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- **ONE –WORD-SUBSTITUTION**
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WORDS WITH PICTURE



TRENCHES

Parts of Speech : **Noun**

Meaning : **Long, narrow ditches dug in the ground, typically for military purposes or drainage**

Synonyms : **Ditches, furrows, excavations**

Antonyms : **Mounds, hills, embankments**

Sentence : **The construction crew was tasked with digging trenches to lay down utility lines for the new housing development.**



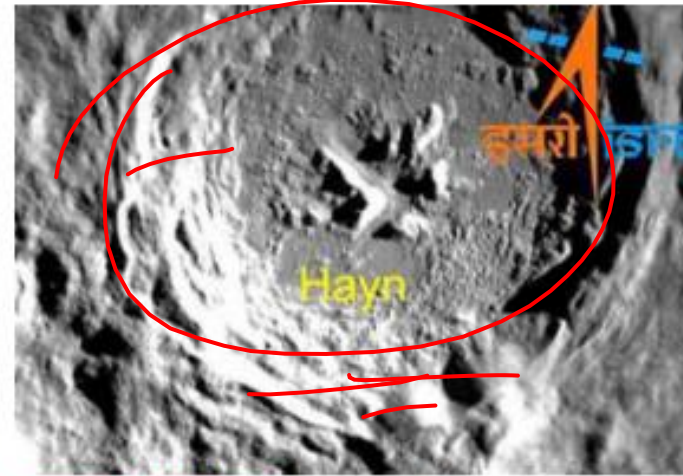
Chandrayaan-3 reveals dark side of the moon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the scheduled landing of the Chandrayaan-3 lander on the moon on Wednesday, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday released images of the far side of the lunar surface.

The far side is also known as the dark side of the moon as it is always hidden from earth. The images were captured on August 19 by the Lander Hazard Detection and Avoidance Camera (LHDAC) onboard the lander. "This camera that assists in locating a safe landing area – without boulders or deep trenches – during the descent is developed by ISRO at SAC," the space agency posted on X (formerly Twitter).

Russia's Luna-25, which



Journey to the unknown: An image of the far side of the moon clicked on Saturday by Chandrayaan-3. The photo marks Hayn, a lunar impact crater next to the 'northeast limb' of the moon. PTI/ISRO

crashed into the moon on Sunday, had sent images of the far side of the moon.

The ISRO has already released three videos of the moon captured by Chandrayaan-3.

While one of them was taken by the Lander Position Detection Camera (LPDC) on August 15,

another was taken by the Lander Imager (LI) Camera-1 just after the separation of the lander module from the propulsion module on August 17. On August 6, it shared the first video of the moon as viewed by Chandrayaan-3 during the Lunar Orbit Insertion on August 5.



SCUFFLE

Scuffle

Parts of Speech : **Noun and Verb**

Meaning : **A short, confused fight or struggle**

Synonyms : **skirmish, altercation, fracas**

Antonyms : **Peace, harmony, agreement**

Sentence : **A scuffle broke out among the fans after the opposing teams exchanged heated words.**

The players scuffled for the ball near the goalpost during the intense soccer match.



One arrested after mob attacks Christian prayer meet in GTB Enclave

Mehul Malpani

NEW DELHI

The police on Monday arrested one person, a day after a mob disrupted a Christian prayer meeting in Shahdara's GTB Enclave in east Delhi.

A senior officer said a mob of about 15 people interrupted the prayer meeting on Sunday morning, which was being held at a prayer hall inside a private residence in Tahirpur, where around 30 people were present.

"The mob had brought along ~~musical instruments and loudspeakers to disrupt the prayer~~, which led to a scuffle between the two sides," the officer said, adding that two to three persons attending the prayer meeting sustained minor injuries.

"We have arrested one

Nothing like this ever happened to us before. How are we supposed to live here with this fear, asked the event organiser

FIR, but the mob was definitely much larger. Around 11 a.m., they forcibly entered the prayer hall with a loudspeaker and microphone, and started playing religious music. They were also chanting some religious slogans," he said.

'Hit us with sticks'

Mr. Bhati said, "They said that India is now a Hindu nation and asked us why we were holding the prayer meeting. Some of us asked them to sit down and talk, but they started hitting us with sticks and chairs."



VANGUARD

Parts of Speech : **Noun**

Meaning : **the group or individuals who are at the forefront of a new development, movement, or idea**

Synonyms : **avant-garde, pioneers,**

trailblazers

lead

Antonyms : **followers, laggards, mainstream**

Sentence : **The vanguard of the civil rights movement fought tirelessly for equality and social justice.**



Wins and winnings

FIFA Women's World Cup was a showcase for women's sporting events

Every global women's sports competition is more than just a mere sporting spectacle. It is often in the vanguard of creating a more equal society, of seeking to eliminate outdated notions of male exceptionalism and nudging the world at large to embrace broader social reform. The FIFA Women's World Cup, which



WHOPPING

Parts of Speech : **Adj.**

Meaning : **Extremely large or impressive in size, amount, degree, or extent**

Synonyms : **Enormous, huge, gigantic**

Antonyms : **Tiny, small, minuscule**

Sentence : **The company reported a whopping increase in profits this quarter, exceeding all expectations.**



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Imp?

HEGEMONIC

Meaning : **the dominance or leadership of one group or entity over others, often in a political, economic, or cultural context**

Synonyms: **Preeminent, authoritative**

Antonyms: **Inferior, powerless**

POS : **Adj.**

Sentence : **The cultural exchange program aimed to promote diversity and reduce the influence of any single hegemonic perspective.**



The World Cup also showcased the wide geographic spread of women's football. Where nations from Europe and South America have been the hegemonic forces among men, in the short nine-edition history of the women's event, only four times have the winners come from these two regions – Germany twice, Norway and now Spain. In 2023, Germany, apart from being upset by Colombia, crashed out in the group stage. Japan, the 2011 world champion, hammered eventual winner Spain 4-0 in the preliminary round. Morocco made history by qualifying for the round of 16 while hosts Australia's fourth-place finish was its best ever. Four-time champion United States of America, marshalled by the retiring star Megan Rapinoe, missed the podium for the



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HARBINGER

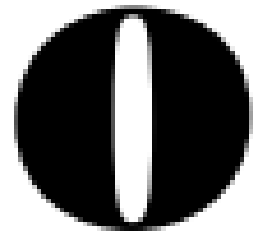
Meaning : A person or thing that signals or foreshadows the approach of something

Synonyms: Herald, precursor, omen, sign

Antonyms: Follower, result, consequence, effect

POS: Noun

Sentence : The sudden increase in stock market volatility served as a harbinger of an impending economic downturn.



Once again, New Delhi is back in the thick of global geopolitics of things – chairing summits, navigating tricky Manichaeian choices, ducking geopolitical whirlwinds, and negotiating a place at the high table of global governance. The upcoming BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) summit in South Africa, from August 22 to August 24, will be an important stress test for Indian diplomacy, and a harbinger of the shape of geopolitics to come.



MACHIAVELLIAN

Meaning : **Describes actions or individuals who are scheming, manipulative, and often willing to deceive to achieve their goals.**

Synonyms: **Cunning, scheming, devious**

Antonyms: **Honest, straightforward, candid**

POS : **Adj.**

Sentence : **The CEO's Machiavellian**

management style alienated many employees who valued transparency and integrity.



The China question

The question that New Delhi must ask every step of the way as it pursues a multipolar world and alternative mechanisms for global governance is whether (or not) it helps boost the rise of China globally. No doubt, a multi-polar world requires strong, alternative global forums, and perhaps even attempts at de-dollarisation. But those very forums will go on to aid the rise of China and the strengthening of the yuan. To think de-dollarisation would lead to strengthening of the rupee is delusional as is the belief that China and India share larger geopolitical interests. They may find value in the instrumental utility of non-western institutions, but their end goals are fundamentally divergent. Given its size, economic influence and the spread of the Belt and Road Initiative and diplomatic bandwidth, China will influence an expanded BRICS; and India, with its limited resources, would struggle to match this. Paradoxically, and perhaps tragically, the more India helps strengthen non-western institutions and frameworks, thereby weakening the post-Second World War order, the more it helps, albeit indirectly, China's revisionist agenda. The challenge before India is to choose between a China-centric world order or a West-centric world order, or balance the two. If the latter is too preachy for India, the former is too Machiavellian. And balancing is going to get tougher.



THITHER

Meaning : **To that place; in that direction**

Synonyms: **There , Yonder**

Antonyms: **Hither , Here**

POS : **Adverb**

Sentence : **The map showed the way to the enchanted forest; they followed the trail thither.**



Spanish defeat

Madrid, August 20: Military critics attribute the recent Spanish reverse in Morocco to their holding a big salient. The Spanish base at Afrau on the coast is now isolated and Tifarauin has been surrounded. The garrison is holding out and reinforcements are on their way thither. A Spanish Military Aeroplane manned by two officers crashed today in rebel territory near Tifarauin. Their fate is not known.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





Antonym of Dither :

1. Hesitate

2. Falter

3. Certain

4. Waver

Solution : Option 3



Antonym of Maestro

1. Virtuoso

2. Master

3. Expert

4. Tyro

Solution : Option 4



Antonyms of Agitate

1. Relieve
2. React
3. Irritate
4. Relax

Solution : Option 4



Synonyms of Imperceptible

1. Apparent
2. Conspicuous
3. Distinct
4. Unnoticeable

Solution : Option 4



Synonyms of Culmination

1. Beginning
2. Climax
3. Commencement
4. Opening

Solution : Option 2



Synonyms of Waiver

1. Mild
2. Renunciation
3. Indulgent
4. Moderate

Solution : Option 2



IDIOMS & PHRASES



Pack something in ✓

1. Confess
2. Stop doing something
3. Go somewhere quickly
4. Get wounded

Solution : Option 2



Go to the wall

- 1. To become strong**
- 2. To obtain protection**
- 3. To fall**
- 4. To start**

Solution : Option 3





Bitten off more than they chew

- 1. trying to do something which is too difficult**
- 2. Not able to finish work**
- 3. To be happy to multitask**
- 4. To find work dull**

Solution : Option 1





Tide someone over

- 1. Get a boat ready to cross a river or water body**
- 2. Ask someone for financial help**
- 3. Complete a voyage successfully**
- 4. Give temporary help , usually financial**

Solution : Option 4



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