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VOCABULARY

- **1.** Prevail: To prove more powerful or superior; to be victorious.
 - Synonyms: Triumph, succeed, overcome
 - Antonyms: Fail, lose, surrender
 - Sentence: Despite facing many challenges, she managed to prevail and achieve her goals.
- 2. Fray: A situation of intense activity, typically one incorporating conflict or competition.
 - Synonyms: Battle, struggle, conflict
 - Antonyms: Peace, harmony, agreement
 - Sentence: She entered the political fray despite knowing the fierce competition she would face.
- **3.** Consequential: Important or significant, especially in terms of having a lasting impact.
 - Synonyms: Significant, impactful, weighty
 - Antonyms: Insignificant, minor, trivial
 - Sentence: The election was a consequential event that would determine the country's direction for years to come
- 4. Renaissance: A revival or renewed interest in something.
 - Synonyms: Revival, renewal, resurgence
 - Antonyms: Decline, decay, stagnation
 - Sentence: The country experienced an economic renaissance, with new jobs and industries emerging rapidly.
- 5. Indictment: A formal accusation or charge of a serious crime.
 - Synonyms: Charge, accusation, allegation
 - Antonyms: Acquittal, exoneration, pardon
 - Sentence: The grand jury issued an indictment against the politician on charges of corruption.

- 6. Tamper: To interfere with something, especially to cause damage or make unauthorized changes.
 - Synonyms: Meddle, interfere, manipulate
 - Antonyms: Preserve, protect, respect
 - Sentence: He was accused of trying to tamper with the election results by pressuring officials.
- 7. Steadfast: Resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.
 - Synonyms: Loyal, committed, unyielding
 - Antonyms: Inconstant, wavering, unreliable
 - Sentence: She remained steadfast in her beliefs despite opposition from her peers.
- 8. Whipping up: To incite or provoke a strong reaction or emotion in others.
 - Synonyms: Stirring up, provoking, agitating
 - Antonyms: Calming, pacifying, soothing
 - Sentence: The politician's speeches often aim at whipping up nationalist sentiments among the crowd.
- 9. Irrefutable: Impossible to deny or disprove; undeniable.
 - Synonyms: Undeniable, incontrovertible, unquestionable
 - Antonyms: Disputable, questionable, refutable
 - Sentence: The prosecutor presented irrefutable evidence that convinced the jury.
- **10.** Culmination: The highest or climactic point of something, especially as a result of a long period of effort.
 - Synonyms: Climax, peak, conclusion
 - Antonyms: Beginning, start, inception
 - Sentence: The concert was the culmination of weeks of practice and hard work.

Phrasal Verbs:

- **11.** Chicken out: to decide not to do something because of fear.
- **12.** Clamp down on: to enforce strict restrictions on something.
- **13.** Come around: to change one's opinion or decision.
- **14.** Draw up : to prepare a document or plan.

Idioms & Phrases

- **15.** Jump the gun: To start something too soon or act prematurely.
- 16. Burn the candle at both ends: To overwork yourself by doing too much, often leading to exhaustion.
- **17.** The elephant in the room: A major issue or problem that everyone is avoiding or ignoring.
- **18.** Bite the hand that feeds you: To harm or criticize someone who has helped or supported you.
- **19.** Under one's belt: To have achieved or experienced something that adds to one's knowledge or skills.

CURRENT AFFAIRS 7th November, 2024

- The Tamil Nadu government declared heatwaves a Statespecific disaster. This decision aims to provide relief for those affected by extreme heat. It includes financial aid for families of heat-related fatalities and interim measures to manage heat impacts. Funding will come from the State Disaster Response Fund.
- 2. Meluri, home to the Pochury Naga tribe, has been officially declared the 17th district of Nagaland. The state government announced that Meluri, previously a sub-division of Phek District, is now a full district.
 - An official notice from Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam on November 2, 2024, confirmed that the new district will include the area that was part of Meluri Sub-Division. This decision, approved by the Cabinet on November 1, is intended to enhance governance and development in the region.
- 3. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah chaired the 32nd meeting of the 'Kendriya Hindi Samiti' in New Delhi. The 'Kendriya Hindi Samiti' is the highest body that provides guidelines for the development and promotion of Hindi language.
 - Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has highlighted that India is the only country in the world where 11 languages are recognized as classical languages.
- 4. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch the European Union's Proba-3 Solar Observation Mission in December from Sriharikota.
 - The satellite, arriving at Sriharikota, is designed to study the Sun's faint corona, a crucial aspect of solar science. This marks India's third collaboration with the EU in space, following the earlier launches of Proba1 and Proba-2.

- The mission, launched aboard the PSLV-XL rocket, reflects India's growing role in global space exploration and scientific research. Union Minister Jitendra Singh highlighted ISRO's expanding capabilities in space missions, emphasizing the country's aim to achieve remarkable goals like landing the first Indian on the Moon by 2040 and establishing the Indian Space Station (Bharatiya Antariksha Station, BAS) by 2035.
- 5. Recently, ten elephants in Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve died due to suspected kodo millet poisoning, a grain that can become toxic under certain environmental conditions.
 - Kodo millet known as Paspalum scrobiculatum is a resilient, drought-tolerant crop with high yield and excellent storage, often serving as a staple for tribal and economically disadvantaged communities in India.
- 6. Donald Trump has clinched a critical victory in Wisconsin, securing 276 electoral votes—well above the 270 needed—to reclaim the White House as America's 47th president. Speaking to an enthusiastic crowd in West Palm Beach, Florida, Trump expressed gratitude for the "extraordinary honor" bestowed upon him by the American people, acknowledging his unique role as both the 45th and now the 47th president
- 7. Madhya Pradesh cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, approved a 35 percent reservation for women in all state government recruitments. The decision was made during a cabinet meeting held at the Mantralayain Bhopal.
- 8. India's progress in reducing tuberculosis (TB) has gained global recognition, with a 17.7% drop in TB cases from 2015 to 2023. This decline is more than twice the global average of 8.3%, according to the World Health Organization's Global Tuberculosis Report 2024.

- India committed to achieving the United Nations' "End TB" targets by 2025, five years before the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) deadline. This progress reflects the success of India's National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, which has led to an 80% decrease in TB cases and a 90% reduction in TB deaths since 2015.
- 9. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the Deepam 2.0 scheme in Edupuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam district, as part of the "Super Six Promises" initiative. This program provides free gas cylinders to eligible families, aiming to improve their quality of life.
- **10.** Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra made history by becoming the first from his nation to clinch a world title in professional boxing. He achieved this feat by defeating British boxer Conor McIntosh in a unanimous decision to secure the World Boxing Federation's (WBF) super featherweight world title.