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VOCABULARY

1. Procedural: Relating to an established or official way of doing something.
 - Synonyms: Methodical, systematic, administrative
 - Antonyms: Informal, unstructured
 - Sentence: The judge focused on the procedural aspects of the case to ensure fairness.

2. Cognisance: Knowledge, awareness, or notice of something.
 - Synonyms: Awareness, recognition, acknowledgment
 - Antonyms: Ignorance, neglect
 - Sentence: The court took cognisance of the new evidence presented during the trial.

3. Discretion: The freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation.
 - Synonyms: Judgment, prudence, choice
 - Antonyms: Indiscretion, recklessness
 - Sentence: The manager used her discretion to handle the sensitive issue privately.

4. Euphoria: A feeling or state of intense excitement and happiness.
 - Synonyms: Elation, joy, bliss
 - Antonyms: Despair, misery, gloom
 - Sentence: There was a sense of euphoria in the crowd as the concert began.

5. Robust: Strong and healthy; vigorous.
- Synonyms: Sturdy, resilient, tough
 - Antonyms: Weak, fragile, delicate
 - Sentence: The economy has shown robust growth in the past few years.
6. Trajectory: The path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces.
- Synonyms: Path, course, route
 - Antonyms: Stagnation, standstill
 - Sentence: The trajectory of the rocket was closely monitored by scientists.
7. Revelation: A surprising and previously unknown fact, especially one made known in a dramatic way.
- Synonyms: Disclosure, uncovering, discovery
 - Antonyms: Concealment, suppression, hiding
 - Sentence: The media published a shocking revelation about the politician's involvement in the scandal.
8. Momentum: The force or speed with which something moves or progresses.
- Synonyms: Impetus, drive, thrust
 - Antonyms: Inertia, slowdown, stagnation
 - Sentence: The campaign gained momentum after the endorsement from several celebrities.

9. Undermine: To weaken or damage something, especially gradually or secretly.
- Synonyms: Weaken, sabotage, erode
 - Antonyms: Strengthen, support, bolster
 - Sentence: His actions were seen as an attempt to undermine the authority of the board.
10. Haste: Excessive speed or urgency of movement or action.
- Synonyms: Hurry, rush, speed
 - Antonyms: Slowness, delay, hesitation
 - Sentence: In his haste to leave, he forgot to take his wallet.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Snowed under: To be busy.
12. To break someone's bubble: To do or say something that proves someone else's beliefs are not true.
13. Walk on eggshells: To be very careful with your actions and words.
14. Bite the bullet : Finish something no matter how unsatisfying or unpleasant it is.
15. Make two ends meet : To have just enough money for all your needs.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

27th September, 2024

1. World Environmental Health Day 2024 is observed annually on September 26. The day highlights the significance of fostering a safe and healthy environment, tackling key issues such as clean air, water, sanitation, pollution control, and waste management.
 - It serves as a reminder that the health of our planet is closely tied to our well-being, and neglecting environmental protection endangers both nature and ourselves.
 - The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) established World Environmental Health Day in 2011 to emphasize the importance of environmental care for human health.
 - The theme for 2024 is "Environmental Health: Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation."
2. Filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker has come on board as the honorary chairman for the 10th Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF). The filmmaker will be a part of the festival, which is scheduled to take place from January 15 to 19, 2025, in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (previously Aurangabad).

3. Air Marshal SP Dharkar has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Air Staff, succeeding Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who will become the Chief of Air Staff on 30 September 2024.

- A distinguished fighter pilot with over 3,600 flying hours, Dharkar has extensive experience and impressive credentials. He is an alumnus of several prestigious military institutions and was commissioned in June 1985.
- Dharkar has commanded a frontline fighter squadron and a Fighter Flying Training Establishment, and held important roles in military education. He has also served as Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Training), Air Defence Commander at the Eastern Air Command, and was the first Director General of the Defence Space Agency. For the last two years, he has led the Eastern Air Command.

4. Union Minister for Finance and Minister for Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman represented India at the 9th Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board of Governors meeting in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The 9th AIIB Board of Governors meeting was held in Samarkand on 25-26 September 2024.

- During her visit to Uzbekistan, she also met with Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyevon the sidelines of the AIIB meeting.
- The theme of the 9th AIIB Board of Governors meeting was: Building Resilient Infrastructure for All.

5. On the last Thursday of September, World Maritime Day is observed worldwide by seafaring communities.

- In 2024, World Maritime Day will be observed on 26 September 2024. The day focuses on the importance of shipping lane safety, maritime security, and the marine environment, emphasising a particular aspect of the International Maritime Organisation's work.
- However, India observes National Maritime Day, which is separate from World Maritime Day.
- The International Maritime Organisation chooses the theme of World Maritime Day to highlight an issue. This year, the IMO has chosen "Navigating the future: Safety First" as the theme of World Maritime Day.

6. China says it carried out a rare testfiring of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) into international waters, sparking protests from neighbouring countries.

- its first in more than 40 years - was "routine" and not aimed at any country or target, according to Beijing. Chinese media reported the government also gave "relevant countries" notice.
- But Japan said it had not received a warning and expressed concerns, along with Australia and New Zealand
- The launch contributes to tensions across the IndoPacific region, with analysts saying it highlights China's increased long-range nuclear capabilities.

7. The Indian Army is set to receive its first three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from Boeing in December 2024, after a delay of more than six months caused by supply chain problems.
- The helicopters were originally expected to be delivered between May and July, but the schedule was revised after discussions between India and the U.S. to prioritize delivery.
 - The Indian Army launched the second edition of the HIM-DRONE-A-THON at the formidable Wari La Pass in Ladakh, an area renowned for its extreme altitude exceeding 15,000 feet.
8. The winning entries in this year's Bird Photographer of the Year competition were just announced. Patricia Homonylo was named the overall winner for her conservation-themed image of the thousands of birds killed in one year by colliding with windows and other reflective surfaces in urban areas.
9. On September 25, 2024, Girish Chandra Murmu, the CAG of India, assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the term 2024-2027. The 16th Assembly expanded to 48 member Supreme Audit Institutions.