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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Success is going from
failure to failure without
losing your enthusiasm.

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1. Fortuitous (Adjective) : आकस्मिक

Meaning: **happening by chance rather than intention**

Synonyms: unexpected, unanticipated, coincidental

Antonyms: predictable

Sentence: His success depended on a fortuitous combination of circumstances.

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2. Inflation (Noun): महंगाई

Meaning: **a general, continuous increase in price**

Synonyms: **gain, rise, escalation**

Antonyms: depreciation, decrease

Sentence: Because of inflation the bread that used to cost eighty cents now costs one dollar and fifty cents.

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3. Amiable (Adjective) : स्नेही

Meaning: **having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner**

Synonyms: warm-hearted, likable, cordial

Antonyms: unfriendly, disagreeable

Sentence: Behind that amiable facade, he's a deeply unpleasant man.

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4. Nadir (Noun) : बिल्कुल निम्न स्तर

Meaning: the lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation

Synonyms: rock-bottom

Antonyms: zenith, acme

Sentence: After not being able to find a job after a year, Clint realized he'd reached his professional nadir.

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5. Threshold (Noun) : शुरुआत

Meaning: a point of entry or beginning; the magnitude or intensity that must be exceeded for a certain reaction, phenomenon, result, or condition

Synonyms: verge, edge

Sentence: I knew I had reached my threshold of pain when I had to take a pill for comfort.

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6. Harbinger : अग्रदूत

Meaning: a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another; to give a warning or prediction

Synonyms: herald, augury

Antonyms: withhold, conceal

Sentence: I tremble at every sound, and every footstep seems to be the harbinger of some disaster.

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7. Idiosyncrasy (Noun) : प्रवृत्ति की विशेषावस्था

Meaning: a mode of behavior or way of thought
peculiar(unusual) to an individual

Synonyms: quirk, peculiarity

Antonyms: conformity, sameness

Sentence: Her worst idiosyncrasy involved repeating back every word that was said to her.

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8. Uptick (Noun) : तेजी

Meaning: a small increase or slight upward trend

Synonyms: increase, boost, gain

Antonyms: reduction, falloff

Sentence: People didn't notice the uptick in temperature from yesterday to today since it went from 32 to 34 degrees.

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9. Volatile (Adjective) : अस्थिर

Meaning: liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse

→ Synonyms: inconsistent, eruptive

Antonyms: stable, constant

Sentence: Because Mary and Frank have a volatile relationship, they often argue.

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10. Clamour (Verb) : शोर मचाना

✓ **Meaning: a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting**

Synonyms: din, uproar

➔ **Sentence: As a ruler, he showed wisdom and courage, and disregarded any effort to influence his policy by clamour.**

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

A FORTUITOUS TREND: ON WHOLESAL INFLATION DATA

The cooling in inflation must become more broad-based for it to sustain

The last month of 2022 capped a year dominated by high inflation headlines on a seemingly amiable note. The average price rise faced by consumers during December slipped to its lowest since November 2021 at 5.7%. Data released on Monday show that wholesale inflation also fell to a 22-month-nadir of 4.95% from 5.88% in November. That December 2021 had registered a steep 14.2% wholesale price rise, exaggerated the cooling effect. Yet, this marked the seventh successive month of moderation in wholesale inflation since it hit an all-time high of 16.6% in May 2022, and the fourth straight month that retail inflation has eased from 7.4% in September 2022.

Over November and December, retail inflation has stayed below the central bank's 6% threshold and wholesale price rise has been slower than consumer prices, signalling that pressures on producers to pass on higher input costs may be easing. The Government, gearing up for a pre-election Budget, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which has projected inflation to average 5.9% in the current quarter from 6.1% in October-December 2022, and consumers too, would be hoping this is a harbinger of lower prices this year.s.

However, these two months of milder inflation do not offer compelling comfort on this front simply because they have been disproportionately influenced by what some economists have termed an 'idiosyncratic' element — 'vegetable prices'. From about 8% inflation in October, prices for vegetables dropped 8% and 15% in November and December, respectively, as onions, tomatoes and potatoes turned cheaper. This pulled down food inflation but may not have lowered overall household expenses on food much. Inflation accelerated for the sixth straight month in the largest item of the food basket — cereals (at 13.8%, with wheat prices rising 22%).

An uptick was also seen for pulses, milk, eggs, meat and fish, and spices, even as non-food items and services show stubborn price rise trends, be it clothing, footwear, personal care, household goods or health and education. Keeping volatile vegetable prices out, retail inflation in November was 7% and raced to 7.2% in December, belying the headline trend. Core inflation, which measures price rise minus food and energy, also inched up and needs attention, as reiterated by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das amid a growing clamour for pausing interest rate hikes. With the Chinese economy rebooting from a strict zero COVID policy, global commodity and oil prices may well harden again. It is too early to take the eye off the inflation problem, which continues to hurt rural demand in particular, deterring much-awaited private investment plans.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?

Synonym of INCURSION - घुसपैठ

1. Decay
2. Spine
3. Aggression ✓
4. Rot

Meaning : an invasion or attack, especially a sudden one

Solution : Aggression



Find the correct one?

Antonym of CRESTFALLEN - हताश

1. Sophisticated
2. Flexible
3. Harsh
4. Triumphant

Meaning : sad and disappointed

Solution : Triumphant



Find the correct one?

Antonym of BARBAROUS - अशिष्ट

1. Decry
2. Sophisticated
3. Pursue
4. Civilized

Meaning : Brutal and uncivilized

Solution : Civilized



Find the correct one?

Antonym of FURTIVE - गुप्त

1. Straight
2. Harsh
3. Lively
4. Willful

Meaning : attempting to avoid notice or attention, secretive

Solution : Straight



Find the correct one?

Synonym of GRIPE - शिकायत

1. To grieve
2. Evacuate
3. Enjoy
4. Delighted

Meaning : complain about something in a persistent, irritating way

Solution : To grieve



Find the correct one?

Antonym of ABSTRAIN- दूर रहना

1. Civilized
2. Praise
3. Critical
4. Pursue

Meaning : restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something

Solution : Pursue



Find the correct one?

Antonym of OBSTINATE - हठी

1. Straight
2. Flexible
3. Critical
4. Lively

Meaning : stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so

Solution : Flexible



Find the correct one?

Antonym of COLLABORATION - सहयोग

1. Association
- 2. Participation
3. Partnership
4. Division

Meaning : the action of working with someone to produce something

Solution : Division



Find the correct one?

Synonym of REMEDIAL - सुधारात्मक

1. Sovereign
2. Shock
3. Corrective
4. Despise

Meaning : giving or intended as a remedy or cure

Solution : Corrective



Find the correct one?

Synonym of CALLOUS - कठोर

1. Spooky

2. Brutal ✓

3. Stylish

4. Shrewd

Meaning : showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others

Solution : Brutal



IDIOMS & PHRASES

By fair means or foul

- a) By any means
- b) To make sense
- c) Undecided controversial
- d) To get puzzled

Solution : a) **By any means**

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Face the music

- a) Listen to the music
- b) Feel sorry
- c) Get finished
- d) Get reprimanded

Solution : d) **Get reprimanded**

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Plain speaking

a) Revealing the secret

b) Spilling the beans

c) Telling nonsense

d) Telling the truth

Solution : d) Telling the truth

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Pull your weight

- a) To work Hard
- b) Multicoloured decoration
- c) A blemish in otherwise good work
- d) A dark spot

Solution : a) To work Hard

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

One who has become dependent on something or drugs –

Addict

Fear of being enclosed in small closed space –

Claustrophobia

Call upon God or any other power (like law) for help or protection –

Invocation

Invoke

A person who opposes war or use of military force –

Pacifist

HOMESWORK

1. DIRE

2. FASCINATING



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