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VOCABULARY

1. Instrumentalise: To use something or someone as a means to achieve a purpose, often disregarding its intrinsic value.
 - Synonyms: Exploit, utilize, employ
 - Antonyms: Abandon, ignore, neglect
 - Sentence: The government has been criticized for instrumentalising environmental issues to push its own agenda.

2. Jeopardise: To put something at risk of harm, loss, or failure.
 - Synonyms: Endanger, threaten, imperil
 - Antonyms: Protect, safeguard, secure
 - Sentence: Ignoring climate goals could jeopardise the future of our planet.

3. Mitigation: The act of reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something.
 - Synonyms: Alleviation, reduction, relief
 - Antonyms: Aggravation, intensification, exacerbation
 - Sentence: Mitigation strategies are essential to lessen the effects of climate change.

4. Vitiate: To spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of something.
 - Synonyms: Weaken, invalidate, corrupt
 - Antonyms: Strengthen, enhance, bolster
 - Sentence: Political interference can vitiate scientific research, leading to biased results.

5. Dissent: The expression or holding of opinions that differ from those previously, commonly, or officially held.
 - Synonyms: Disagreement, opposition, protest
 - Antonyms: Agreement, consensus, harmony
 - Sentence: Justice Dhulia expressed dissent, emphasizing the need for broader economic inclusion.

- 6. Offset:** A counterbalance or compensatory action to reduce an impact or effect.
- Synonyms: Counteract, balance, counterbalance
 - Antonyms: Exacerbate, aggravate
 - Sentence: Planting trees can help offset the carbon emissions from industrial activities.
- 7. Ambit:** The scope, extent, or bounds of something.
- Synonyms: Range, scope, boundary
 - Antonyms: Exclusion, restriction
 - Sentence: Certain private properties fall under the ambit of state regulation for public welfare.
- 8. Transparency:** The quality of being clear, open, and easy to understand or recognize.
- Synonyms: Openness, clarity, honesty
 - Antonyms: Secrecy, opaqueness, obscurity
 - Sentence: Transparency in government spending is essential to prevent corruption.
- 9. Complacent:** Showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
- Synonyms: Self-satisfied, smug, unconcerned
 - Antonyms: Anxious, concerned, dissatisfied
 - Sentence: Despite the team's recent success, the coach warned against becoming complacent.
- 10. Unscrupulous:** Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.
- Synonyms: Unprincipled, unethical, dishonest
 - Antonyms: Ethical, principled, honest
 - Sentence: Unscrupulous traders often exploit inexperienced investors.

Phrasal Verbs:

11. Drift apart: to gradually become less close or friendly.
12. Fall through: to fail or not happen as planned.
13. Get across : to communicate or make something understood.
14. Go down: to happen or occur, often used informally.

Idioms & Phrases

15. Turn a blind eye: to ignore something that you know is wrong
16. Read the riot act Meaning - to chastise loudly, or to issue a severe Warning
17. I've got it in the bag: something is assured of success
18. Play fast and loose: to behave in a clever and dishonest way
19. Tooth and nail : to try very hard to get something you want

CURRENT AFFAIRS

8th November, 2024

1. Moldova as pro-Western President Maia Sandu won a second term in a highly contested presidential runoff. With the country divided over its future alignment— whether closer to the European Union or maintaining ties with Russia—the election was marred by allegations of interference, vote-buying.
2. In response to recent incidents of cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh straying into neighboring Rajasthan, a joint corridor management committee has been established between the two states.
 - The committee's primary focus will be on the conservation of these felines, ensuring the development of suitable habitats, and facilitating the future relocation of cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary.
3. Zimbabwe has launched its second satellite, ZIMSAT-2, from Russia to strengthen its space programme. Equipped with a high-resolution camera, the satellite will aid agriculture, resource mapping, and disaster management.
4. Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi led 3rd 'MAHASAGAR' virtual interaction with maritime leaders from Indian Ocean Region (IOR) countries.
 - Theme: 'Training Cooperation to Mitigate Common Maritime Security Challenges in IOR'
 - Representatives from Bangladesh, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius & other IOR littorals participated.
 - MAHASAGAR: Maritime Heads for Active Security And Growth for All in the Region

5. The Government of Sikkim introduced an OddEven traffic regulation in Gangtok. This measure aims to alleviate traffic congestion in the city. The initiative affects both private and government vehicles.
6. The Supreme Court's recent guidelines to eliminate child marriages in Rajasthan by 2030 have provided a significant boost to civil society organizations working to combat this issue. With a focus on holding local panchayats, school authorities, and child protection officers accountable, these guidelines aim to address the widespread practice of child marriages in the state.
7. The Chhattisgarh government's newly launched app for online registration of property has been getting a good response with more than 1,200 registrations being done through the platform since its inception earlier this week, an official said on Thursday (October 24, 2024).
 - The application, called 'Sugam (convenient) App', was launched on October 21 with an aim to make the property registration process more transparent and user-friendly.
8. Since 2014, India has marked November 7 as National Cancer Awareness Day annually. Raising public awareness of cancer prevention, detection, and treatment is the focus of this day.