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VOCABULARY

- 1. Intangible: Something that can not be perceived by touch.
 - Synonyms: Abstract, Immaterial, Ethereal, Impalpable.
 - Antonyms: Tangible, Physical, Perceptible, Concrete.
 - sentence: Trust is an intangible yet essential element in any relationship.
- 2. Unleashed: To release or set free.
 - Synonyms: Unshackled, Unbridled, Unbound, Unchained.
 - Antonyms: Controlled, Confined, Constrained, Regulated.
 - sentence: The dog was unleashed and bounded joyfully across the field.
- **3.** Discretionary: Something that is subject to individual judgement or choice.
 - Synonyms: Optional, Voluntary, Elective, Arbitrary.
 - Antonyms: Compulsory, Obligatory, Involuntary
 - sentence: Employees receive a discretionary bonus based on their performance.
- 4. Reckoned: To consider something to be true or likely.
 - Synonyms: Estimated, Figured, Assessed, Gauged.
 - Antonyms: Disregarded, Ignored, Omitted, Overlooked.
 - sentence: She reckoned it would rain soon.

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- 5. Imprudent: Behavior or actions that are not wise or sensible.
 - Synonyms: Reckless, Impulsive, Foolhardy, Careless.
 - Antonyms: Prudent, Cautious, Judicious, Thoughtful.
 - sentence: Rushing into decisions without considering the consequences is imprudent.
- 6. Roiling: A situation or emotion that is turbulent or agitated.
 - Synonyms: Churning, Stirring, Ruffling, Upsetting.
 - Antonyms: Calming, Placid, Undisturbing, Still.
 - sentence: The political scandal has been roiling the country for weeks.
- 7. Munificent: Someone who is extremely generous.
 - Synonyms: Benevolent, Charitable, Philanthropic, Magnanimous.
 - Antonyms: Stingy, Miserly, Niggardly, Parsimonious.
 - sentence: Her munificent gesture touched the hearts of everyone at the charity event.
- 8. Concomitant: Something that occurs simultaneously with another thing.
 - Synonyms: Synchronous, Concurrent, Correlative.
 - Antonyms: Disparate, Disconnected, Divergent, Separate.
 - sentence: Increased stress is often a concomitant factor in cases of insomnia.

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- 9. Cataclysmic: Something extremely destructive.
 - Synonyms: Disastrous, Apocalyptic, Calamitous, Catastrophic.
 - Antonyms: Restorative, Peaceful, Beneficial, Healing.
 - sentence: The company's decision to downsize had cataclysmic effects on the local economy.
- **10.** Nuanced: Something that has subtle but important variations.
 - Synonyms: Detailed, Sophisticated, Refined.
 - Antonyms: Uncomplicated, Unrefined, Naive.
 - sentence: Her speech was nuanced, addressing multiple perspectives on the issue.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- **11.** Know the ropes: To be knowledgeable in a particular task or activity.
- **12.** Call a spade a spade: To speak directly or bluntly.
- **13.** Dog days of summer: The hottest days of summer.
- **14.** Bear out: To support or confirm something, typically a statement, theory.
- **15.** Come off: To succeed or be successful.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS 2ndMay, 2024

- 1. The first of eight Hangor II submarines for Pakistan was recently launched at the Wuchang Shipbuilding yard in Wuhan, China, though it's uncertain what could be powering the boat given Germany's block on an engine export.
 - The initial Hangor II delivery timetable would have seen the four Chinese-built submarines delivered by 2023. But Germany had refused to approve export licenses for the MTU 396 diesel engine, which the submarine was designed to use.
- 2. China's third aircraft carrier, the Fujian, the most advanced homemade warship, began its maiden sea trials on May 1 as Beijing ramped up its naval power amid increasing tensions with the U.S. in the disputed South China Sea and Taiwan Strait.
 - The ship left Shanghai Jiangnan Shipyard on May 1 morning for the sea trials, primarily to test the reliability and stability of the aircraft carrier's propulsion and electrical systems, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported.
- 3. Bharat Biotech co-founder Krishna M Ella was appointed president of the Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA) for a two-year term from April 2024 to 2026. Krishna M Ella has taken over from Adar C Poonawala.

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- Krishna M Ella aims to strengthen collaboration between vaccine manufacturers, researchers.
- **4.** Justice (retired) Dinesh Kumar took charge as the Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on 29 April 2024. The government of India appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar for a four-year term.
 - Before taking over as the presiding officer of SAT, Justice Dinesh Kumar was the chief justice of the Karnataka High Court. He retired from the post in February 2024.
- 5. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to mount fresh drilling for India's first geothermal project in June, 2024 It could start a source for emission-free electricity, and for this project, ONGC is being advised by consultants from Iceland.
- 6. Paleontologists from Argentina have revealed the unearthing of a novel medium-sized herbivorous dinosaur, Chakisaurus nekul, which thrived approximately 90 million years ago during the Late Cretaceous period in present-day Patagonia. The finding, detailed in the journal Cretaceous Research, sheds light on a remarkable creature known for its speed and unique tail anatomy.
- 7. Recent lava spewing from La Cumbrevolcano on Galápagos Islands destroying habitat of rare land iguanas.

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- 8. DRDO has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing India's anti-submarine warfare capabilities with the successful flight-test of the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system.
- Daryapur-based arachnologist Atul Bodkhe has identified the green lynx spider, which was never discovered earlier.
 - The spider species has been named Peucetia chhaparajnirvin, after the area in Rajasthan —
 Tal Chhapar — where it was discovered by Nirmala Kumari and Vinod Kumari. The specimens have been deposited in the entomology lab at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- 10. Vaishali completed the requisite 2500 ELO points Llobregat Open tournament to become only the third Indian woman, after Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli, to become a GM.
- 11. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi take charge as 26th Naval Chief.

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