to do something.
15. Off the chain: Extremely good.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

7th August, 2024

1. President Droupadi Murmu, on a two-day visit to Fiji, was conferred the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest honor of Fiji, by President Williame Katonivere. She received a ceremonial guard of honor from the Fiji Military Force upon arrival in Suva and attended a traditional welcome ceremony with Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka.
 - During her address to the Fijian Parliament, President Murmu highlighted the 75-year diplomatic association between the countries, thanked Fiji for supporting the Aditya L1 Mission, and recalled India's assistance to Fiji during the COVID-19 crisis through the Vaccine Maitri initiative. She also stressed the importance of the Global South in advocating for climate justice for developing nations.
2. Bangladesh Nobel winner Muhammad Yunus said Tuesday he is ready to head a caretaker government, a day after the military took control as mass protests forced longtime ruler Sheikh Hasina to flee.
 - Microfinance pioneer Yunus, 84, is credited with lifting millions out of poverty -- earning the enmity of ousted Hasina and the wide respect of millions of Bangladeshis.

3. The Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India in association with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) will host the 1st BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi on August 6, 2024.

4. Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) maintained its status as the top-ranked Indian company in the 2024 Fortune Global 500 list. Nine Indian companies were included in the 2024 list, with RIL improving its rank from 86 to 88.
 - Only eight Indian companies were included in the list in 2023, and HDFC Bank was included for the first time this year.
 - Companies are ranked on the Fortune Global 500 by total revenues for their respective fiscal years ending on or before March 31, 2024.
 - The 2024 Fortune Global 500 List was released by the global multi-platform media company Fortune on 5th August 2024. American company Walmart retained its top position on the list for the 11th consecutive year.

5. The Embassy of India in Jakarta and IndCham recently restarted the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia. This event attracted more than 150 members from important Indian and Indonesian companies, marking a key moment in boosting economic ties between the two countries.

6. In United States, tropical storm Debby rapidly strengthened into a full-fledged hurricane yesterday and is likely to make a landfall in the Big Bend region of Florida's Gulf Coast by tonight. The storm which turned into a Category 1 hurricane, is likely to bring historic rainfall levels and catastrophic flooding in the states of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.
- The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) warned of recordsetting rainfall with life-threatening conditions including storm surges up to three meters in some areas. NHC said, once it makes landfall, Debby will likely slowly move north through the week.
 - Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has activated the state's National Guard with 3,000 service members on standby. Media reports said, mandatory evacuations have been ordered for part of Citrus County in Florida, with eight other counties under voluntary evacuation orders. Governors of Georgia and South Carolina have declared a state of emergency.
7. The "Bhoto Jatra," a traditional event in Nepal, concluded on Sunday once again without any claims for the jewel-studded vest or "Bhoto," which has remained in the possession of Rato Machhindranath, the Red God of Nepal.

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8. Lhamu Pasang Sherpa, the first Nepalese woman to summit Everest, now has a lunar crater named in her honor.
- Nepal celebrates the naming of a crater at the Moon's South Pole in honor of Pasang Lhamu Sherpa, the first Nepali woman to summit Mt. Everest. The US Geological Survey, which maps extraterrestrial planets and the Moon, as well as topographic and hydrological features of Earth, has named a crater on the Moon's South Pole after Sherpa.
9. A recent World Bank report titled "World Development Report 2024: The Middle Income Trap" has highlighted significant challenges faced by over 100 countries, including India, in achieving highincome status in the coming decades
- India is among 100 countries, including China, at risk of falling into the "middle income trap," where countries struggle to transition from middle-income to high-income status.

- 10.** Former India wicketkeeper Batter Dinesh Karthik was on Monday appointed the league ambassador of the SA20 League. Karthik, who is the first Indian player to be associated with the South African tournament, retired from all forms of cricket earlier this year.

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