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VOCABULARY

1. **Limbo:** A state of uncertainty or suspension.
 - Synonyms: Uncertainty, suspension, delay
 - Antonyms: Certainty, resolution, conclusion
 - Sentence: The case remains in legal limbo until further judgment.

2. **Rebuff:** Reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.
 - Synonyms: Reject, snub, spurn
 - Antonyms: Accept, approve, endorse
 - Sentence: The Supreme Court rebuffed the attempt to challenge the secular character of the Constitution.

3. **Traction:** The extent to which an idea, product, or action gains popularity or support.
 - Synonyms: Support, momentum, grip
 - Antonyms: Rejection, decline, failure
 - Sentence: The argument against secularism has gained traction among certain groups.

4. **Impediment:** A hindrance or obstruction in doing something.
 - Synonyms: Obstacle, barrier, hurdle
 - Antonyms: Aid, assistance, support
 - Sentence: The term 'socialist' has not been an impediment to economic reforms in India.

5. **Propagate:** To spread and promote an idea, theory, or belief widely.
 - Synonyms: Disseminate, broadcast, spread
 - Antonyms: Suppress, conceal, withhold
 - Sentence: Social media has become a powerful tool to propagate political views.

6. Reiteration: The action of repeating something for emphasis or clarity.
 - Synonyms: Repetition, reaffirmation, restatement
 - Antonyms: Neglect, omission, silence
 - Sentence: The judgment is a reiteration of the importance of secular and socialist principles.

7. Impeached: Charged with misconduct while in office.
 - Synonyms: Accused, indicted, charged
 - Antonyms: Exonerated, cleared, absolved
 - Sentence: He was impeached twice during his presidency.

8. Divisive: Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people.
 - Synonyms: Controversial, polarizing, contentious
 - Antonyms: Unifying, harmonizing, conciliatory
 - Sentence: His policies have often been criticized as divisive.

9. Reprieve: A temporary delay or cancellation of punishment.
 - Synonyms: Respite, pardon, postponement
 - Antonyms: Punishment, condemnation, continuation
 - Sentence: The legal reprieve allowed Mr. Trump to avoid prosecution temporarily.

10. Pseudo: Not genuine; fake or counterfeit.
 - Synonyms: False, sham, spurious
 - Antonyms: Genuine, authentic, real
 - Sentence: The politician's promises were dismissed as pseudo-commitments by the public.

Idioms & Phrases

11. A picture paints a thousand words: an image of a subject conveys its meaning or essence more effectively than a description does.
12. Bed of roses: an easy, comfortable situation.
13. Be hand and foot: in all possible ways; by all means
14. Cast in the same mold: to be very similar in character to someone else
15. Vote with one's feet: to show disapproval

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

27th November, 2024

1. The Global Cooperative Conference 2024 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The event also marked the launch of the United Nations' International Year of Cooperatives 2025. Several dignitaries, including Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.
2. The Rejang Dewa is a sacred Balinese dance central to the Ngusaba Goreng festival. This two-week thanksgiving festival celebrates a bountiful harvest in Bali, Indonesia. "Rejang" means offering or devotion, while "Dewa" refers to divine entities in Hinduism.
 - The festival features traditional dances performed by young girls and women. It emphasizes the spiritual connection between humans, nature, and the divine. The festival also promotes social cohesion, fostering community harmony and collective identity.
3. Pankaj Tripathi has been bestowed with a special honour. The actor has been appointed as the Festival Ambassador for the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024 (ARM '24). ICYDK: the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav is the largest international theatre festival in Northeast India.
 - The event celebrates Arunachal Pradesh's creative talent and rich cultural heritage. Scheduled to be held from November 22 to December 5, the 15-day ceremony will welcome Pankaj Tripathi and his wife Mridula as honorary attendees.
4. Pune, Maharashtra, will host the Indian Army's ceremonial annual 2025 Army Day on 15 January 2025. This was announced during the launch of the parade's promotional video, which features Bollywood stars R. Madhavan and Rakul Preet Singh, at the ongoing International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

5. The Indian Coast Guard will conduct National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercises & Workshop (SAREX-24) under the aegis of NMSAR Board at Kochi from November 27 to 30, according to an official press statement.
 - This workshop will be conducted with imperatives to validate the National M-SAR construct through 'allinclusive' and 'collaborative' approach.
6. Yamandú Orsi of the Broad Front alliance has emerged victorious as Uruguay's next president. Orsi, a former history teacher and mayor, secured 49.8% of the votes in a closely contested run-off election held on November 24, 2024. He defeated Álvaro Delgado of the center-right National Party, who garnered 45.9% support.
 - Orsi's victory marks the return of a center-left government to Uruguay after five years of conservative administration. He is considered the political heir of former President José Mujica, who supported him throughout his campaign. Orsi has pledged to promote a "modern left" approach, focusing on tackling homelessness, poverty, and crime.
7. The Italian men's tennis team, led by world No.1 Jannik Sinner, successfully defended their 2024 Davis Cup title by defeating the Netherlands 2-0 in the finals. The Italian team won their third Davis Cup after victory in 1976 and 2023.
8. Vaibhav Suryavanshi, a 13-year-old cricketer from Bihar, has made history by becoming the youngest player ever to be signed at an IPL auction. On Day 2 of the IPL 2025 Mega Auction in Jeddah, the Rajasthan Royals acquired Suryavanshi for a whopping ₹1.10 crore, defeating the Delhi Capitals in a heated bidding war. This incredible achievement has placed Suryavanshi firmly in the spotlight as a rising star in Indian cricket.