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VOCABULARY

- 1. Solatium:** A form of compensation given to someone for emotional distress or suffering.
 - Synonyms: Compensation, reparation, restitution
 - Sentence: The government announced a solatium for the families of the deceased after the tragic incident.

- 2. Converge:** To come together from different directions to meet at a single point.
 - Synonyms: Assemble, gather, meet
 - Antonyms: Diverge, separate, disperse
 - Sentence: Thousands of people converged at the beach to witness the air show.

- 3. Dysregulation:** The malfunctioning or impairment of a regulatory mechanism in the body.
 - Synonyms: Imbalance, disruption, malfunction
 - Antonyms: Regulation, balance, order
 - Sentence: The dysregulation of microRNA is associated with several types of cancer and autoimmune diseases.

- 4. Amplification:** The process of increasing the volume or importance of something.
 - Synonyms: Expansion, enlargement, increase
 - Antonyms: Reduction, diminishment, contraction
 - Sentence: The amplification of microRNA genes is linked to abnormal cell growth in cancer.

- 5. Perturbing:** Causing anxiety or unease; disturbing.
- Synonyms: Disturbing, unsettling, troubling
 - Antonyms: Calming, reassuring, comforting
 - Sentence: The perturbing discovery of microRNA's role in disease prompted further research into its regulation.
- 6. Anticipation:** The act of predicting or expecting something to happen.
- Synonyms: Expectation, foresight, prediction
 - Sentence: With better anticipation of the crowd size, the tragedy could have been avoided.
- 7. Suffice:** To be enough or adequate for a certain purpose.
- Synonyms: Satisfy, meet, fulfill
 - Antonyms: Inadequate, insufficient, fall short
 - Sentence: The arrangements did not suffice to handle the overwhelming crowd at the air show.
- 8. Mayhem:** Violent or chaotic disorder; havoc.
- Synonyms: Chaos, disorder, anarchy
 - Antonyms: Order, calm, peace
 - Sentence: The lack of proper planning led to mayhem on the roads and at the venue.

- 9. Critical:** Of great importance or vital necessity, especially in preventing something negative.
- Synonyms: Crucial, essential, pivotal
 - Antonyms: Insignificant, minor, trivial
 - Sentence: Critical inputs from defence officials could have improved the management of the large crowd.
- 10. Back away:** to move backwards away from something or someone, usually because you are frightened
- 11. Cut out:** to delete or remove
- 12. Nod off:** to begin sleeping, especially not intentionally
- 13. Turn down:** reject something offered or proposed.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 14. Birds of a feather:** of the same kind or nature
- 15. Cover a lot of ground :** to discuss everything in detail
- 16. Drop-in on :** make a casual or informal visit to a person or place
- 17. Go through fire and water:** to experience many difficulties
- 18. A hard nut to crack:** something which is difficult to deal with

CURRENT AFFAIRS

8th October, 2024

1. NASA's Europa Clipper mission, which aims to search for life on Jupiter's icy moon Europa, has been delayed due to Hurricane Milton.
 - NASA has not announced a new launch date, but the launch window remains open until November 6. The spacecraft is set to travel 2.6 billion kilometers and reach the Jupiter system by 2030.
 - Hurricane Milton, currently a Category 1 storm, is moving from the Gulf of Mexico towards Florida's Space Coast, bringing high winds and heavy rain to the Cape Canaveral and Merritt Island areas.
2. Rajkumar Hirani, renowned for films like "Munna Bhai MBBS" and "3 Idiots," will receive the Kishore Kumar Samman for 2023 from the Madhya Pradesh government.
 - The award ceremony is scheduled for October 13, coinciding with Kishore Kumar's 37th death anniversary, and will take place in his hometown, Khandwa.
3. Revenue and Guardian Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil mentioned that the Centre approved the move to rename Ahmednagar district after the 18th century Maratha ruler of Indore, Punyashlok Ahilya Devi.

4. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2024 has been awarded to Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation.
5. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated the Jal-Jagar Mahotsav at the Ravishankar Reservoir in Gangrel Dam, Dhamtari, marking a significant milestone in the state's water conservation initiatives.

Objective

- To raise awareness about the importance of water and environmental conservation, it serves as a platform to showcase the results of community driven efforts in water management.
6. Every year on the 7th of October, the day is observed to recognise the importance of cotton as a global commodity and to promote awareness about the challenges faced by cotton farmers and the cotton industry worldwide.
 - While cotton is mainly used in the textile industry, it is also important for animal feed, medical supplies, and making edible oil.
 - Currently, India is the second-largest cotton producer in the world, after China.

7. World Habitat Day, celebrated annually on the first Monday of October, is a global observance dedicated to raising awareness about the fundamental right to housing.
 - The Theme of World Habitat Day 2024: “Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future”.

8. Pilgrims on Thursday (October 3, 2024) had the first-ever view of the sacred Kailash peak, believed to be the abode of Lord Shiva, from the Old Lipulekh pass inside the Indian territory.
 - The Old Lipulekh pass is situated in the Vyas valley of Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand and it carries immense religious significance.

9. 20-year-old American tennis star Coco Gauff defeated Karolina Muchová of the Czech Republic to win the 2024 WTA China Open Tennis tournament. The China Open was a WTA 1000 event held in Beijing, China. The final was played on 6 October 2024.
 - The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) is the world's governing body of professional women's tennis tournaments. In a calendar year, it organises around 50 tournaments in 30 countries.