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VOCABULARY

1. Setback: Something that causes delay or stops progress
 - Synonyms: Delay, Check, Glitch, Hitch, Reversal, Obstacle
 - Antonyms: Success, Breakthrough, Step forward, Progress
 - Example: The financial crisis has been a major setback to our plans.

2. Rampant: Existing or spreading everywhere in a way that is Very difficult to control.
 - Synonyms: Ubiquitous, Omnipresent, Rife, Widespread
 - Antonyms: Controlled, restrained, contained
 - Example: Corruption was rampant in the government.

3. Clamour: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.
 - Synonyms: Outcry, uproar, noise
 - Antonyms: Silence, quiet, calm
 - Example: The clamour of the protest could be heard from miles away.

4. Ensuing: Happening or occurring afterward or as a result.
 - Synonyms: Subsequent, following, resulting
 - Antonyms: Preceding, antecedent, prior
 - Example: The ensuing chaos made it difficult to control the crowd.

5. Ameliorate: Make something bad or unsatisfactory better.
- Synonyms: mitigate
 - Antonyms: Worsen, exacerbate, deteriorate
 - Example: Efforts were made to ameliorate the living conditions of the poor.
6. Insularity: Ignorance of or lack of interest in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience.
- Synonyms: Narrow-mindedness, isolation
 - Antonyms: Openness, broad-mindedness
 - Example: His insularity prevented him from appreciating different viewpoints.
7. Parleys: Discussions or negotiations, especially between enemies.
- Synonyms: Talks, negotiations, conferences
 - Antonyms: Silence, confrontation, argument
 - Example: The leaders engaged in parleys to resolve the conflict.
8. Endorse: Declare one's public approval or support of.
- Synonyms: Support, approve, back
 - Antonyms: Oppose, reject, disapprove
 - Example: The celebrity endorsed the new product in a commercial.

9. Assiduously: With great care and perseverance.

- Synonyms: Diligently, meticulously, industriously
- Antonyms: Carelessly, negligently, lazily
- Example: She assiduously worked on her project until it was perfect.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Add a feather in one's cap: To acquire a new honour or distinction
11. A drop in the bucket: Very little compared to the total amount
12. A free bit of advice: A suggestion given that isn't requested
13. A fair crack at something: An opportunity to fix or solve a problem
14. A fine kettle of fish: A mistake hard to remedy

CURRENT AFFAIRS

6th June, 2024

1. India received the highest foreign direct investment (FDI) from Singapore in 2023-24 even as overseas capital inflows into the country contracted by about 3.5% due to global economic uncertainties, according to the latest government data.

- Though FDI from Singapore has dipped by 31.55% to \$11.77 billion in 2023-24, India has attracted the maximum inflows from that country, the data showed.

Updated GDP List

- DBS Bank –7% (FY25)
- NSO –8.2% (FY24)
- RBI –7% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs –6.7% (FY24)
- UN –6.9% (FY24), 6.6% (FY25)
- Moody's –6.6% (FY25)
- India Ratings –7.1% (FY25)
- OECD –6.6%(FY25), 6.6%(FY26)
- Fitch Rating –7% (FY25)

2. According to the Commerce Ministry data The Netherlands has emerged as India's third largest export destination after the U.S. and UAE during 2023-24, even as the country's merchandise shipments dipped by over 3%.
 - The main commodities which registered healthy exports growth in the Netherlands include petroleum products (\$14.29 billion), electrical goods, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals in the last fiscal.
3. A group of teachers and students at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dharwad, directed by Profs. Sudheer Siddapureddy and Ameer Mulla, with funding from the TiHAN Foundation, IIT Hyderabad.
4. State-run lender State Bank of India has become the seventh Indian listed company to have surpassed Rs8 lakh crore market capitalisation.
 - The shares of SBI hit a fresh record high of Rs 900.15 on BSE on June 3, rising as much as 8.3 percent in morning trade, its best day since September 2021. The share prices have soared over 40 percent so far this year.
5. Haryana launches a World Bank-funded initiative to combat air pollution, starting with NCR districts. It enhances monitoring infrastructure, promotes cleaner transportation and industry.

6. we celebrate the 300th birth anniversary of the Maratha queen Ahilya Bai Holkar — a great administrator and visionary with a spiritual inclination.
 - The 300th birth anniversary of Ahilya Bai Holkar, a great Maratha queen. She was born on May 31, 1725 to a shepherd family in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. Strived to be recognized as a leader in her own right, beyond being the wife of Khande Rao Holkar.
7. A mass fish kill struck the Periyar river in Kerala on May 20, 2024, leaving a path of destruction and sparking outrage. The incident, believed to be caused by industrial pollution from the Edayar Industrial Area, has caused immense loss to fish farmers and disrupted the local ecosystem.
8. 39-year-old former Indian all-rounder Kedar Jadhav announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He is the second former Indian cricketer to announce his retirement from cricket.
9. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) has notably advanced from the 149th position in 2024 to the 118th in the 2025 rankings, marking an impressive climb of 31 places. Following IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, hold the second and third ranks in India, respectively.
 - IIT Delhi has jumped 47 ranks from 197 to 150, while IISc has improved from 225 to 211, moving up 14 positions.

- 10.** Narendra Modi is likely to be sworn-in as the Prime Minister for a third consecutive term on June 8 as the NDA scraped past the majority mark to win 292 seats.
- President Droupadi Murmu accepted the resignation of Modi as Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers. Murmu requested Modi to continue in his post till the new government assumed office.

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