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## VOCABULARY

- 1. Hyperbolic:** Exaggerated; not meant to be taken literally.
  - Synonyms: Exaggerated, overstated, inflated.
  - Antonyms: Understated, modest, factual.
  - Sentence: The politician's hyperbolic claims about economic growth were not supported by data.
- 2. Enigma:** A person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand.
  - Synonyms: Mystery, puzzle, riddle.
  - Antonyms: Clarity, transparency, solution.
  - Sentence: Despite being famous, the artist remained an enigma to his fans.
- 3. Iconoclast:** A person who attacks or criticizes cherished beliefs or institutions.
  - Synonyms: Heretic, critic, skeptic.
  - Sentence: As an iconoclast, she challenged outdated norms in the industry.
- 4. Ingratiate:** To try to win someone's favor by pleasing them.
  - Synonyms: Flatter, charm, curry favor.
  - Antonyms: Offend, alienate, repel.
  - Sentence: He tried to ingratiate himself with his boss by taking on extra tasks.
- 5. Modus Vivendi:** A temporary arrangement allowing conflicting parties to coexist peacefully.
  - Synonyms: Compromise, arrangement, accord.
  - Antonyms: Disagreement, discord, conflict.
  - Sentence: The two nations reached a modus vivendi to avoid further conflict.
- 6. Pusillanimous:** Lacking courage or resolution; cowardly.
  - Synonyms: Timid, fearful, spineless.
  - Antonyms: Brave, courageous, valiant.

- Sentence: His pusillanimous response to the crisis disappointed his supporters.
- 7.** Conscientious: Wishing to do what is right, especially regarding work or duty.
- Synonyms: Diligent, careful, meticulous.
  - Antonyms: Careless, negligent, irresponsible.
  - Sentence: A conscientious student always completes assignments on time.
- 8.** Resilience: The ability to recover quickly from difficulties.
- Synonyms: Toughness, adaptability, endurance.
  - Antonyms: Fragility, weakness, vulnerability.
  - Sentence: The team's resilience helped them bounce back after a tough loss.
- 9.** Hoarding: The act of accumulating and hiding supplies or valuables.
- Synonyms: Accumulating, stockpiling, amassing.
  - Antonyms: Dispersing, sharing, scattering.
  - Sentence: During the crisis, people started hoarding essential supplies.
- 10.** Construe: To interpret or understand the meaning of something in a specific way.
- Synonyms: Interpret, deduce, infer.
  - Antonyms: Misunderstand, misinterpret, confuse.
  - Sentence: The statement could be construed as an admission of guilt.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the creation of an AI-powered model named MuleHunter.AI to tackle the growing issue of digital fraud involving "mule" bank accounts.
  - Developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in Bengaluru, the model aims to assist banks in identifying and managing fraudulent accounts effectively.
2. Ghana's former president, John Dramani Mahama, has made a historic return to power after defeating the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP) in the presidential election. The victory marks Mahama's third attempt to reclaim the presidency after defeats in 2016 and 2020.
3. Burkina Faso's military leader, Captain Ibrahim Traore, appointed RimtalbaJean Emmanuel Ouedraogo as the new prime minister on Saturday. This follows the dismissal of Apollinaire Joachim Kyelem de Tambela, who led three governments under Traore. Ouedraogo, a former communications minister and close ally of Traore, takes the helm amid ongoing political instability following coups in 2022.
4. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Karyakar Suvarna Mahotsav in Ahmedabad via video conferencing today. Addressing the gathering, he welcomed the Param Pujya Guru Hari Mahant Swami Maharaj, revered saints and members of the Satsangi family and other dignitaries and delegates. Shri Modi bowed to the feet of Lord Swami Narayan on the occasion of the Karyakar Suvarna Mahotsav and remarked that today was also the 103rd birth anniversary of Pramukh Swami Maharaj.
5. A group of over 20 Buddhist scholars and citizens from Thailand recently arrived in Delhi, which marks the 4th Mekong Ganga Dhammayatra pilgrimage. The event aims to enhance connections between the Mekong and Ganga civilizations, led by Dr. Supachai Viraphuchong, a notable figure in promoting cooperation between Thailand and India.

6. Michelle Bachelet, former president of Chile, has been awarded the 2024 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development, by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust. The jury, led by Shivshankar Menon, selected Bachelet for her outstanding contributions to human rights and equality.
  - The Indira Gandhi Prize was established in 1986 and is awarded annually to individuals or organizations that promote international peace and development. The prize includes a cash award of Rs25 lakh and a citation.
7. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, along with union power minister Manohar Lal Khattar, will launch the Urjaveer programme on Saturday at Porankion outskirts of Vijayawada to promote energy-efficient appliances, which contribute to both energy and environmental conservation.
8. US President-elect Donald Trump has appointed Jared Isaacman, a billionaire private astronaut and close associate of Elon Musk, as the new head of NASA. Isaacman, the CEO of payment processing company Shift4 Payments, has previously participated in two spaceflights under his Polaris programme, using SpaceX vehicles and spacesuits for private orbital missions.
9. Bangladesh successfully defended their ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup title against India on Sunday. Bangladesh posted 198 runs before being bowled out, a total India fell short of, managing only 139 runs. Iqbal Hossain Emon led the Bangladesh bowling attack with 3 wickets for 24 runs, securing a 59-run victory and their second consecutive U19 Asia Cup championship.
10. Sathish Karunakaran clinched the men's singles title at the Guwahati Masters Super 100 badminton tournament, defeating Zhu Xuan Chen. Top seeds Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa successfully defended their women's doubles title against Li Hua Zhou and Wang Zi Meng. However, Anmol Kharb fell short in the women's singles final, losing a close three-game match to Cai Yan Yan.