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VOCABULARY

1. Rejuvenation: The action or process of giving new energy or vigor to something.
 - Synonyms: Renewal, revitalization, restoration
 - Antonyms: Decline, deterioration, degradation
 - Example: The city's rejuvenation project has made it a vibrant place to live.

2. Anointed: Chosen or designated as a leader.
 - Synonyms: Appointed, blessed, consecrated
 - Antonyms: Rejected, dismissed, repudiated
 - Example: He was anointed as the successor to the company's CEO.

3. Debilitating: Making someone very weak and infirm.
 - Synonyms: Weakening, enfeebling, incapacitating
 - Antonyms: Strengthening, invigorating, energizing
 - Example: The disease had a debilitating effect on her health.

4. Elite: A select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.
 - Synonyms: Best, top, aristocracy
 - Antonyms: Commoners, masses, proletariat
 - Example: The elite athletes competed for the championship.

5. Stagnating: Cease to flow or move; become stagnant.

- Synonyms: Idle, static, inactive
- Antonyms: Active, dynamic, flowing
- Example: The economy has been stagnating for years without significant growth.

6. Peerless: Unequaled; unrivaled.

- Synonyms: Incomparable, matchless, unparalleled
- Antonyms: Ordinary, common, average
- Example: Her peerless beauty captivated everyone in the room.

7. Fortitude: Courage in pain or adversity.

- Synonyms: Bravery, resilience, endurance
- Antonyms: Cowardice, fear, weakness
- Example: She showed great fortitude during the long illness.

8. Bane: A cause of great distress or annoyance.

- Synonyms: Curse, plague, blight
- Antonyms: Blessing, boon, advantage
- Example: Traffic jams are the bane of my daily commute.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. Throw in the towel: to admit that you are defeated or cannot do something any more.
10. Mare's nest: a false discovery, illusion, or deliberate hoax.
11. A storm in a teacup: a situation in which people are very angry or upset about something that is not important.
12. Blue blooded: membership in a noble or socially prominent family.
13. Do a roaring trade: to do very good business.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

11th June, 2024

1. ISRO, on the occasion of World Environment Day, on Wednesday provided details about its collaborative endeavour with the French national space agency CNES for the upcoming Thermal Infrared Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment (TRISHNA) mission.
 - TRISHNA is engineered to deliver high spatial and high temporal resolution monitoring of earth's surface temperature, emissivity, and biophysical and radiation variables for surface energy budgeting at regional to global scale.
2. Hundreds of people sheltered in evacuation centres after Mount Kanlaon volcano erupted in the central Philippines.
 - It is a strato volcano located in the north-central portion of the island of Negros, Philippines.
 - It is the highest mountain on the island of Negros and the 42nd tallest peak on an island in the world. It is one of the active volcanoes in the Philippines and part of the Pacific Ring of Fire. The volcano comprises a number of pyroclastic cones and craters.

3. Vellayan Subbiah, of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Cholamandalam Investment and Finance, clinches the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year award, marking India's fourth win.
4. A new tiger reserve will soon be established in Uttar Pradesh following evidence of tiger population in the Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS), which covers the districts of Balrampur, Shravasti, and Gonda.
 - The announcement was made during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) on Sunday. Manoj Kumar Singh, the additional chief secretary of environment, forest, and climate change, said the state's fifth tiger reserve — after Pilibhit, Amangarh, Ranipur and Bijnor — will soon be notified.
5. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)'s 2024 Child Nutrition Report titled "Child Food Poverty: Nutrition Deprivation in Early Childhood", globally, 1 in 4 children (27%) are living in severe child food poverty in early childhood, this amounts to around 181 million children under 5 years of age.
 - These children are 50% more likely to experience wasting, a form of malnutrition which is defined as low weight-for-height. For the first time, this report examines dietary deprivation among the world's youngest people in nearly 100 countries, and across all income groups.

6. Good news for PM-Kisan Nidhi beneficiaries! Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 10 cleared the 17th installment of PM-Kisan Nidhi for farmers, signing his first file of his third term in the Prime Minister's Office.
 - It is expected that crores of farmer beneficiaries will receive the amount in their bank account by the end of this month.
7. After being sworn in as Prime Minister for the 3rd time, PM Narendra Modi signed his first file authorising release of 17th instalment of PM Kisan Nidhi. This will benefit 9.3 crore farmers and distribute around Rs20,000 crore.
8. Sumit Nagal won his second Challenger title of the season in Helibronn, Germany, beating Alexander Ritschard. This victory marked his sixth career Challenger title and 15th overall singles title in the professional circuit.
 - Sumit Nagal is an Indian professional tennis player. He is currently the No. 1 ranked Indian player with a career-high singles ranking of world No. 77.
9. Magnus Carlsen has clinched his sixth Norway Chess title. In the Women's competition, Ju Wenjun scripted history as she clinched the title in the inaugural edition of the tournament.

10. Puja Tomar made history as the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC). She defeated Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024. She Hails from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- Tomar has competed in other tournaments, including Matrix Fight Night, where she won the straw-weight title twice.

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