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VOCABULARY

- 1. Prolonging:** Extending the duration or existence of something unnecessarily.
 - Synonyms: Extending, lengthening, perpetuating
 - Antonyms: Shortening, abbreviating, curtailing
 - Example: Prolonging the meeting any further would only waste everyone's time.
- 2. Bumpy:** Characterized by difficulties, problems, or setbacks.
 - Synonyms: Rough, turbulent, uneven
 - Antonyms: Smooth, steady, stable
 - Sentence: The journey was bumpy due to the unpaved road.
- 3. Let-up:** A pause or reduction in the intensity of something.
 - Synonyms: Decrease, cessation, respite
 - Antonyms: Increase, continuation, escalation
 - Sentence: There was no let-up in the soaring temperatures despite the onset of monsoon.
- 4. Disconcertingly:** In a way that causes someone to feel unsettled or uneasy.
 - Synonyms: Alarming, disturbingly, unsettlingly
 - Antonyms: Comfortably, reassuringly, calmly
 - Example: The sudden change in plans was disconcertingly unexpected.

5. Rogue: A person or thing that behaves in an unpredictable or erratic way, typically with negative connotations.
- Synonyms: Outlaw, renegade, maverick
 - Antonyms: Law-abiding, conformist, obedient
 - Example: The corporation was accused of being a rogue entity due to its unethical practices.
6. Bruising: Very damaging or harmful, especially to one's reputation or prospects.
- Synonyms: Damaging, harmful, injurious
 - Antonyms: Gentle, light, mild
 - Sentence: The company's stock price took a bruising after the scandal.
7. Disbursals: The action of paying out money, especially from a fund.
- Synonyms: Payments, distributions, expenditures
 - Antonyms: Receipts, collections, savings
 - Sentence: The company's disbursals for employee benefits increased significantly this year.
8. Unrelenting: Not yielding in strength, severity, or determination.
- Synonyms: Persistent, relentless, constant
 - Antonyms: Relenting, yielding, forgiving
 - Sentence: The unrelenting rain caused flooding in many parts of the city.

9. Rudderless: Lacking direction or leadership; aimless.

- Synonyms: Directionless, leaderless, adrift
- Antonyms: Guided, directed, purposeful
- Sentence: The company became rudderless after the CEO resigned unexpectedly.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Queer the pitch: Spoil a plan
11. Vanish into thin air : Disappear completely
12. Cool as a cucumber: Very calm and composed
13. Down in the dumps : Feeling depressed
14. Hit the books: Start studying seriously

CURRENT AFFAIRS

15th June, 2024

1. G7 nations support a US proposal for a \$50 billion loan to Ukraine, using interest from frozen Russian central bank assets as collateral.
 - The summit in Italy, hosted by Premier Giorgia Meloni, also features discussions on the Ukraine conflict, the Gaza war, and China's industrial policies. The G7 includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United-Kingdom and the United States.
2. The 2024 Global Peace Index Compiled by the international think-tank Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), covers 163 independent states and territories home to 99.7% of the world's population.
The level of global peacefulness decreased this year by 0.56%.
 - India ranked at 116th position in 2024 index.

RANKING:

- 1st –Iceland
- 2nd –Ireland
- 3rd – Austria

- 3.** India ranks as the second-largest emitter of nitrous oxide (N₂O) globally, a greenhouse gas significantly more potent than carbon dioxide in terms of atmospheric heating.
- 4.** The Assam government has announced a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina(MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state. This was announced by the Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on 12 June 2024 after the Assam government cabinet approved the scheme.
- 5.** On World Blood Donor Day, celebrated on 14 June 2024, WHO, its partners and communities across the world will unite behind the theme: "20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors!"
- 6.** Every year, Odisha comes alive with the vibrant hues of Raja Parba, a three-day festival that unfolds like a tapestry woven from tradition, femininity, and agricultural prosperity. Falling on June 14th to 16th in 2024, this joyous celebration coincides with the arrival of the monsoon season, marking a time of renewal and thanks giving.
- 7.** National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) has launched a Mobile App "NCRB Sankalanof Criminal Laws" to serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place.

- 8.** The army has got its first indigenous man portable suicide drones that are designed to target enemy training camps, launch pads and infiltrators with precision, without endangering the lives of soldiers.
- 9.** World Athletics on Wednesday announced a five-year global broadcasting services deal with Tata Communications, making the Indian telecom major a partner in the coverage of marquee events from next year, including the Tokyo World Championships.
- 10.** ShrutiVora, astride Magnanimous, has become the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event-a historic achievement for the Indian equestrian. Shrutiscored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 eve.