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VOCABULARY

1. Mitigation: Efforts to reduce the severity, seriousness, or harmful effects of something.
 - Synonyms: Alleviation, reduction, moderation
 - Antonyms: Aggravation, intensification
 - Sentence: Mitigation of climate change requires global cooperation.
2. Holistically: Considering all aspects of something rather than focusing on individual parts.
 - Synonyms: Comprehensively, integratively, wholly
 - Antonyms: Partially, narrowly, selectively
 - Sentence: The problem should be approached holistically to find an effective solution.
3. Vulnerable: Susceptible to harm or damage.
 - Synonyms: Fragile, defenseless, susceptible
 - Antonyms: Secure, strong, resilient
 - Sentence: Children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution.
4. Persistent: Continuing firmly despite challenges or opposition.
 - Synonyms: Enduring, continual, sustained
 - Antonyms: Temporary, intermittent, fleeting
 - Sentence: Persistent organic pollutants pose long-term risks to health.
5. Incentivised: Encouraged or motivated through rewards or benefits.
 - Synonyms: Encouraged, motivated, spurred
 - Antonyms: Discouraged, deterred
 - Sentence: The government incentivised the use of renewable energy.
6. Resilience: The ability to recover quickly from difficulties or adapt to change.
 - Synonyms: Toughness, flexibility, durability
 - Antonyms: Fragility, rigidity, vulnerability
 - Sentence: Environmental resilience is crucial for sustainable development.

7. Integrated: Combined into a whole; unified.
- Synonyms: Unified, consolidated, cohesive
 - Antonyms: Fragmented, divided, separated
 - Sentence: An integrated approach can enhance environmental and health governance.
8. Robust: Strong and effective in all or most situations.
- Synonyms: Sturdy, vigorous, reliable
 - Antonyms: Weak, fragile, ineffective
 - Sentence: The agency requires a robust framework to address pollution.
9. Suppress: To forcibly put an end to something; to prevent the development of something.
- Synonyms: Quash, subdue, stifle
 - Antonyms: Encourage, foster, stimulate
 - Sentence: The government tried to suppress the growing rebellion through strict measures.
10. Incursion: An invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one.
- Synonyms: Invasion, raid, intrusion
 - Antonyms: Retreat, withdrawal, exit
 - Sentence: The enemy's incursion into the territory was quickly repelled by the army.

Phrasal Verbs:

11. Look after: To take care of or be responsible for someone or something
12. Come across: To meet or find someone or something by chance.
13. Get rid of: To remove or dispose of something unwanted.
14. Get over: To recover from something, such as an illness, loss, or difficult situation.

Idioms & Phrases

15. Better late than never: To do something rather than not doing
16. Beat around the bush: Not saying directly
17. Hang in there: Stay strong in a difficult situation
18. Call it a day: To stop doing something
19. Cut corners: Purchase something in the least expensive way

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

22nd November, 2024

1. The opposition leader of the self-declared republic of Somaliland, Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, has won the territory's presidential election.
 - More popularly known as Irro, he won with 64% of the vote to become Somaliland's sixth president since it broke away from Somalia in 1991.
 - The 69-year-old, a former speaker of Somaliland's parliament, beat incumbent Musa Abdi Bihi, who took 35% of the vote.
2. The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023 was presented to classical pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim and Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad.
 - The prize was given to Mr. Barenboim for his contribution to foster peace through musical and cultural dialogue initiatives and to Mr. Awwad for his advocacy for dialogue through his organisation Roots, an outfit that he started after spending time in an Israeli jail.
3. Iraq is conducting its first nationwide census since 1987, under Saddam Hussein's regime, with a significant operation involving 120,000 researchers. This extensive demographic survey, scheduled over two days, will collect data from households across all 18 governorates of the country.
4. Tata Power has entered into a strategic partnership with Druk Green Power Corporation Ltd (DGPC) to develop at least 5,000 MW of clean energy generation capacity in Bhutan. This collaboration aims to harness Bhutan's vast hydropower potential and contribute to the region's energy security.
5. Russia's military said Tuesday that Ukraine fired US-supplied long-range missiles at a military facility in the Bryansk border region, in what would be the first attack since Washington authorised the use of its weapons.
 - the enemy struck a site in the Bryansk region with six ballistic missiles. According to confirmed data, US-made ATACMS tactical missiles were used," the defence ministry said in a statement.

6. An undersea telecommunications cable that links Finland to continental Europe has been damaged.
 - The C-Lion1 submarine cable, which runs between Finland and Germany, has a malfunction, according to Cinia, a majority state-owned Finnish company that builds fibre optic networks and supplies telecommunications services.
 - A 1,170km (730-mile) telecommunications cable between Finland and Germany was severed in the early hours of Monday, while a 218km internet link between Lithuania and Sweden's Gotland Island stopped working on Sunday.
7. The "Bhu-Neer" portal, launched at India Water Week 2024, enhances groundwater regulation and transparency.
 - The features include a PAN-based single ID system, NOC with QR code, and a centralized database for easy access to legal and policy information
 - It is aimed at improving ease of business.
 - It has been developed by Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
8. The Indian Army successfully conducted the "Sanyukt Vimochan 2024," a Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat, on November 18-19, 2024. The exercise showcased India's readiness and collaborative capabilities.
9. Vladimir Putin has approved changes to Russia's nuclear doctrine, setting out new conditions under which the country would consider using its arsenal.
 - The doctrine now says an attack from a non-nuclear state, if backed by a nuclear power, will be treated as a joint assault on Russia.