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## VOCABULARY

**1. Nebulous:** Something that is unclear.

- Synonyms: Vague, Ambiguous, Obscure, Murky.
- Antonyms: Distinct, Precise, Unambiguous, Clear.
- sentence: The instructions were nebulous, leaving us unsure of what to do next.

**2. Disillusionment:** A feeling of disappointment.

- Synonyms: Disenchantment, Dismay, Despondency, Frustration.
- Antonyms: Delight, Elation, Contentment, Fulfillment.
- sentence: Emma's disillusionment with love deepened after her heart was broken for the third time.

**3. Repression:** The act of suppressing something.

- Synonyms: Inhibition, Oppression, Repudiation, Subjugation.
- Antonyms: Liberation, Emancipation, Unleashing, Freedom
- sentence: After experiencing trauma, she struggled with repression of her memories.

**4. Rejig:** To reorganize or rearrange something.

- Synonyms: Restructure, Reshuffle, Redesign, Overhaul.
- Antonyms: Preserve, Maintain, Keep in place.
- sentence: We need to rejig our schedule to accommodate the new project deadline.

**5. Abrogation:** The act of abolishing a law, agreement or custom.

- Synonyms: Annulment, Revocation, Rescindment, Nullification.
- Antonyms: Establishment, Reinforcement, Enactment, Endorsement.
- sentence: The abrogation of the treaty led to increased tensions between the two nations.

**6. Ostensibly:** Something is presented as true or genuine, but there may be reasons to doubt it.

- Synonyms: Apparently, Seemingly, Purportedly, Supposedly
- Antonyms: Certainly, Actually, Clearly, Definitely.
- sentence: He was ostensibly focused on his work, but his mind seemed elsewhere.

**7. Replete:** Filled or well-supplied with something.

- Synonyms: Abundant, Brimming, Loaded, Laden.
- Antonyms: Sparse, Scant, Lacking, Deficient.
- sentence: The buffet was replete with a variety of delicious dishes.

**8. Corroborated:** Confirmed or supported by additional evidence.

- Synonyms: Verified, Substantiated, Authenticated, Proven.
- Antonyms: Refuted, Disproved, Invalidated, Challenged.
- sentence: The witness' testimony was corroborated by security camera footage.

- 9. Bizarrely:** Something that is strange.
- Synonyms: Unusually, Abnormally, Oddly, Weirdly.
  - Antonyms: Traditionally, Normally, Typically, Standardly.
  - sentence: Bizarrely, the cat started dancing to the music.
- 10. Reconciliation:** Restoration of friendly relations.
- Synonyms: Harmony, Resolution, Agreement, Settlement.
  - Antonyms: Dissension, Discord, Alienation, Conflict.
  - sentence: The reconciliation between two nations brought hope for lasting peace.

### IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11. An uphill task:** A difficult or challenging endeavor that requires significant effort to accomplish.
- 12. Apples and Oranges:** A situation where two things are fundamentally different and therefore cannot be compared directly.
- 13. To open a can of worms:** To uncover a complicated situation while searching for something else.
- 14. Come across:** To find or encounter something or someone by chance.
- 15. Go over:** To review or examine something carefully.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

1. Researchers have discovered the world's deepest known blue hole, the Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH), located in Chetumal Bay off the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.
  - New measurements indicate that the TJBH extends at least 1,380 feet (420 meters) below sea level, surpassing the previous record holder, the Sansha Yongle Blue Hole (also known as the Dragon Hole) in the South China Sea, by 390 feet (119 meters).
2. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on May 2 said its overseas arm has signed a pact with the Bank of Namibia (BoN) for developing a Unified Payments Interface(UPI)-like instant payment system for Namibia.
3. The first true copy of the painting Indulekha by legendary artist Raja Ravi Varma will be unveiled at the Kilimanoor Palace, where the eminent artist was born in 1848, on the occasion of his 176th birth anniversary celebrations.
  - The unreleased painting of Indulekha, the protagonist of the first modern novel in Malayalam literature by O. Chandu Menon published in 1889, emerged in the public domain in 2022 and evoked a great sense of enthusiasm among the art fraternity.

4. India has expressed interest in sourcing cheetahs from Kenya for the next stage of Project Cheetah. A delegation of Kenyan officials is due to visit India later this month to discuss the possible translocation, including the number of cheetahs they might be willing to part with.
5. Palestinian journalists covering the Gaza crisis receive the 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize as a show of solidarity and recognition for their dedication.
6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Atanu Chakraborty as the Part Time Chairman of HDFC Bank for a period of three years w.e.f. May 05, 2024 to May 04, 2027 (both days inclusive), HDFC Bank said in a filing with stock exchanges.
7. It's time to start getting into the groove for the nearing World Cup cricket season as Grammy award-winning artist Sean Paul and Soca superstar Kes released the anthem for the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup, titled 'Out of this World'.
8. A soldier was killed and four were injured when militants ambushed a convoy of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Poonch on May 4. The IAF said the Air Warriors fought back by returning fire.

- “In the process, five IAF personnel received bullet injuries and were evacuated to the nearest military hospital for immediate medical attention. One Air Warrior succumbed to his injuries later,” the IAF said.
9. Nepal on May 3 announced the printing of a new NPR100 currency note with a map that shows the controversial territories of Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura and Kalapani, already termed as “artificial enlargement” and “untenable” by India.
  10. The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has announced that India will host the prestigious 2025 BWF World Junior Championships at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati.
  11. Kareena Kapoor appointed as UNICEF India’s National Ambassador.