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## VOCABULARY

1. Meander: To wander aimlessly or casually without urgent destination.
  - Synonyms: Ramble, wander, drift
  - Antonyms: Rush, hasten, hurry
  - Example: The river meandered through the valley, creating a picturesque landscape.
  
2. Pedigreed: Having a known and recorded lineage or ancestry.
  - Synonyms: Purebred, thoroughbred, highborn
  - Antonyms: Mixed-breed, hybrid, lowborn
  - Example: The pedigreed horse won the championship race
  
3. Evangelical: Enthusiastically advocating for a cause.
  - Synonyms: Zealous, passionate, fervent
  - Antonyms: Apathetic, indifferent, dispassionate
  - Example: The organization took an evangelical approach to promote education.
  
4. Allure: The quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating.
  - Synonyms: Charm, appeal, attraction
  - Antonyms: Repulsion, unattractiveness, aversion
  - Example: The allure of the city's nightlife attracted many tourists.

5. **Simmering:** To be in a state of suppressed anger or excitement.
- Synonyms: Seething, fuming, smoldering
  - Antonyms: Calm, tranquil, composed
  - Example: The simmering tension between the two teams was palpable.
6. **Rollicking:** Exuberantly lively and amusing.
- Synonyms: Boisterous, lively, exuberant
  - Antonyms: Sedate, serious, solemn
  - Example: The rollicking party continued late into the night.
7. **Nuance:** A subtle difference or distinction in expression, meaning, or response.
- Synonyms: Subtlety, distinction, shade
  - Antonyms: Obviousness, bluntness, crudeness
  - Example: Understanding the nuances of the language takes time and practice.
8. **Tumultuous:** Making a loud, confused noise; uproarious.
- Synonyms: Chaotic, turbulent, noisy
  - Antonyms: Calm, orderly, peaceful
  - Example: The tumultuous crowd made it difficult to hear the announcement.

## IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. A crushing blow: A hurtful action
10. A crying shame: A disgrace; something unfair that make us feel sorry for the victimised
11. A cushy job: An easy job that is not demanding or Difficult
12. A cut above the average: Higher than normal
13. Add fuel to fire: To make matters worse

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

1. A court in the Philippines has sided with green campaigners and banned a genetically modified rice variety that the government hoped would help fight vitamin A deficiency – the leading cause of childhood blindness in poorer countries.
  - Three years ago, the rice-dependent nation became the first to approve commercial cultivation of so-called Golden Rice, which unlike conventional rice varieties produces beta-carotene in the grain. The body uses beta-carotene to make vitamin A.
2. On 28th May 2024, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) jointly launched a new USD 135 million Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program (BGI-IP), a transformative and comprehensive initiative designed to address pressing environmental challenges faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
  - The initiative was launched during the 4th International Conference on SIDS (SIDS4) held in Antigua and Barbuda from 27th to 30th May 2024 under the overarching theme of "Charting the course toward resilient prosperity".

- This will support 15 SIDS, which were selected through a competitive "Expressions of Interest" process, representing all SIDS sub-regions (the Caribbean, the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Indian Ocean, and the South China Sea (AIS)).
- The 15 SIDS selected out of the 39 SIDS are Belize, Cape Verde, Comoros, Cuba, Maldives, Mauritius, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Seychelles, Timor Leste, Trinidad & Tobago, and Vanuatu.

3. Billionaire Gautam Adani has once again overtaken Mukesh Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries to become Asia's richest individual on Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Adani Group chairman currently ranks 11th on the index with a net worth of \$111 billion, surpassing Ambani's \$109 billion.

- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Bernard Arnault is currently the wealthiest person in the world with a net worth of \$207 billion. He is followed by Elon Musk, who has a total wealth of \$203 billion, and Jeff Bezos, with \$199 billion.

4. The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has earmarked funds to construct canopy bridges for India's only ape to move across a railway track bifurcating its prime habitat in eastern Assam.
5. Halla Tomasdottir, a businesswoman and investor, has won Iceland's presidential election, topping a crowded field of candidates in which the top three finishers were women, the country's national broadcast service reports.
  - Tomasdottir, 55, was elected to the largely ceremonial post with 34.3 percent of the vote, defeating former Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir, with 25.2 percent, and Halla Hrund Logadottir, with 15.5 percent, RUV said on Sunday.
6. China landed an uncrewed spacecraft on the far side of the moon on Sunday, a landmark mission which aims to retrieve rocks and soil from the lunar surface: by China's space agency.
7. The revised toll charges for motorists on national highways across the country have come to effect from Monday, an official said. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has hiked the toll charges by an average of 5 per cent.
8. Maldives will now prohibit Israeli passport holders from entering the country in response to Israel's retaliatory bombardments and ground offensive in Gaza.

- Minister of homeland security and technology Ali Ihusan said that President Mohamed Muizzu, during a cabinet meeting, decided to initiate the necessary legal changes to enforce this ban.
9. Real Madrid defeated Borussia Dortmund 2-0 at Wembley Stadium to win their 15th UEFA Champions League title.
- Goals from Dani Carvajal and Vinicius Junior in the second half secured the victory.
  - The match marked the end of Toni Kroos' club football career.
  - The UEFA Champions League is an annual club association football competition organised by the Union of European Football Association.
10. Virat Kohli received the ICC ODI Player of the Year 2023 award and he was also named in the ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year for 2023.
- Kohli has let the Indian cricket team win 2011 Cricket World Cup, 2013 ICC Champions Trophy and captained India to win ICC Test in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
  - Kohli bagged the Arjuna Award in 2013, Padma Shri in 2017, and Khel Ratna award in 2018.