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## VOCABULARY

1. Rudderless: Lacking a clear sense of purpose or direction.
  - Synonyms: Aimless, directionless, drifting
  - Antonyms: Purposeful, directed, focused
  - Sentence: Without a strong leader, the organization felt rudderless and disorganized.
  
2. Bonhomie: Cheerful friendliness; geniality.
  - Synonyms: Friendliness, geniality, camaraderie
  - Antonyms: Hostility, aloofness, coldness
  - Sentence: The bonhomie between the team members was evident during the celebration.
  
3. Haring: To move swiftly or suddenly.
  - Synonyms: Rushing, darting, speeding
  - Antonyms: Dawdling, lingering, ambling
  - Sentence: The researchers were haring to complete the project before the deadline.
  
4. Assiduousness: Showing great care and perseverance.
  - Synonyms: Diligence, industriousness, perseverance
  - Antonyms: Negligence, carelessness, indifference
  - Sentence: Her assiduousness in completing the research earned her a scholarship.

5. Endorsement: An act of giving one's public approval or support to someone or something.
- Synonyms: Support, approval, backing
  - Antonyms: Opposition, disapproval, condemnation
  - Sentence: The candidate received an endorsement from several prominent politicians.
6. Eradicate: To destroy completely; put an end to.
- Synonyms: Eliminate, exterminate, abolish
  - Antonyms: Establish, create, promote
  - Example: The government launched a campaign to eradicate illiteracy in rural areas.
7. Inimical: Tending to obstruct or harm.
- Synonyms: Harmful, hostile, antagonistic
  - Antonyms: Friendly, beneficial, supportive
  - Example: The inimical environment of the desert makes survival difficult.
8. Thwart: To prevent someone from accomplishing something.
- Synonyms: Prevent, hinder, obstruct
  - Antonyms: Aid, assist, facilitate
  - Sentence: Their plans were thwarted by unexpected weather conditions.

9. Mitigation: The action of reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something.
- Synonyms: Alleviation, reduction, lessening
  - Antonyms: Aggravation, intensification, worsening
  - Sentence: The mitigation of environmental damage was a key goal of the project.

### IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Break a leg : Good luck
11. Miss the boat : It's too late
12. On the ball : Doing a good job
13. The best of both worlds : An ideal situation
14. To get bent out of shape : To get upset

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

1. Infosys, a leading information technology company, has secured its position among the 100 most valuable brands in the world for the third consecutive year.
  - This recognition comes from Kantar, a prominent marketing data and analytics business, further solidifying Infosys' reputation as a global brand powerhouse.
2. The United Nations General Assembly has officially declared 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.
  - On June 7, 2024, the 193-member Assembly passed a resolution co-sponsored by Ghana and six other countries, acknowledging the significance of this groundbreaking field of study.
3. In Jammu and Kashmir, more than 5 thousand people, mostly members of the Kashmiri Pandit community, started their journey from Jammu today for the annual Kheer Bhawani mela in Kashmir amid tight security.
  - The annual Kheer Bhawani Mela, celebrated on Zeisht Ashtami, will be held on June 14 at the shrines of Tulmullain Ganderbal, Tikker in Kupwara, Laktipora Aishmuqam in Anantnag, Mata Tripursundri Devsar in Kulgam, and Mata Kheerbhawani Manzgam also in Kulgam.

4. Pema Khandu-led BJP in Arunachal Pradesh won the assembly polls by securing a landslide victory by winning 46 seats in the 60-member assembly.
  - Pema Khandu is set for another term as chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh after he was re-elected as the BJP legislature party leader in the state.
5. Sarod maestro of international repute Rajeev Taranath has passed away in Mysuru on Tuesday (11th June 2024) in Karnataka after a prolonged illness. He was 91.
6. Telugu Desam Party chief N Chandrababu Naidu has said that Amaravati would be the capital of Andhra Pradesh, a day before taking oath as the state chief minister. Naidu vowed that Amaravati would be the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh and also promised to complete the Polavaram Project.
7. Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) will now be allowed to offer admissions twice a year on lines of foreign universities. The two admission cycles followed globally also- will be July-August and January-February from the 2024-25 academic session.

- 8.** The Narendra Modi-led central government on Thursday reappointed former IPS officer Ajit Doval as the National Security Adviser (NSA) and former IAS officer Dr PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.

  - "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Ajit Doval, IPS (Retired) as National Security Adviser with effect from 10.06.2024," said the order issued by the Personnel Ministry.
- 9.** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) plans to develop revolutionary underwater unmanned aerial vehicles (ULUAVs) in collaboration with a Pune-based defence startup to boost India's underwater military capabilities.
- 10.** Divya Deshmukh added another significant title to her already impressive collection on Thursday. The 18-year-old from Nagpur won the World junior girls' chess championship after beating Bulgaria's Beloslava Krastevain the final round at the Gift City Club.