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VOCABULARY

1. Tapestry : A rich and intricate combination of many different things.
 - Synonyms: Mosaic, patchwork, blend
 - Antonyms: Uniformity, simplicity
 - Sentence: Society is made beautiful by the tapestry of its cultures.
2. Thrive: To grow, develop, or be successful.
 - Synonyms: Flourish, prosper, succeed
 - Antonyms: Decline, fail, wither
 - Sentence: In an inclusive society, everyone has the opportunity to thrive.
3. Conscientious: Wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.
 - Synonyms: Diligent, meticulous, responsible
 - Antonyms: Careless, negligent, irresponsible
 - Sentence: She is a conscientious student who always submits her assignments on time.
4. Magnanimity: The quality of being generous and forgiving, especially toward a rival or someone less powerful.
 - Synonyms: Generosity, nobility, big-heartedness
 - Antonyms: Pettiness, meanness, selfishness
 - Sentence: His magnanimity in forgiving those who wronged him earned him widespread respect.
5. Wary: Cautious and alert to danger or problems.
 - Synonyms: Cautious, watchful, alert
 - Antonyms: Reckless, careless, inattentive
 - Sentence: She was wary of signing the contract without reading the fine print.
6. Appal: To shock or horrify someone.
 - Synonyms: Horrify, outrage, disgust
 - Antonyms: Delight, reassure, please
 - Sentence: The news of the brutal attack appalled the entire nation.
7. Imperative: Of vital importance; crucial.
 - Synonyms: Essential, crucial, vital
 - Antonyms: Optional, unimportant, unnecessary
 - Sentence: It is imperative to follow safety protocols in the laboratory.

8. Inevitable: Certain to happen; unavoidable.
- Synonyms: Unavoidable, certain, inescapable
 - Antonyms: Avoidable, uncertain, preventable
 - Sentence: The failure of the project was inevitable due to poor planning and lack of resources.
9. Acrimonious: Angry and bitter, typically in speech or debate.
- Synonyms: Bitter, hostile, caustic
 - Antonyms: Harmonious, peaceful, friendly
 - Sentence: The acrimonious exchanges between the government and the opposition disrupted the entire session.
10. Sluggish: Moving, operating, or reacting more slowly than usual.
- Synonyms: Lethargic, slow, inactive
 - Antonyms: Energetic, swift, dynamic
 - Example: The sluggish economy has made it difficult for businesses to expand.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. The famous festival, usually celebrated in June-July, begins when Lord Jagannath and his two siblings –elder brother Lord Balabhadra and younger sister Devi Subhadra are ready to give darshan to the public in the Chariots and visit their birth place, Gundicha Temple. The deities spend a nine-day stay at the Gundicha Temple.
2. The Indian Under 17 Women ' Champion Team at the Under s Wrestling Team has emerged as the in Vung 17 Asian Wrestling Championships held Tau, Vietnam. Following the triumph of the Under Wrestling Team at the Under in Vietnam, the Under 17 23 23 Women ' s Senior Asian Wrestling Championship women wrestlers showcased exceptional grit, determination, and skill to carry forward India '
 - The Indian Women's Team dominated across weight categories, winning a total of 10 medals 5 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze, thus securing the Champion Trophy with 215 points. China stood second with 151 points, while Japan secured third position with 149 points.
3. Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that the state will approach the Supreme Court to stop the Godavari Banakcharla link project proposed by the Andhra Pradesh government. The project proposes a system to divert water from the Godavari River to the Krishna basin from Polavaram .
4. An antique lamp, believed to be from the 15 century, with very rare Shaiva and Vaishnavaithe sculptures has been found in the Anantapadmanabha temple at Perdur Udupi district of Karnataka.
 - "It is a rare blend of Shiva and Vishnu, and reflects the daily rituals of both the cults in the temple," said T. Murugeshi, a retired Associate Professor of ancient history and archaeology, MulkiSunder Ram Shetty College, Shirva, Udupi district.
5. Zou Jiayi , a seasoned Chinese official and former Vice Finance Minister, has been appointed as the incoming President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Her leadership will begin in January 2026 Liqun ' s decade , marking the end of Jin long tenure.
6. In a recent review meeting held in Dehradun, the Ministry of Environment examined the progress of Project Elephant, with Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav highlighting key conservation strides. These included the initial phase of elephant population estimation in Northeast India.

7. The annual Kataragama Esala festival is being celebrated in Sri Lanka. Devotees who started their PadaYatra in May have reached Kataragama completing a journey of over 500 kilometres across difficult terrain on foot from as far afield as Jaffna in Sri Lanka's northern peninsula.
 - The Kataragama Esala Festival, also known as the Kataragama Perahera, is a significant religious and cultural event held annually in the town of Kataragama in Sri Lanka. It is one of the most important festivals in the country, attracting thousands of devotees and visitors from all over Sri Lanka and beyond.
8. Iran's parliament has unanimously agreed to suspend all cooperation with the IAEA, the UN's nuclear inspectorate, making it harder for an independent expert assessment to be made about the degree of damage inflicted on Iran's three key nuclear sites by the joint US and Israeli bombing.
 - It also makes it harder for the location of any highly enriched uranium to be known. The vote is a sign that Iran wants to harden its negotiating position on cooperation with the west in the wake of 12 days of attacks mounted by Israel and the US, but supported by European governments only with varying degrees of enthusiasm.
 - The decision to suspend cooperation with the IAEA is likely to be passed for final approval to the Guardian Council, a body empowered to vet legislation.
9. Telangana's vibrant Bonalu festival commenced on Thursday with traditional fervor, honoring Goddess Mahakali. The rituals began with priests invoking blessings, followed by a procession to the Jagadamba temple. Women carried Bonams while Potharajus, offerings of cooked rice and jaggery danced to drum beats. Minister Konda Surekha offered 'pattu vastrams' on behalf of the state government.
10. As regional tensions rise, India is strengthening its naval power to counter China's growing influence in the Indian Ocean. Major investments are underway in aircraft carriers, stealth frigates, and submarines. DRDO is developing the K-6 hypersonic missile for submarine launch, with trials expected soon.
 - The K-6 hypersonic ballistic missile, a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), is poised to enhance India's naval arsenal. With capabilities surpassing the BrahMos cruise missile, the K-6 will place India alongside major global powers like the United States, Russia, China, France, and the UK. The hypersonic missile, which can carry both conventional and nuclear warheads, will be a formidable asset for the Indian Navy.