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## VOCABULARY

1. Anchor: To secure firmly in place

- Synonyms: Secure, moor
- Antonyms: Release, detach
- Sentence: The team decided to anchor their strategy in proven methods to ensure stability in the project.

2. Endeavor: To try hard to do or achieve something

- Synonyms: Strive, attempt
- Antonyms: Neglect, quit
- Sentence: He endeavored to complete his studies despite financial difficulties.

3. Iteration: The repetition of a process or utterance

- Synonyms: Repetition, recurrence
- Antonyms: Stagnation, halt
- Sentence: Each iteration of the software included significant improvements.

4. Testament: Something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality

- Synonyms: Proof, witness
- Antonyms: Disproof, refutation
- Sentence: Her vast collection of books is a testament to her passion for literature.

**5. Myopic: Lacking foresight or intellectual insight**

- Synonyms: Shortsighted, narrowminded
- Antonyms: Farsighted, thoughtful
- Sentence: The company's myopic policies led to a loss of long-term customers.

**6. Subservient: Prepared to obey others unquestioningly**

- Synonyms: Submissive, servile
- Antonyms: Dominant, rebellious
- Sentence: She was often criticized for her subservient attitude towards her superiors.

**7. Quintessential: Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class**

- Synonyms: Typical, ultimate
- Antonyms: Atypical, uncommon
- Sentence: He is the quintessential romantic hero, always ready with a charming compliment.

**8. Calibrate: To adjust precisely for a particular function**

- Synonyms: Adjust, fine-tune
- Antonyms: Misalign, unbalance
- Sentence: Technicians calibrate laboratory equipment to ensure accurate test results.

9. Volatile: Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse
- Synonyms: Unstable, erratic
  - Antonyms: Stable, consistent
  - Sentence: The stock market is highly volatile, making investments risky.
10. Accommodative: Willing to fit in with someone's wishes or needs
- Synonyms: Cooperative, obliging
  - Antonyms: Unhelpful, obstructive
  - Sentence: The teacher's accommodative approach helped students feel valued and respected.

### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

11. Thrown its weight behind - To give support or backing to something.
12. Burnt its fingers - Suffered from an unpleasant experience as a result of an action.
13. Plays a diverse set of cards - Uses a variety of strategies or methods to achieve goals.
14. Written off - Considered as a loss or no longer viable.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

1. With help from China, Myanmar's junta is starting up again the \$3.6 billion Myitsone dam project that was put on hold before.
  - This move is a big change in policy from when it was first put on hold in 2011 because of strong public opposition. The project is on the Ayeyarwadyriver in northern Kachin state. It includes plans for a 6,000-megawatt dam that will provide about 90% of the power needed by China.
2. In a move that reflects the strengthening ties between India and the Maldives, the island nation has announced its intention to launch India's RuPay service.
3. According to the recently released statistics of the Central Electricity Authority, Uttar Pradesh emerged as the number one state in terms of the addition of transmission lines by state transmission companies in 2023-24. In 2022-23 also, Uttar Pradesh topped the list amongst the state utilities.
4. Arti, an 18-year-old woman from the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh, has been honored with the prestigious Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award.

5. 64 Great Indian Bustard was spotted during the annual waterhole survey conducted in the National Desert Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. In the last 2022 census, 42 birds were counted using the waterhole technique . No census was conducted in 2023 due to rains caused by the western disturbances.
- The Great Indian Bustard bird, also known as Godawan, is the state bird of Rajasthan. The Great Indian Bustard is a critically endangered species which mainly lives in dry grasslands.
  - It is a terrestrial bird with a black crown on the forehead contrasting with the pale neck and head. These have a brownish body, and the wings are marked with black, brown, and grey.
6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of former Union Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha (Retd. IAS:1977:UP) as Part-Time Chairman of ICICI Bank for a period of three years, with effect from July 1, 2024.
7. After declaring a general election for July 4, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is reportedly spending his first Saturday with his closest advisers as he takes an “unusual step” of a day away from public events over the first weekend of the campaign.

- The 44-year-old Indian-origin leader is taking some private time out with his aides and family amid a mass exodus of senior members of Parliament from his embattled Conservative Party.
- Cabinet ministers Michael Gove and Andrea Leadsom became the latest Tory frontliners to announce their decision to not stand for re-election in this summer's polls, taking the number of party members quitting the race to as many as 78.

8. Mountaineer and cricketer Kabak Yano etched her name in history on Tuesday by becoming the fifth woman from Arunachal Pradesh to scale Mt Everest. She is also the first woman from the Nyishi tribe to do so.

- Yano accomplished this remarkable feat at 11:50 am on Tuesday alongside five other members of the summit team — Babu Sherpa, Ngima Dorjee Sherpa, Subash Rai, Lakpa Nurbu Sherpa and Shere Sherpa — all hailing from Nepal.

9. Dipa Karmakar won India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Gymnastics Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 26 May 2024. She secured the gold in the women's pole-vault final with an average score of 13.566.

10. The Indian contingent finished their 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan with 17 medals against their name to be placed sixth in the overall medal tally on Saturday.