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VOCABULARY

1. Chequered: Marked by periods of success and failure; characterized by a mixture of achievements and setbacks.
 - Synonyms: Varied, diverse, mixed
 - Antonyms: Consistent, uniform, unvaried
 - Example: His career has been chequered with both triumphs and disappointments.

2. Precariously: In a way that is not securely held or in a position and is likely to fall or collapse.
 - Synonyms: Unsteadily, dangerously, insecurely
 - Antonyms: Securely, safely, stably
 - Example: The ladder was placed precariously on the edge of the roof, making it unsafe to climb.

3. Escalating: Increasing rapidly in size or intensity.
 - Synonyms: Increasing, intensifying, growing
 - Antonyms: Decreasing, diminishing, declining
 - Example: The escalating tensions between the two countries raised concerns about the possibility of war.

4. Egregious: Outstandingly bad; shocking.
 - Synonyms: Flagrant, blatant, outrageous
 - Antonyms: Minor, trivial, inconsequential
 - Example: The company's egregious violations of environmental regulations led to heavy fines.

5. Rigour: The quality of being extremely thorough, exhaustive
- Synonyms: Strictness, thoroughness, precision
 - Antonyms: Laxity, leniency, flexibility
 - Example: The rigorous training program prepared the athletes for the upcoming competition.
6. Meticulous: Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.
- Synonyms: Diligent, thorough, careful
 - Antonyms: Careless, sloppy, negligent
 - Example: She was meticulous in her preparation for the exam, reviewing every detail of the study material.
7. Vulnerable: Susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm.
- Synonyms: Exposed, open, defenseless
 - Antonyms: Invulnerable, protected, shielded
 - Example: The old bridge is vulnerable to collapse under the weight of heavy vehicles.
8. Perpetrated: Carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).
- Synonyms: Commit, enact, execute
 - Antonyms: Prevent, hinder, deter
 - Example: The criminal perpetrated a series of robberies in the neighborhood.

9. Notoriety: The state of being famous or well known for some bad quality or deed.
- Synonyms: Infamy, disrepute, ill fame
 - Antonyms: Fame, renown, reputation
 - Example: The criminal gained notoriety for his string of bank robberies.
10. Exacerbated: To make something worse, especially a disease or problem.
- Synonyms: Aggravated, Provoke, Intensified, worsened
 - Antonyms: Ameliorated, Meliorate, Alleviated, improved
 - Example: The proposed factory shutdown would only exacerbate our unemployment problem.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. Up in the air: Uncertain or undecided.
12. Take the bull by the horns : To confront a difficult situation directly and with courage.
13. Rain on someone's parade: To spoil someone's plans or joy.
14. Keep an eye on: To watch or monitor something closely.
15. In hot water: In trouble or facing difficulties.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

10th June, 2024

1. One of the world's most active volcanoes Kilauea started erupting in a remote area early on Monday (June 3), said the US Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. The volcano had last erupted a half-century ago.
2. Lok Sabha Secretariat is developing "Prerana Sthal" in the Parliament House Complex and all the statues of great leaders and freedom fighters of the country are being installed in this. Earlier, these statues were installed at different parts of the Complex.
 - Akashvani Correspondent reports that after the construction of the new Parliament Building, an action plan has been made for landscaping and beautification of the Parliament Complex so that the Complex could be made grand and attractive.
3. Nvidia has overtaken Apple to become the world's second-most valuable company, with furious demand for the chipmaker's shares taking its valuation to over \$3 trillion.
 - Shares of Nvidia gained 5.2 percent on Wednesday to close at \$1,224.40, lifting the company's market capitalisation to \$3.012 trillion.

4. The king and queen of the "Onge tribe" welcomed a baby boy in the Andaman Islands, marking a significant moment for the tribe. With the arrival of the newborn, the tribe's total population now stands at 136.
5. The UN General Assembly (UNGA) on June 6, elected former Cameroonian Prime Minister Philemon Yang as president of the 79th UNGA session. Yang will succeed Denis Francis of Trinidad and Tobago, president of the 78th UNGA session, when the 79th UNGA session opens on Sept. 10 at the UN headquarters in New York.
6. The Indian Prime Minister will visit Italy to attend the 2024 G7 Summit after the swearing-in ceremony. Earlier in April, Italian PM Giorgia Meloni had extended an invitation to India for the G7 Summit. PM Modi thanked the Italian Counterpart and reaffirmed India's participation in G7 Summit Outreach Sessions.
7. The main tunnel of the 900 MW Arun III Hydropower Project, being constructed with Indian assistance has achieved a breakthrough, with Nepal Prime Minister Pushpakamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on June 5.

- 8.** Indian shooter Sift Kaur Samra claimed the bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions. Sift missed the chance to win the silver medal to Han Jiayu of China.
- In the men's rifle 3-position final, Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar finished eighth. India was joint 3rd with France with one gold and one bronze.
 - 1st - China (4 gold, 4 silver, 3 bronze).
 - 2nd - Norway (1 gold, silver and bronze).
- 9.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to take oath for his third term on June 9, 2024 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan's Forecourt.
- Global leaders including Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremasinghe, Bhutanese PM Tshering Tobgay, Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth & Maldives President Muizzu will be attending the event.
- 10.** Bisleri Limonata featuring the charismatic Aditya Roy Kapur as the brand ambassador of the #DoubleTheChill campaign.
- Featuring the charismatic Aditya Roy Kapur as the brand ambassador, the #DoubleTheChill campaign aims to capture the essence of Limonata's unique flavor blend and establish a strong connection with the Gen Z audience.