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VOCABULARY

1. Perilous: Full of danger or risk.
 - Synonyms: Hazardous, risky, precarious
 - Antonyms: Safe, secure, harmless
 - Sentence: The planet remains on a perilous path due to climate inaction.
2. Rigorous: Extremely thorough and accurate.
 - Synonyms: Strict, meticulous, exacting
 - Antonyms: Lenient, careless, lax
 - Sentence: Developed nations have conducted rigorous studies on climate change.
3. Entangled: Involved in difficulties or complicated circumstances from which it is hard to escape.
 - Synonyms: Involved, ensnared, enmeshed
 - Antonyms: Freed, disentangled, separated
 - Sentence: Climate negotiations are entangled with trade conflicts.
4. Posturing: Behavior intended to impress or mislead others.
 - Synonyms: Pretension, showmanship, posing
 - Antonyms: Secret
 - Sentence: Political posturing took precedence over meaningful climate action.
5. Alleged: Claimed to have taken place but not yet proven.
 - Synonyms: Supposed, claimed, asserted
 - Antonyms: Proven, confirmed, verified
 - Sentence: The ICC issued arrest warrants for alleged war crimes.
6. Proportionate: Corresponding in size or amount to something else.
 - Synonyms: Commensurate, equivalent, balanced
 - Antonyms: Disproportionate, unequal, imbalanced
 - Sentence: The response must be proportionate to the severity of the issue.

7. Endorse: To give support or approval to something.
- Synonyms: Approve, support, back
 - Antonyms: Oppose, reject, disapprove
 - Sentence: The ICC warrants endorse growing criticism of Israel's actions.
8. Vulnerable: Exposed to the possibility of being harmed physically or emotionally.
- Synonyms: Susceptible, defenseless, weak
 - Antonyms: Resilient, strong, protected
 - Sentence: Vulnerable populations in the Global South need climate adaptation measures.
9. Backtracked: To go back on a commitment, promise, or statement.
- Synonyms: Retracted, reversed, withdrew
 - Antonyms: Adhered, progressed
 - Sentence: Developed nations have often backtracked on their climate commitments.
10. Retribution: Punishment inflicted as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act.
- Synonyms: Revenge, penalty, retaliation
 - Antonyms: Forgiveness, pardon, clemency
 - Sentence: The ICC's actions could be seen as a form of retribution for war crimes.

Idioms & Phrases

11. Break a leg: Good luck
12. Salt of the earth: someone who is very good, honest, and reasonable.
13. On the ball: Doing a good job
14. The best of both worlds: An ideal situation
15. To get bent out of shape: To get upset

CURRENT AFFAIRS

26th November, 2024

1. IndusInd Bank and UNICEF have launched a strategic initiative under the bank's flagship CSR program, focusing on Disaster Resilient Communities and Climate Risk-Informed Efficient Administrative Systems.
 - The collaboration aims to enhance climate-informed administrative frameworks and strengthen resilience against climate-induced disasters across five aspirational districts in India—Dharashiv (Maharashtra), Begusarai (Bihar), Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Baran (Rajasthan), and Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh). This program, part of IndusInd Bank's Holistic Rural Development initiative, aligns with its commitment to uplifting communities and fostering environmental sustainability.
2. The SWIM robots are a bold concept in NASA's longterm strategy to uncover extraterrestrial life. Europa Clipper, NASA's upcoming mission to Europa set for 2030, will conduct flybys to examine whether the moon's subsurface ocean could harbour life.
3. A cyclonic circulation is expected to form in the South Andaman Sea, with the potential to become a Low-Pressure Area by November 23 and a depression by November 24.
 - The system is likely to move west-northwestwards towards Sri Lanka and South Tamil Nadu coasts.
 - If it intensifies, it will be named 'Fengal,' a name suggested by Saudi Arabia.
4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala in Laltipara, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The gaushala, named Adarsh Gaushala, houses a state-of-the-art Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plant, marking a major milestone in India's journey toward achieving sustainable development and promoting green energy solutions. This project reflects Modi's vision of turning "Waste to Wealth", highlighting how organic waste can be transformed into valuable resources.

5. The Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, along with Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, launched the World Bank's report titled Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People in Six States in New Delhi on November 22, 2024.
6. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday attended the 11th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus forum at Vientiane in Lao PDR, where he emphasized that India stands for rule-based international order for peace and prosperity in Indo-Pacific.
7. In a historic moment for Indian wrestling, Reetika Hooda claimed the gold medal in the women's 76kg category at the World Military Championships, becoming the second woman from India to achieve this feat.
8. Tilak Varma made history on Saturday. He scored 151 runs off 67 balls in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. He became the first Indian to score over 150 runs in a T20 match. Varma played for Hyderabad against Meghalaya. He hit 14 fours and 10 sixes. Varma helped his team reach a total of 248 runs.