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VOCABULARY

- **1.** Reprieve: A temporary postponement of punishment or something unpleasant.
 - Synonyms: Suspension, stay, respite, deferment, delay
 - Antonyms: Execution, continuation, enforcement
 - Sentence: The judge granted the criminal a brief reprieve before carrying out the sentence.
- 2. Extradition: The formal process of handing a person accused of a crime over to a foreign country for trial.
 - Synonyms: Rendition, handover, delivery
 - Antonyms: Asylum, sanctuary, refuge
 - Sentence: The extradition hearing will determine whether the suspect will be sent back to his home country to face charges.
- **3.** Unambiguous: Leaving no doubt or room for misinterpretation; clear and definite.
 - Synonyms: Unequivocal, clear-cut, unmistakable, explicit
 - Antonyms: Ambiguous, vague, unclear, equivocal Sentence: The witness provided an unambiguous account of the events, which helped to solidify the case against the defendant.

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- **4.** Prejudicedg: An preconceived opinion about someone or something, especially a negative one, that is not based on reason or experience.
 - Synonyms: Bias, bigotry, intolerance, unfairness
 - Antonyms: Open-mindedness, fairness, objectivity
 Sentence: They are prejudiced against people they don't know.
- **5.** Salubrious: Health-giving; healthy.
 - Synonyms: Healthful, beneficial, wholesome.
 - Antonyms: Unhealthy, harmful, detrimental.
 Example: The salubrious climate of the hill station attracted many tourists seeking a break from city life.
- **6.** Abrogated: Repealed or done away with (a law, right, or formal agreement).
 - Synonyms: Repealed, annulled, rescinded.
 - Antonyms: Enacted, ratified, established.
 - Example: The government abrogated the outdated law to make way for more modern legislation.
- **7.** Alienation: The state of being isolated or estranged.
 - Synonyms: Estrangement, isolation, detachment.
 - Antonyms: Integration, inclusion, belonging.
 - Example: The alienation felt by the minority community led to widespread discontent and protests.

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- 8. Morass: A complicated or confused situation.
 - Synonyms: Quagmire, muddle, entanglement.
 - Antonyms: Order, clarity, organization.
 - Example: The region's political morass has made it difficult to implement effective governance.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 9. Vanish into thin air Disappear completely.
- **10.** In a pickle- In a difficult situation.
- 11. Smell a rat Start to suspect trickery or deception
- 12. In hot water In trouble or facing difficulties.
- 13. On thin ice In a risky or precarious situation

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CURRENT AFFAIRS 22nd May, 2024

- 1. World Metrology Day is celebrated annually on May 20 globally to understand the meaning of the science of measurement and the reasons behind our heavy reliance on it.
 - The theme for World Metrology Day 2024 is 'Sustainability', which encourages us to explore how metrology contributes to improving our lives every day.
- 2. The Indian Army has started receiving the Russian AK-203 assault rifles after the deal with Russia saw back-to-back delays, partly due to the war in Ukraine and payment delays. As many as 27,000 rifles have been handed over to the Army so far by the Indo-Russian joint venture established at Korwain Uttar Pradesh, according to official sources.
- 3. Indian spiritual guru Sri SriRavi Shankar received the first stamp released commemorating the completion of 200 years of Indian Origin Tamils in Sri Lanka.

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- Governor of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka
 SenthilThondaman presented the stamp to Sri SriRavi
 Shankar. Speaking at the event, Mr. Thondamansaid the
 stamp is a way to attain recognition for the community
 which has been neglected for decades. He thanked the
 Indian government as well as the Sri Lankan government
 for the assistance given to the IOT community.
- **4.** GopiThotakurafrom Andhra Pradesh became the first Indian space tourist and the second Indian to venture into space on Blue Origin's NS-25 mission.
 - Mission Details: Blue Origin completed its seventh human spaceflight and the 25th flight for the New Shepard program on 19 May 2024.
 - Crew Members: The six-member crew included Gopi Thotakura, Mason Angel, Sylvain Chiron, Kenneth L. Hess, Carol Schaller, and former Air Force Captain Ed Dwight.
 - Previous Indian Space Traveler: Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian citizen to fly to space in 1984.
- 5. Vaccines manufacturer Serum Institute of India (SII) on Monday said it has started exports of 'R21/Matrix-M' malaria vaccine to Africa as part of the global fight against the disease.

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- Developed in collaboration with the University of Oxford and Novavax'sMatrix-M adjuvant, the R21/Matrix-M vaccine is the second malaria vaccine to be authorisedfor use in children in malaria-endemic regions, SII said in a statement.
- 6. An elephant census in the border areas of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh will be held from May 23 to 25.
 - While the elephant census is usually held for an entire forest patch once every five years, this time it will be held only in the border areas of the southern states.
- 7. Initial discussions on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor took place between India and UAE, following a framework agreement.
 - The meetings reflect the high priority of the IMEEC initiative, aiming for logistical efficiencies, cost reductions, joint investments, and technical collaboration.
- 8. In an important joint effort, the Government of Manipur, along with several equestrian groups and state offices, has taken steps to keep the Manipuri Pony, also called the Meitei Sagol, from going extinct. At a meeting on May 16 in Imphal, these steps were made official.

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- 9. PUMA India has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India to become its official kit sponsor, the sports brand said on Thursday.
 - Puma signed a multi-year deal to exclusively supply performance kits, speed suits and travel gear to every athlete under AFI representing India in track & field, jumps, throws, cross country running and marathons at both domestic and international tournaments, said the company in a press release.
- 10. Alexander Zverevwon the single title of the Italian Open tennis tournament, while the women's singles title was won by the world no.1 player IgaSwiatek. This was the second Italian open title for Alexander Zeverv, while it was the third Italian title for IgaSwiatek.

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