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VOCABULARY

1. Hush money : Money paid so that someone will keep information secret.
 - Synonyms: Boodle, Kickbacks, Gratuity, Bribe
 - Antonyms: Confession, Revelation, Disclosure
 - Sentence: His secretary claims he offered her hush money to keep quiet about the affair.

2. Indictment: A written paper that officially accuses somebody of a crime.
 - Synonyms: Allegation, Accusation, Summons, Charge
 - Antonyms: Acquittal, Exonerations, Absolutions
 - Sentence: The grand jury has handed down indictments against several mobsters.

3. Disparate: Essentially different in kind.
 - Synonyms: Different, Differing, Dissimilar, Contrasting
 - Antonyms: Homogeneous, Alike, Similar
 - Sentence: He looked from one sister to the other, both beauties, but in such disparate ways.

4. Embattled: Involved in or prepared for war, especially because surrounded by enemy forces.
 - Synonyms: Militarized, Besieged, Beleaguered
 - Antonyms: Unchallenged, Untroubled, peaceful
 - Sentence: The embattled party faced numerous allegations.

5. Suboptimal: Not at the best possible level, less than optimal
- Synonyms: Unacceptable, Lame, Bad, Disastrous
 - Antonyms: Ideal, Optimal, Perfect
 - Sentence: It has always puzzled me that a seemingly suboptimal pacing strategy could produce so many world records.
6. Bespoke: Made for a particular customer or user.
- Synonyms: Indicate, Display, Personalized, Custom
 - Antonyms: Belie, Standard, Ready-made
 - Sentence: Bespoke items are designed or made to fit the requirements of an individual customer.
7. Subpar: below an average, usual or normal level, quality
- Synonyms: Cheap, Inferior, Worthless, Trashy, Useless
 - Antonyms: Excellent, Remarkable, Outstanding
 - Sentence: She shot a subpar score in the first round
8. Fray: A situation of intense activity, a fight, an argument or any lively action scene.
- Synonyms: Clash, Battle, Tussle, Contest, Conflict, Dispute
 - Antonyms: Agreement, Peace, Stability, Harmony
 - Sentence: The stitching had begun to fray at the edges.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. Break the ice: To initiate conversation.
10. Hit the hay: To go to bed.
11. Under the weather: Feeling ill or sick.
12. Cost an arm and a leg: To be very expensive.
13. Cut to the chase: To get to the point.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

1st June, 2024

1. Indian Air Force contingent arrives in Alaska for multinational Exercise Red Flag 24

- An Indian Air Force contingent reached the Eielson Air Force Base of the U.S. Air Force in Alaska, United States of America, today to participate in the upcoming edition of the multi-national exercise Red Flag 24.
- The Indian Air Force said that, ably supported by its IL-78 air-to-air refuellers and the C-17 transport aircraft, the IAF Rafale fighters took a transatlantic flight with staging halts at Greece and Portugal. Ex-Red Flag is a two-week advanced aerial combat training exercise aimed at integrating aircrew in a multinational environment.

2. Agnikul Cosmos launched World's 1st Rocket with fully 3D-printed Engine:

- IIT Madras incubated startup Agnikul Cosmos test launched the indigenously designed and developed world's first rocket with a single piece 3D printed engine from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

3. Japan to launch the world's first wooden satellite:

- Japanese scientists have successfully built the world's first wooden satellite, called Lignosat. This innovative project aims to reduce space debris by burning up completely upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

- This project is collaboration between Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry. The launch of the compact cubesat, measuring a mere four inches on each side, and is crafted from Mangolia wood selected for its strength and workability after space exposure tests were conducted on cherry, birch, and magnolia wood chips. The wood was sourced from Sumitomo Forestry's company forest.

4. **World organization for Animal Health elected new director general: Dr. Emmanuelle Saubeyran:**

- France applauds the election of Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran as Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) for the 2024-2029 term. She was elected to this position on May 28 at the World Assembly of Delegates, which was held in Paris, and extends her thanks to all the member countries and territories for their show of confidence.
- Her candidacy reflected France's commitment to the organization's goal of promoting animal health and well-being. France, which worked to establish the WOAH, is one of its leading contributors and hosts the organization's headquarters in Paris. It will continue to lobby for the WOAH's recognition within the multilateral system and in support of an ambitious vision for its future.

5. Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta became the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season. Gupta set a record by being the first Indian to traverse from Mt. Everest to Mt. Lhotse in 11 hours and 15 minutes.
6. World Milk Day is an annual event celebrated on June 1st, established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The purpose of this day is to acknowledge the significance of milk as a vital food source worldwide.
 - This year's theme will focus on celebrating the vital role dairy plays in delivering quality nutrition to nourish the world. Dairy is an accessible, affordable, and nutrient-dense food and an essential part of balanced diets across the world.
7. 'Made of Chennai', a brand campaign by The Hindu won in the 'Best in Audience Engagement' category at the WAN-IFRA 2024 Digital Media Awards Worldwide in Copenhagen, Denmark.
 - The awards ceremony held on May 27 acknowledged excellence and groundbreaking digital innovation across a range of categories that recognise the changing way people receive and engage with news.

8. Rakesh Ranjan, a 1992 batch IAS officer from Manipur Cadre, has been appointed as Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.
9. Coastal mangroves in Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives were recently rated as “critically endangered” by the International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN).
 - According to the IUCN’s first global assessment of mangrove ecosystems, this scary classification shows that these places have a lot of problems that need to be fixed for conservation reasons.
10. The Kavango-Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) Summit took place in Livingstone, Zambia, in May 2023, and more than 400 people were there.
 - Representatives from Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe met at this meeting for five days, from May 27 to May 31. The KAZA conservation area is made up of these countries. It is known for having a lot of wildlife, including the world’s largest population of elephants.
11. TIME’s world’s most influential companies’ list includes Reliance and Tata.