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## VOCABULARY

1. Sporadic: Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.
  - Synonyms: Occasional, infrequent, irregular.
  - Antonyms: Constant, regular, frequent.
  - Example: There were sporadic showers throughout the day.
2. Vitiate: Spoil or impair the quality or efficiency.
  - Synonyms: Corrupt, degrade, impair.
  - Antonyms: Improve, enhance, purify.
  - Example: The scandal vitiated the public's trust in the administration.
3. Prudent: Acting with or showing care and thought for the future.
  - Synonyms: Wise, judicious, sagacious.
  - Antonyms: Reckless, imprudent, careless.
  - Example: It is prudent to save some money for future emergencies.
4. Adamant: Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.
  - Synonyms: Unyielding, inflexible, resolute.
  - Antonyms: Flexible, yielding, compliant.
  - Example: He was adamant that he would not resign from his position.

**5. Apathy:** Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

- Synonyms: Indifference, unconcern, lethargy.
- Antonyms: Interest, enthusiasm, passion.
- Example: The government's attempt to engage the youth was met with widespread apathy.

**6. Searing:** Extremely hot or intense.

- Synonyms: Scorching, blazing, intense.
- Antonyms: Mild, cool, gentle.
- Example: The searing heat wave made it difficult to step outside during the day.

**7. Insinuating:** Suggesting or hinting something bad in an indirect and unpleasant way.

- Synonyms: Implying, hinting, suggesting.  
Antonyms: Stating, declaring, announcing.
- Example: He was insinuating that I had lied about my qualifications.

**8. Perturbed:** Anxious or unsettled; upset.

- Synonyms: Disturbed, troubled, agitated.
- Antonyms: Calm, composed, untroubled.
- Example: She was perturbed by the sudden change in his behavior.

## Idioms & Phrases

9. To play ducks and drakes - To use recklessly
10. At daggers drawn - Bitterly Hostile
11. Get out of hand - Get out of control
12. Costs an arm and a leg - Very expensive
13. Pull someone's leg - Tease someone

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

27<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

1. President Idriss Deby has appointed Chad's former ambassador, Allamaye Halinaas the new PM of the Republic of Chad.
  - The opposition leader & former PM Succes Masra announced his resignation.
  - Chad is a landlocked African country, bordered by Libya, Sudan, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Nigeria and Niger.
  - Capital: N'Djamena.
  - Currency: Central African CFA franc.
2. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has proclaimed May 24 as the International Day of the Markhor.
  - To raise awareness and promote the conservation of this iconic and ecologically significant species found across the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia.
3. The government of India-run public broadcaster Doordarshan has announced that its channel DD Kisan will launch two artificial intelligence (AI) anchors, Krish and Bhoomi, on 26 May 2024. The DD Kisan channel was launched on 26 May 2015 and is celebrating the 9th year of its foundation.

4. Cyclone Remal is the first pre-monsoon cyclone of 2024 in the Bay of Bengal. The landfall is expected between Sagar Island (West Bengal) and Khepupara (Bangladesh) around midnight on May 26, 2024.
5. Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has made history as the first airport in India to achieve the prestigious recognition of zero waste to landfill (ZWL). This commendation comes from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, confirming the airport's commitment to environmentally responsible practices.
  - Through rigorous assessment, it has been verified that Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has implemented exemplary waste management strategies, resulting in an impressive 99.50 percent diversion of waste from landfills.
6. South Indian film industry's iconic superstar Rajinikanth has been honoured with the UAE's golden visa by the UAE government.
  - The coveted honour was bestowed upon him at a special event in Dubai, organised by the United Arab Emirates Department of Culture and Tourism, where he was accompanied by MA Yusuff Ali, the chairman and managing director of Lulu Group.

7. A landmark moment for Indian cinema came last night as Payal Kapadia's debut fiction feature, *All We Imagine As Light*, received an enthusiastic eight-minute standing ovation at its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival 2024.
  - Screening in the late-night competition slot, the film was the first Indian production in the competition in three decades and the first by an Indian woman filmmaker to achieve this honor.
8. Ademola Lookman scored an exceptional hat-trick as Atalanta put an end to Bayer Leverkusen's 51-game unbeaten run to win the UEFA Europa League title.
9. Cricket Australia named former Pakistan and Indian stars Wasim Akram and Ravi Shastri among the 54 representatives of its 'Multicultural Ambassadors Program'.
10. IPL 2024 Final, KKR vs SRH: The Knight Riders won their third title after hammering SunRisers in the most one-sided final in the history of the tournament. Venkatesh Iyer's fifty and an all-round bowling show helped KKR hammer SRH in the final in Chennai on Sunday, May 26.