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VOCABULARY

1. **Overhaul:** Take apart (a piece of machinery or equipment) in order to examine it and repair it if necessary.
 - Synonyms: Renovate, refurbish, repair
 - Antonyms: Vandalise, Obliterate, Damage, Destroy
 - Sentence: The company decided to overhaul its entire network system to improve efficiency.

2. **Conniving:** Given to or involved in conspiring to do something immoral, illegal, or harmful.
 - Synonyms: Scheming, plotting, conspiratorial
 - Antonyms: Innocent, straightforward, honest
 - Sentence: The conniving employees planned to embezzle funds from the company.

3. **Infamy:** The state of being well known for some bad quality or deed.
 - Synonyms: Notoriety, disrepute, disgrace
 - Antonyms: Honor, respect, esteem
 - Sentence: The criminal's infamy spread quickly after the daring heist.

4. **Egregious:** Outstandingly bad; shocking.
 - Synonyms: Sordid, Shocking, Appalling, Atrocious
 - Antonyms: Minor, trivial, insignificant
 - Sentence: The manager's egregious mistake cost the company millions.

5. Outlandish: Looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar.
- Synonyms: Bizarre, strange, peculiar
 - Antonyms: Ordinary, common, familiar
 - Sentence: Her outlandish outfit made her the center of attention at the party.
6. Flamboyantly: In a very confident and lively way.
- Synonyms: Ostentatiously, exuberantly, vividly
 - Antonyms: Modestly, subtly, quietly
 - Sentence: She flamboyantly announced her victory to the entire school.
7. Reckoning: The action or process of calculating or estimating something.
- Synonyms: Calculation, estimation, assessment
 - Antonyms: Guesswork, assumption, conjecture
 - Sentence: After much reckoning, the final cost of the project was determined.
8. Gullible: Easily persuaded to believe something; credulous.
- Synonyms: Naive, trusting, credulous
 - Antonyms: Cynical, suspicious, skeptical
 - Sentence: The gullible tourist was quickly swindled by the street vendor.

9. Acrimony: Bitterness or ill feeling.

- Synonyms: Bitterness, animosity, hostility
- Antonyms: Goodwill, harmony, friendship
- Sentence: The debate was filled with acrimony, leaving both sides more divided than ever.

10. Supersede: Take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.

- Synonyms: Replace, displace, oust
- Antonyms: Retain, keep, maintain
- Sentence: Newer models of the smartphone will supersede the older ones in the market.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Up in the air: (of a plan or issue) still to be settled; unresolved.

12. Wool over the eyes: to trick or deceive someone.

13. Jump through hoops: to do a complicated things in order to get or achieve something

14. By the book: exactly according to the rules.

15. To get down to business: to start the work that has to be done.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

8th August, 2024

1. The Australian government has unveiled the Maitri Research and Cultural Partnerships Grants. These grants, aimed at fostering Australia-India collaboration, encompass sustainable manufacturing, energy transition research, and artistic projects. Minister Penny Wong praised the initiatives for strengthening bilateral ties, emphasizing the importance of human connections in the relationship.
2. Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat has been disqualified from the Paris Olympics after failing to meet weight requirement for her 50 kg gold medal.
 - As per the report, Phogat was reportedly over the permissible weight limit by just 100 grams, which may lead to her disqualification. According to competition rules, she will not be eligible for a silver medal, leaving only gold and bronze winners in the 50 kg category.
3. ISRO's latest Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-08, is scheduled for launch on August 15, Independence Day, via the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3.
 - The EOS-08 mission aims to develop a microsatellite, design compatible payload instruments, and integrate new technologies for future satellites. The launch will take place from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

- EOS-08 hosts three primary payloads: Electro Optical Infrared Payload (EOIR), Global Navigation Satellite System-Reflectometry payload (GNSS-R), and SiC UV Dosimeter.
4. INS Shivalik of the Eastern Fleet has emerged victorious in the Naval Gunfire Support Competition at the Rim of the Pacific Exercise-2024 (RIMPAC-2024), held in Hawaii and won the coveted RODEO trophy.
- The event which featured 25 partner nations saw INS Shivalik demonstrate exceptional firepower and precision in delivering ordnance on target. The Indian Navy congratulated the team of INS Shivalik, according to a release here from the Eastern Naval Command on Sunday.
5. In a significant judgment, the Madras High Court has declared Section 77-A of the Registration Act, 1908 unconstitutional. This ruling has far-reaching implications for property registration and ownership rights in Tamil Nadu.
6. The central government has completed and operationalized four major projects under the Namami Gange Mission 2.0 in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, totaling Rs920 crore. These projects aim to enhance sewage treatment capacity by 145 megaliters per day (MLD) and improve sewer networks.

Technology and Standards:

- Utilizes Hybrid Annuity PPP (HAM) model and Advanced Sequencing Batch Reactor technology, adhering to National Green Tribunal (NGT) standards.

Environmental Impact:

- Aims to significantly improve the water quality of the Ganga and its tributaries by treating sewage and preventing untreated discharge.

7. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has announced the procurement of all crops in the state at minimum support price (MSP). Addressing BJP's 'Vijay Shankhnad' rally in Kurukshetra, Mr Saini said, the state government is currently procuring 14 crops at MSP.

8. India has made a breakthrough by exporting its first GI tagged fig juice to Poland. This follows the successful export of commercial quantities of Purandar figs to Hong Kong, showcasing the potential of Indian agricultural products in global markets.

9. On August 7, 2021, Neeraj Chopra etched his name in history by winning India's first-ever Olympic gold medal in track and field. His historic javelin throw of 87.58 metres not only secured the gold but also made him the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold, following Abhinav Bindra.

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