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VOCABULARY

1. Concurred: To agree or have the same opinion.
 - Synonyms: Agreed, assented, acknowledged
 - Antonyms: Disagreed, contested
 - Sentence: The committee members concurred on the decision to proceed with the project.

2. Enhanced: To improve the quality, value, or extent of something.
 - Synonyms: Improved, augmented, increased
 - Antonyms: Diminished, reduced
 - Sentence: The new software has enhanced the overall performance of the computer.

3. Induction: The process of formally introducing someone into a position or organization.
 - Synonyms: Introduction, initiation, enrollment
 - Antonyms: Exclusion, removal
 - Sentence: The induction of new members into the club was celebrated with a special ceremony.

4. Resilience: The ability to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
 - Synonyms: Toughness, adaptability, endurance
 - Antonyms: Fragility, weakness
 - Sentence: Her resilience in the face of adversity inspired everyone around her.

5. Elicited: To draw out a response or reaction from someone.
- Synonyms: Evoked, extracted, drawn out
 - Antonyms: Suppressed, stifled
 - Sentence: The teacher's questions elicited thoughtful responses from the students.
6. Vital: Absolutely necessary or important; essential.
- Synonyms: Crucial, essential, indispensable
 - Antonyms: Insignificant, unimportant
 - Sentence: It is vital to maintain a balanced diet for good health.
7. Skewed: To distort or alter something from its true or natural state.
- Synonyms: Distorted, biased, slanted
 - Antonyms: Straight, aligned
 - Sentence: The survey results were skewed by the small sample size.
8. Robust: Strong and healthy; vigorous.
- Synonyms: Strong, sturdy, vigorous
 - Antonyms: Weak, fragile
 - Sentence: The company has a robust strategy for expanding its market presence.

9. Stimulated: To encourage or provoke a response or activity.
- Synonyms: Encouraged, incited, motivated
 - Antonyms: Discouraged, stifled
 - Sentence: The initiative stimulated interest in science among young students.
10. Disparity: A great difference or inequality.
- Synonyms: Inequality, discrepancy, difference
 - Antonyms: Equality, similarity
 - Sentence: The disparity between the rich and the poor has widened over the years.

PHRASAL VERBS

11. Turn to: To choose or rely on someone or something for help or support.
12. Latch onto: To choose or select something, often enthusiastically or eagerly.
13. Set aside: To reserve or choose something for future use
14. Stand out: To be noticeably better or different from the rest, often chosen because of this.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

15. A flash in the pan: A temporary success or something that initially shows promise but fails to deliver long-term results
16. Fly off the handle: To suddenly become very angry or lose one's temper
17. Cut the mustard: To meet expectations or reach the required standard
18. Steal someone's thunder: To take credit for someone else's achievements
19. Bury the hatchet: To make peace or resolve a long-standing dispute

CURRENT AFFAIRS

25th October, 2024

1. Australia will be the 'Country of Focus' at the 55th edition of Iffi, to be held in Goa from Nov 20 to 28. India and Australia are already parties to an Audio Visual Coproduction Treaty.
 - This edition of Iffi will present a curated selection of seven Australian films, offering a diverse blend of genres.
2. Shillong has been named the most popular travel destination for Indians in 2025, according to Skyscanner's "Travel Trends Report." With 66% of Indian travellers planning more trips, cost-conscious choices like Almaty and Jakarta also gained attention due to airfare drops.
3. Zimbabwe set a new T20I world record with 344 runs against Gambia in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub-Regional Africa Qualifier. Skipper Sikandar Raza led with an unbeaten 133 off 43 balls, aided by strong performances from Brian Bennett and Tadiwanashe Marumani.
4. World Polio Day 2024 is being observed on October 24 to raise awareness about the efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis (polio) and to honour the healthcare workers and volunteers who contribute to this global cause. Despite the significant reduction in polio cases worldwide, there are still challenges in completely eradicating the disease.

5. The 2024 edition of the Embassy's flagship diaspora engagement event, Pravasi Parichay, was inaugurated by Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, the Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia, at the Embassy Auditorium in Riyadh.
- This week-long cultural celebration kicked off with a specially curated event titled "Classical Languages of India," designed to showcase the country's rich linguistic diversity.
6. Indo-Tibetan Border Police is a border patrol organization of India deployed along its borders with Tibet Autonomous Region, China.
- It is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces, established in 1962 in the aftermath of the Sino-Indian War of 1962.
 - Balbir Singh was the first head of the ITBP.
 - Motto: "Valour, Steadfastness and Commitment"
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
 - DG: Rahul Rasgotra.
7. Reliance and Nvidia announce a partnership to build AI infrastructure in India. Nvidia to collaborate with major Indian firms like Infosys, Tech Mahindra, and Flipkart on AI projects, including a Hindi language model and conversational customer service. Reliance advances AI applications under the JioBrain initiative.

8. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of a new missile testing range in Nagayalanka, Andhra Pradesh.
- This initiative aims to bolster India's defense capabilities, particularly for testing tactical missile systems. The new facility will focus on surface-to-air missiles, anti-tank missiles, and other advanced projects under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
9. The British multinational bank Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) made history by appointing Pam Kaur as its first female chief financial officer(CFO).
- She succeeds Georges Elhedery, who has been appointed HSBC's chief executive officer (CEO).
 - The 60-year-old Indian-born British citizen Pam Kaur joins a growing list of women who occupy top posts in the global banking system.
 - She joins the ranks of Morgan Stanley's CFO Sharon Yeshaya, JP Morgan's Mary Erdoes, Marianne Lake, and Jennifer Piepszak, as well as Citi's chief executive officer (CEO) Jane Fraser.
 - Global Headquarters: London, United Kingdom
 - Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India Operation: Hitendra Dave
 - Global CEO:Georges Elhedery
 - Tagline: The world's local bank