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VOCABULARY

1. Dilemma: A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives.
 - Synonyms: Quandary, predicament, crisis
 - Sentence: She faced a dilemma between pursuing her career and taking care of her family.

2. Trajectory: The path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces.
 - Synonyms: Path, route, course
 - Sentence: The missile's trajectory was carefully calculated to ensure it reached its target.

3. Unambiguously: In a way that leaves no doubt; clearly.
 - Synonyms: Clearly, distinctly, unequivocally
 - Antonyms: Ambiguously, vaguely
 - Sentence: The contract unambiguously states the terms of service for all users.

4. Flagged: Marked for attention; indicated.
 - Synonyms: Indicated, marked, signaled
 - Antonyms: Ignored, overlooked
 - Sentence: The report flagged several important issues that needed immediate attention.

5. Intense: Of extreme force, degree, or strength.

- Synonyms: Extreme, acute, strong
- Antonyms: Mild, moderate
- Sentence: The intense heat of the summer sun made it difficult to stay outdoors for long.

6. Unprecedented: Never done or known before; without previous example.

- Synonyms: Unmatched, extraordinary, unique
- Antonyms: Common, usual, typical
- Sentence: The pandemic led to unprecedented challenges for healthcare systems worldwide.

7. Salient: Most noticeable or important.

- Synonyms: Prominent, significant, notable
- Antonyms: Inconspicuous, insignificant
- Sentence: The report highlighted the salient features of the new policy changes.

8. Culminate: To reach a climax or point of highest development.

- Synonyms: Conclude, culminate, peak
- Antonyms: Begin, initiate
- Sentence: The festival will culminate in a grand fireworks display on the last night.

9. Annihilation: Complete destruction or obliteration.
- Synonyms: Destruction, obliteration, eradication
 - Antonyms: Preservation, creation
 - Sentence: The fear of annihilation loomed large over the nations during the cold war.
10. Endeavor: An attempt to achieve a goal.
- Synonyms: Effort, attempt, venture
 - Antonyms: Inaction, negligence
 - Sentence: The scientist's endeavor to find a cure for the disease was commendable.

PHRASAL VERBS

11. Take after: To resemble a family member in appearance or behavior.
12. Put up with: To tolerate or endure something unpleasant.
13. Look into: To investigate or examine something.
14. Drop by: To visit someone informally or without an appointment.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

15. Show your true colors: To reveal your real character or intentions, often after hiding them.
16. Raise a red flag: To signal that something is wrong or suspicious.
17. A blessing in disguise: an apparent misfortune that eventually has good results.
18. Jump on the bandwagon: To join others in doing something that is currently popular or trendy.
19. Walk on eggshells Meaning: To be very careful or delicate when dealing with a sensitive person or situation.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

15th October, 2024

1. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said that Indian suppliers are the third largest provider of organisation's health and nutrition support to children globally. Indian businesses have supplied goods and services worth nearly six billion dollars to UNICEF for its global work.
 - UNICEF's supply division Director, Leila Pakkala, who was on her first official visit to India, said that Indian suppliers of life-saving goods and services for children are key to UNICEF's work for children globally. She also mentioned that UNICEF values these contributions which are central to its mission of saving the lives of the most vulnerable children not only in India but around the world.
2. The Telangana government has initiated the process of a comprehensive household caste survey in the state aimed at targeted and equitable resource distribution among all communities. With this, Telangana will become the third state to hold such a caste-based headcount after Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.
3. 2024 Nobel laureates in the economic sciences are Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James Robinson – have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for a country's prosperity. Societies with a poor rule of law and institutions that exploit the population do not generate growth.

4. India has approved the third phase of the Space Based Surveillance project. It will include launching 52 spy satellites over five years to improve surveillance. These AI-powered satellites will enhance monitoring capabilities, especially concerning Pakistan and China. This phase follows earlier phases started in 2001 and 2013, further boosting India's security measures.
5. The United States is reportedly sending its advanced anti-missile system, the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), to Israel, along with US troops to operate it. The Pentagon announced the deployment on October 13, following warnings from Iran for the US to avoid military involvement in Israel. US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin authorized the move under President Joe Biden's direction, aiming to strengthen Israel's defenses amid ongoing tensions.
6. International Kullu Dussehra festival started with the Rath Yatra of Lord Raghunath at the historic Rath Maidan of Dhalpur in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. Lord Raghunath's chariot was pulled by thousands of people and taken to Dhalpur Maidan.
 - Hundreds of deities featured during this festival which will be celebrated here for 7 days.

7. World Standards Day, celebrated each year on October 14, acknowledges the crucial role played by thousands of experts who develop voluntary standards to ensure that products and services meet consumer expectations, enhancing safety and enjoyment in daily life.
- This year's theme for World Standards Day is Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for the Changing Climate. This theme emphasises the significance of collaboration in achieving common objectives, especially regarding climate change. The day aims to explore various ways in which global efforts can be enhanced to address climate change effectively.
8. Arjun Vajpai, the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest has made India proud once again. On 9th October 2024, when Arjun Vajpai stood on top of Mt. Shishapangma, he completed his 8th successful summit and registered a total of 4 records all together.
- Arjun Vajpai who embarked on this journey of scaling all 14 at the age of 16 in 2010, has successfully summited 8 of the 14 peaks till date.

9. The president's rule in Jammu and Kashmir has been revoked, allowing the formation of a government. Elections were held, with the National Conference winning 42 seats and the BJP 29. Omar Abdullah will become Chief Minister. Voter turnout was 63.88%. The swearing-in ceremony may take place on Wednesday. The region transitions from central to local rule.
10. World Number One male tennis player Jannik Sinner of Italy defeated 24 Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the final to win the ATP Shanghai Masters 1000 singles title. The ATP Shanghai Master 1000 was held in the Chinese city of Shanghai from 2 to 13 October 2024. The Shanghai Master is played on a hard court.