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VOCABULARY

1. Leash: A restraint or control over something.
 - Synonyms: Control, restriction, tether
 - Antonyms: Freedom, release, liberation
 - Sentence: The company kept a tight leash on expenses to stay within budget.

2. Purview: The scope or range of control, authority, or responsibility.
 - Synonyms: Scope, range, ambit
 - Antonyms: Outside, limit
 - Sentence: The investigation fell within the purview of the state police.

3. Competence: The ability or skill to do something successfully.
 - Synonyms: Capability, proficiency, skill
 - Antonyms: Incompetence, inadequacy, inability
 - Sentence: The board questioned the competence of the management in handling the crisis.

4. Tilt: A slant or inclination toward something.
 - Synonyms: Lean, incline, bias
 - Antonyms: Balance, neutrality, equilibrium
 - Sentence: The policy showed a clear tilt towards the welfare of the underprivileged.

5. Dissent: Holding or expressing an opinion different from the majority.
- Synonyms: Disagreement, opposition, objection
 - Antonyms: Agreement, consensus, harmony
 - Sentence: The judge's dissent highlighted an alternate perspective on the case.
6. Edifice: A large and imposing structure; often metaphorically referring to a complex system.
- Synonyms: Structure, building, framework
 - Antonyms: Ruin, dismantlement
 - Sentence: The edifice of modern education relies on both traditional and digital teaching methods.
7. Invincible: Too powerful to be defeated or overcome.
- Synonyms: Unbeatable, invulnerable, indomitable
 - Antonyms: Vulnerable, weak, conquerable
 - Sentence: The team appeared invincible throughout the tournament, winning all their matches.
8. Exhibit: To show or display something.
- Synonyms: Display, reveal, demonstrate
 - Antonyms: Conceal, hide, withhold
 - Sentence: The museum exhibits various artifacts from ancient civilizations.

9. Capitulation: The action of surrendering or ceasing to resist an opponent.
- Synonyms: Surrender, submission, yield
 - Antonyms: Resistance, defiance, opposition
 - Sentence: The team's early capitulation in the game left the fans disappointed.
10. Intoxicating: Causing excitement or exhilaration; often related to substances causing a loss of control.
- Synonyms: Alluring, exhilarating, stimulating
 - Antonyms: Sober, unexciting, bland
 - Sentence: The party was filled with an intoxicating mix of music and energy that kept everyone dancing.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Pie in the Sky: an unrealistic or impossible goal or dream
12. Beside yourself with joy: to be extremely happy
13. Having an Ace up the sleeve: a plan or piece of information kept secret until it becomes necessary to use it
14. A black sheep: a person who is different from the rest of their family or another group
15. By the skin of your teeth: to just barely get by or make it

PHRASAL VERBS

16. Pass on: To decide not to choose or select something.
17. Land on: To decide or settle on a specific choice after considering options.
18. Take to: To quickly like or choose something.
19. Gear up for: To prepare or choose to focus on something

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

28th October, 2024

1. India has been ranked as one of the five worst performer countries in the recently released first Global Nature Conservation Index, 2024. India was ranked 176th among 180 countries in terms of their commitment to nature conservation. The tiny European country of Luxembourg was ranked as the top-ranked country. In contrast, the Pacific island country of Kiribati was ranked at the bottom of the Global Nature Conservation Index.

Best Performing Countries

- Luxembourg -score of 70.8
- Estonia-70.5
- Denmark- 69
- Finland-66.9
- United Kingdom- 66.6
- Zimbabwe-65.9
- Australia-65.8
- Switzerland-64.7
- Romania-64.6
- Costa Rica-64.4

2. On the 200th anniversary of Kittur Vijayotsavaa commemorative Postage stamp was released at the historic Kittur Rani Channamma Stage, Kittur Fort Premises on 23rd October, 2024. This grand event commemorated Rani Channamma's glorious victory on 23rd October, 1824 against the British rule.
3. The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday launched the upgraded Suvidha 2.0 mobile app, enabling campaign-related permissions for candidates and parties. The app enables users with mobile access to apply for permissions, track status and download approvals.
4. The BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Summit adopted the Kazan Declaration, recognising reforms for the UN and multilateral institutions. Briefing media in Kazan, Secretary (Economic Relations), Dammu Ravi, said the declaration reaffirmed the support for member countries' aspirations to be permanent members of the UN Security Council.
 - He said cooperation in the financial sector was another element of the declaration, which also includes elements like payment settlements in national currencies. He added that climate change was another area of interest for all the leaders during the summit. The Secretary said Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought out the importance of people-centric BRICS cooperation.

- 5.** India is emerging as an important player in the Esports arena. On October 26, 2024, the Skillhub Online Games Federation (SOGF) and the International Esports Federation (IESF) announced a partnership to host the first international Esports championship in India.

 - This event, named the International Esports Masters, is scheduled for March 2025 and aims to attract participants from 150 countries.
- 6.** Manika Batra's historic journey at the WTT Champions in Montpellier, France, concluded on Saturday night after a quarterfinal loss to China's Qian Tianyi. Batra, ranked World No. 30, fell to Qian, the World No. 21, in straight games (8-11, 8-11, 10-12), ending her memorable campaign.
- 7.** Zydus Lifesciences Ltd has received in-principle approval from the WHO for its Typhoid Vi conjugate vaccine, ZyVac TCV. Eligible for UN procurement, the vaccine targets 6-month to 65-year-olds and addresses high typhoid incidence in India, Africa, and Southeast Asia.
- 8.** The government on Friday doubled the limit of Mudra loan amount under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana(PMMY) to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh under a new 'Tarun Plus' category to promote entrepreneurship in the country.

9. Indian Railways beat host Germany in the final of the World Railway Volleyball Championship 2024 at Schwerin, Germany.
10. Pakistan has been ranked 140 among 142 countries in the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index regarding order and security, making it the third worst country in the world. Mali and Nigeria are the only countries ranked lower than Pakistan in terms of law and security.

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