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## VOCABULARY

1. Unrestrained: Not restricted or controlled; free from limitation.
  - Synonyms: Uncontrolled, unchecked, unrestricted.
  - Antonyms: Restrained, controlled, limited.
  - Sentence: The floodwaters flowed with unrestrained force, causing massive damage.
  
2. Devastation: Great destruction or damage.
  - Synonyms: Destruction, ruin, havoc.
  - Antonyms: Restoration, repair, recovery.
  - Sentence: The cyclone caused widespread devastation in the coastal regions.
  
3. Encroachment: The act of intruding on someone else's territory, rights, or property.
  - Synonyms: Intrusion, invasion, trespass.
  - Antonyms: Withdrawal, retreat, respect.
  - Sentence: The encroachment on water bodies has exacerbated the flood situation.
  
4. Tangible: Capable of being touched or felt; clear and definite.
  - Synonyms: Concrete, real, perceptible.
  - Antonyms: Intangible, abstract, vague.
  - Sentence: The tangible results of the project motivated the team to work harder.
  
5. Mitigation: The act of reducing the severity or seriousness of something.
  - Synonyms: Alleviation, reduction, relief.
  - Antonyms: Aggravation, exacerbation, intensification.
  - Sentence: Mitigation measures helped minimize the impact of the disaster.

- 6. Agility:** The ability to move quickly and easily; mental sharpness.
- Synonyms: Nimbleness, dexterity, quickness.
  - Antonyms: Sluggishness, clumsiness, inertia.
  - Sentence: The company's agility allowed it to adapt to changing market demands.
- 7. Relentless:** Showing no signs of stopping or weakening; persistent.
- Synonyms: Unyielding, unremitting, persistent.
  - Antonyms: Lenient, intermittent, forgiving.
  - Sentence: The relentless rain worsened the flood situation in the affected areas.
- 8. Escalate:** To increase in intensity, magnitude, or seriousness.
- Synonyms: Intensify, heighten, amplify.
  - Antonyms: Decrease, reduce, diminish.
  - Sentence: The conflict escalated after both parties failed to reach an agreement.
- 9. Vulnerable:** Exposed to the possibility of being harmed, either physically or emotionally.
- Synonyms: Susceptible, defenseless, fragile.
  - Antonyms: Protected, secure, invincible.
  - Sentence: The coastal areas are highly vulnerable to cyclones during the monsoon season.
- 10. Rehabilitation:** The process of restoring someone or something to a good condition after damage or suffering.
- Synonyms: Restoration, recovery, reparation.
  - Antonyms: Neglect, destruction, abandonment.
  - Sentence: The government focused on the rehabilitation of flood victims by providing temporary shelters.

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

1. UNESCO has recognized West Bengal as a leading destination for heritage tourism, highlighting the state's progress in developing religious, heritage, and tea tourism. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee noted that this growth has generated significant employment for local youth.
2. Madhya Pradesh government, under Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, officially notified the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve, marking a significant but long-delayed move in tiger conservation.
  - With an estimated population of 90 tigers, Ratapani now becomes the state's eighth tiger reserve.
3. The Indian Navy will present a grand Operational Demonstration at Puri's Blue Flag Beach on December 4, 2024, as part of Navy Day celebrations. The event marks the anniversary of Operation Trident, a critical naval offensive during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
  - The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, will be the Chief Guest at the event, hosted by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff. The demonstration aims to highlight the Navy's capabilities and its dedication to protecting India's maritime interests.
  - The display will feature over 15 ships, submarines, and more than 40 aircraft, with support from Marine Commandos (MARCOS) and personnel from the Indian Army.
  - Highlights include aerial manoeuvres by MiG-29K and Hawk fighter jets, combat exercises by MARCOS, demonstrations of submarine operations, amphibious landings, and rocket firing from warships.
4. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has launched Mission Arun Himveer to enhance market linkages for local agricultural and horticultural producers. In a significant move, the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board (APAMB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the ITBP.



5. The 5th edition of the Filmfare OTT Awards, in Mumbai, celebrated the very best of web series and films across 39 categories.
  - The ceremony held on December 1 was a glittering affair, attended by top celebrities, directors, and technical experts from the world of digital entertainment.
6. Bollywood stars Aamir Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan will attend the Red Sea Film Festival 2024 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Aamir will participate in the 'In-Conversation' segment on December 5, while Kareena's session is on December 6. Aamir is recognized for his roles in 'Lagaan', '3 Idiots', and 'Dangal', while Kareena is known for her diverse roles since 2000. Additionally, Reema Kagti's 'Superboys of Malegaon' will compete in the event, which runs until December 14.
7. India's Pavan Kampelli won the bronze medal in eFootball at the 2024 Asian Esports Games in Bangkok. He defeated top players, including Asgard Azizi from Indonesia. After losing to TXRO of Thailand, he showed resilience with victories over players from Indonesia, Syria, and Laos. Pavan celebrated this historic achievement and is motivated for future tournaments.