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VOCABULARY

- 1. Imputation:** An attribution of fault or responsibility, often implying blame.
 - Synonyms: Accusation, allegation, attribution
 - Antonyms: Exoneration, vindication, defense
 - Sentence: The imputation of dishonesty damaged his reputation in the company.

- 2. Supersede:** To take the place of something previously in authority or use.
 - Synonyms: Replace, displace, succeed
 - Antonyms: Retain, keep, maintain
 - Sentence: The new law supersedes the previous regulation, making it no longer applicable.

- 3. Penchant:** A strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.
 - Synonyms: Liking, preference, inclination
 - Antonyms: Dislike, aversion, indifference
 - Sentence: She has a penchant for collecting rare books from different parts of the world.

- 4. Inadvertent :** Not resulting from deliberate planning or intention.
 - Synonyms: Unintentional, accidental, careless
 - Antonyms: Intentional, deliberate, planned

- Sentence: The error in the report was inadvertent, but it caused a lot of confusion.

5. Umbrage: Offense or annoyance.

- Synonyms: Offense, resentment, irritation
- Antonyms: Satisfaction, contentment, pleasure
- Sentence: She took umbrage at his sarcastic remarks during the meeting.

6. Antagonism: Active hostility or opposition.

- Synonyms: Hostility, enmity, opposition
- Antonyms: Friendship, harmony, cooperation
- Sentence: The constant antagonism between the two leaders was detrimental to the team's progress.

7. Rendition: A performance or interpretation, especially of a song or piece of music.

- Synonyms: Performance, interpretation, presentation
- Antonyms: Original, creation, invention
- Sentence: Her beautiful rendition of the national anthem moved the audience.

8. Expulsion: The action of forcing someone to leave a place, especially a country.

- Synonyms: Ejection, removal, deportation
- Antonyms: Admission, inclusion, acceptance
- Sentence: The expulsion of the diplomat created a diplomatic rift between the two countries.

- 9.** Reek: To have a strong, unpleasant smell; figuratively, to strongly suggest something negative.
- Synonyms: Stink, smell, suggest
 - Antonyms: Fragrance, freshness, sweetness
 - Sentence: The entire situation reeked of corruption and dishonesty.
- 10.** Outraged: Feeling or showing strong anger or indignation.
- Synonyms: Incensed, infuriated, furious
 - Antonyms: Calm, content, pleased
 - Sentence: The public was outraged by the government's response to the crisis.

PHRASAL VERBS

- 11.** Pick from: To choose something from a group or set.
- 12.** Choose out: To select or choose from a larger group.
- 13.** Narrow down: To reduce the number of choices until a final decision is made.
- 14.** Go for: To choose or opt for something, often enthusiastically.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 15.** Thumbing one's nose: to show contempt, disrespect towards someone
- 16.** Put the best foot forward: to try as hard as you can
- 17.** Stick one's neck out: to take a risk
- 18.** Cook someone's goose: Spoil other person's chances of success
- 19.** A wild goose chase: a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

21st October, 2024

1. The Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted the coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' on October 16-17 across Gujarat and the Union Territory of Daman & Diu.
 - The exercise, coordinated by the Coast Guard Regional Headquarters in Gandhinagar, was the second edition of the year.
2. Meta, in partnership with the Indian government, launched a safety campaign called 'Scam se Bacho'. This campaign will run for two months and is designed to help people in India learn how to avoid online scams. The initiative comes in response to the growing number of cyber fraud cases in the country.
3. In Johannesburg, South Africa, Mohanji, a global humanitarian leader, received a special recognition for his worldwide contributions at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards event. This prestigious annual event honors ethical and visionary leaders whose work fosters conscious leadership, aligns people, profit, and purpose, and promotes a better, more sustainable world.

4. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar has been appointed the ninth chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) succeeding Rekha Sharma, according to an official order.
 - The appointment made under Section 3 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, will be for a period of three years or until she reaches the age of 65, whichever comes first, a government notification issued on Saturday said. Ms. Rahatkar's tenure will begin with immediate effect. The announcement will also be published in the Gazette of India.
5. The 2nd National Lighthouse Festival will be observed across the country's 75 historic Lighthouses on 19 and 20 October 2024. To mark the start of the Festival, a Lighthouse Tourism Conclave 2024 was held in Puri, Odisha, on 19 October 2024.
6. The Sudarshan Chakra Corps of the Indian Army's Southern Command is conducting 'Exercise SWAVLAMBAN SHAKTI' at Babina Field Firing Ranges. Running till October 22, it features 1,800 personnel, 210 armoured vehicles, and showcases over 50 New Technology Equipment from 40 industry partners, including swarm drones and robotic mules, aiming to enhance combat capabilities and boost indigenous defence manufacturing.

7. The Indo-Turkiye Friendship Association (ITFA) was launched in Hyderabad on October 16, 2024, to strengthen India-Turkiye relations. ITFA aims to enhance cooperation in economy, trade, culture, tourism, science, technology, and education.

- A key objective is promoting Hyderabad as a major destination for Turkish tourists. The launch coincides with notable historical milestones: 300 years of the Nizams of Hyderabad and 100 years since the Ottoman Sultanate's abolition. The initiative is expected to boost bilateral ties across multiple sectors between the two countries.

8. India is sending humanitarian assistance to Lebanon in the form of 33 tonnes of medical supplies. The first tranche of 11 tonnes of medical supplies was dispatched. The consignment comprises a wide range of pharmaceutical products, including cardiovascular medications, NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), anti-inflammatory agents, antibiotics, and anesthetics.

- Meanwhile, the first consignment of 12 haemodialysis machines with portable RO units also departed from Pipavav for Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, today. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a social media post that this fulfils India's commitment made at the FIPIC III Summit, and the assistance will help strengthen the healthcare system of Papua New Guinea.

9. Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi showcased brilliant form to secure the WR Chess Masters title after defeating France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in an Armageddon game, following two draws in Classical chess. With this win, Arjun edges closer to the 2800 Elo rating mark, finishing with a live rating of 2796.

- The 21-year-old earned a prize of 20,000 Euros, defeating friend R. Praggnanandhaa in the semifinals, and plans to chase the 2800 milestone at the European Cup starting October 20.

10. Virat Kohli has achieved another milestone in his illustrious career by becoming the fourth Indian cricketer to reach 9,000 Test runs. This remarkable feat was accomplished during the first Test match against New Zealand at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on October 18, 2024.

- Kohli joins the elite club of Indian cricket legends, which includes Sachin Tendulkar (15,921 runs), Rahul Dravid (13,265 runs), and Sunil Gavaskar (10,122 runs). Kohli reached the milestone in 197 Test innings, making him the fourth-fastest Indian and the 13th-fastest overall to achieve this landmark.
- Reflecting on his journey, Kohli has consistently demonstrated his exceptional skill, dedication, and passion for the game. His highest Test score is an unbeaten 254, and he has accumulated 29 centuries and 31 half-centuries in his Test career.