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## VOCABULARY

1. Unambiguous: Not open to more than one interpretation.
  - Synonyms: Clear, unequivocal, definite
  - Antonyms: Ambiguous, vague, unclear
  - Example: The instructions were unambiguous and easy to follow.
  
2. Conciliatory: Intended to placate or pacify.
  - Synonyms: Pacifying, appeasing, placatory
  - Antonyms: Antagonistic, confrontational, aggressive
  - Example: His speech was intended to be conciliatory to avoid further conflict.
  
3. Reemergence: The process of coming into sight or prominence once more.
  - Synonyms: Revival, resurgence, comeback
  - Antonyms: Decline, disappearance, recession
  - Example: The reemergence of the disease has alarmed health officials.
  
4. Incumbency: The holding of an office or the period during which one is held.
  - Synonyms: Tenure, term, office
  - Antonyms: Candidacy, vacancy
  - Example: During his incumbency, he introduced several key reforms.

5. Clamour: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.

- Synonyms: Outcry, uproar, noise
- Antonyms: Silence, quiet, calm
- Example: The clamour of the protesters could be heard from a distance.

6. Breached: To make a gap in and break through.

- Synonyms: Broken, penetrated, violated
- Antonyms: Repaired, fixed, sealed
- Example: The hackers breached the company's security system.

7. Inevitable: Certain to happen; unavoidable.

- Synonyms: Unavoidable, certain, inescapable
- Antonyms: Avoidable, uncertain, preventable
- Example: Given the circumstances, the outcome was inevitable.

## IDIOMS AND PHRASES

8. A bit dicey: A little risky
9. A bit dodgy: Dishonest
10. A bit much: Over-exaggerated
11. A bit obtuse: A little dull and stupid
12. A brainwave: An unexpected clever idea of insight

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

### 1. India's 1<sup>st</sup> female UN ambassador, Ruchira Kamboj, retires after 35 years:

- Ruchira Kamboj was the first woman to serve as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a position she assumed on August 2, 2022.
- She played key roles in handling political issues, UN Peacekeeping, UN Security Council Reform, and the Middle East crisis.
- She joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1987 and served in various roles across Paris, New York, and London.

2. The 21st Shangri-La Dialogue, a major Asia-Pacific defence summit, concluded in Singapore on 2 June 2024. Organized by the IISS and held at the Shangri-La Hotel.

3. Mexico has elected a woman president for the first time in its 200-year history. According to the provisional result of the Mexican election commission, Claudia Sheinbaum has taken an unassailable lead over her nearest presidential rivals. Mexican President and mentor of Claudia Sheinbaum, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, congratulated Claudia on her victory.

- Elections were held on 2 June 2024 in Mexico to elect a new president and more than 20,000 political positions, including all seats in the lower house and the senate of the Mexican Parliament and regional and municipal offices.
  - She will be sworn in as the President of Mexico on 1 October 2024.
4. Assam secures approval for new IIM in Kamrup district, with IIM Ahmedabad as mentor. Aimed at boosting education and economy in the region, the proposal emphasizes collaborative efforts.
5. The Nagpur district court on Monday handed life imprisonment to former BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd engineer Nishant Agarwal under the Official Secrets Act for spying for Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI.
- Nishant Agarwal will also have to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for 14 years and was also fined Rs3,000.
6. Iran-backed Houthi rebels have upped their ante against Israel amid the Gaza war. The rebels claim to have used Palestine ballistic missile for the first time in attack on Israel's port city of Eilat. Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said that the missile had 'successfully achieved its objective.'

7. Israel's long-range Arrow air defense system shot down a ballistic missile, apparently fired by the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen, over the Red Sea on Monday morning, the military said.
- Footage from Israel's southernmost city of Eilat showed smoke trails in the sky from the aftermath of the interception.
  - The Israel Defense Forces said the surface-to-surface missile, fired "from the direction of the Red Sea," was headed toward Israel, likely aimed for Eilat, when it was shot down using the advanced Arrow system.
8. World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5. It is a global event led by the United Nations to encourage awareness and action to protect the environment. The day aims to raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire people and governments to take action to protect the planet.
- This year (2024), the theme is "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."
9. In a significant move, PV Sindhu, the two-time Olympic medallist and World Champion in badminton, has invested in Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand.

10. India created a world record with 64.2 crore voters, including 31.2 crore women, participating in the Lok Sabha elections this year, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said on Monday.

- Addressing a press briefing, he said over 68,000 monitoring teams and 1.5 crore polling and security personnel were involved in the world's largest electoral exercise.

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