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## VOCABULARY

1. Subterranean: Existing, occurring, or done under the earth's surface.
  - Synonyms: Underground, hidden, covert
  - Antonyms: Surface, visible, overt
  - Example: The investigation uncovered a subterranean network of illegal activities.
2. Queered: Spoiled or ruined (slang); to make something questionable or problematic.
  - Synonyms: Complicated, thwarted, disrupted
  - Antonyms: Simplified, facilitated, assisted
  - Example: His untimely comments queered the deal.
3. Ratcheted: To cause something to rise or fall as a step in what is perceived as an irreversible process.
  - Synonyms: Escalated, intensified, increased
  - Antonyms: Decreased, reduced, lessened
  - Example: The conflict ratcheted up tensions between the two nations.
4. Rhetoric: The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.
  - Synonyms: Oratory, eloquence, discourse
  - Antonyms: Silence, quiet, inarticulateness
  - Example: The politician's rhetoric was designed to appeal to the masses.

5. Disciple: A follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher.
- Synonyms: Follower, adherent, devotee
  - Antonyms: Opponent, critic, adversary
  - Example: He was a dedicated disciple of the renowned philosopher.
6. Pejoratively: Expressing contempt or disapproval.
- Synonyms: Disparagingly, derogatorily, contemptuously
  - Antonyms: Respectfully, appreciatively, admiringly
  - Example: The term was used pejoratively to criticize the opposition.
7. Brash: Self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way.
- Synonyms: Bold, audacious, impudent
  - Antonyms: Meek, reserved, timid
  - Example: His brash comments offended many people at the meeting.
8. Transgress: Go beyond the bounds of a moral principle or other established standard of behavior.
- Synonyms: Violate, infringe, overstep
  - Antonyms: Obey, comply, conform
  - Example: Those who transgress the law will face consequences.

9. Raking: Bring up for discussion or debate.

- Synonyms: Raising, bringing up, broaching
- Antonyms: Suppressing, ignoring, neglecting
- Example: The politician kept raking up old issues during the campaign.

### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

10. A dime a dozen: Anything that is common and easy to Get.
11. At the drop of a hat: At the drop of a hat.
12. Bite your tongue: To avoid talking.
13. Dog days of summer: The hottest day of the summer Season.
14. Bits and Pieces: small things of different types.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024

1. ISRO and Wipro 3D have collaboratively developed and tested a 3D-printed rocket engine for India's PSLV, showcasing advancements in additive manufacturing technology.
2. Djibouti, a nation in East Africa, is taking a bold step in the fight against malaria by deploying genetically modified (GM) mosquitoes.
  - This pilot program, launched in May 2024, marks a significant moment in the battle against this deadly disease.
3. The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK), in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has established a DRDO-IndustryAcademia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE) on its campus for interdisciplinary research in next-generation defence technologies.
4. Telangana is all set to celebrate its 10th formation day with a new anthem, "Jaya Jaya Hey Telangana". The song was written by Ande Sri and music was composed by Academy Award winner Keeravani.

5. The Gautam Adani-owned Adani group has entered the port business in the African country of Tanzania by securing a 30-year lease of Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port. An agreement was signed between the Tanzania Ports Authority and Adani International Ports Holdings Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ).
  - Recently, the Indian government-owned Indian Ports Global Ltd secured a 10-year deal to manage and operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal of Chabahar Port of Iran.
6. According to the provisional estimate of the National Statistical Organisation (NSO), the Indian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 8.2 per cent in the financial year 2023-24. The Indian GDP growth rate in 2022-23 was 7 percent. This is the ninth time since 1960-61 the Indian GDP has grown by 8 per cent or more in a financial year.
7. Bruhat Soma, a 12-year-old Indian-American seventh grade student from Florida, has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee after he spelt 29 words correctly in the tiebreaker, maintaining the dominance of the children from the small ethnic community in the prestigious competition.
  - Bruhat emerged victorious in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday, earning more than \$50,000 in cash and other prizes.

8. In a significant development, the government of J&K has declared human rabies a notifiable disease under the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897.
- As per a notification issued by the Health and Medical Education Department, all government and private health facilities, including medical colleges have been directed to report any suspected, probable, and confirmed cases of human rabies to the respective Chief Medical Officer and the State Nodal Officer of the National Rabies Control Program.
9. Indian badminton maestro Ms. PV Sindhu was designated as the brand ambassador for Tobacco Control.
10. Nishant Dev, a world championships bronze medalist, is the first Indian male to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. He qualified by defeating Moldova's Vasile Cebotari with a unanimous 5-0 decision in the men's 71 kg category quarterfinal at the World Boxing Qualifiers on 31 May 2024.
- Dev is the fourth Indian pugilist to qualify for the Paris Olympics, joining Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti (54kg), and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg). Lovlina Borgohain is a Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist.