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VOCABULARY

1. Astounding: causing somebody to feel extremely surprised.
 - Synonyms: Stunning, Surprising, Astonishing, Amazing
 - Antonyms: Unexceptional, Unexciting, Ordinary
 - Example: He ate an astounding amount of food.

2. Garner: To obtain or collect something such that information or support.
 - Synonyms: Gather, Collect, Accumulate, collect
 - Antonyms: Spread, Dissipate, Disperse, Scatter
 - Example: I managed to garner some information from the press.

3. Eschew: Deliberately avoid using; abstain from.
 - Synonyms: Shun, Abstain, Give up, Renounce
 - Antonyms: Go along, Embrace, Adopt, Indulge in
 - Example: They eschew Political discussion.

4. Incarceration: The act of putting/keeping someone in prison.
 - Synonyms: Confinement, Captivity, Detention
 - Antonyms: Emancipate, Discharge, Release, freedom
 - Example: The prisoner was sentenced to 3 years of incarceration.

5. Vendetta: A violent fight between two parties.
- Synonyms: Conflict, grudge, enmity
 - Antonyms: Amity, Harmony, Affection, Peace
 - Example: It felt like they were pursuing a vendetta against me.
6. Decimation: The killing or destruction of a large proportion of a group or species.
- Synonyms: Obliterate, Exterminate, Demolition
 - Antonyms: Protection, construction
 - Example: The decimation of the population by the disease was tragic.
7. Purported: Appearing or stated to be true, though not necessarily so; alleged.
- Synonyms: Alleged, claimed, supposed
 - Antonyms: Genuine, authentic, real
 - Example: The purported benefits of the scheme were questioned by many.
8. Concede: Admit that something is true or valid after first denying or resisting it.
- Synonyms: Admit, acknowledge, accept
 - Antonyms: Deny, reject, refute
 - Example: He finally conceded that he had made a mistake.

9. Salient: Most noticeable or important.
- Synonyms: Prominent, notable, conspicuous
 - Antonyms: Inconspicuous, unimportant, obscure
 - Example: The report covered all the salient points of the debate.
10. Superfluous: Unnecessary, especially through being more than enough.
- Synonyms: Excessive, redundant, surplus
 - Antonyms: Necessary, essential, required
 - Example: The report was filled with superfluous details.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. A gut feeling: An intuitive feeling or response to something
12. A hard nut to crack: A person or thing that is difficult to deal with
13. A harrowing experience: A frightening occurrence
14. A hell of a time: A difficult time trying to get something accomplished
15. A hothead: Someone who quickly get angry

CURRENT AFFAIRS

7th June, 2024

1. ESA launches EarthCARE satellite to study the impact of clouds on climate change

- The European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the EarthCARE satellite on a Falcon 9 rocket from the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, with the confirmation signal about the satellite's orbital status coming from the Hartebeesthoek ground station in South Africa.
- The mission is a joint venture between ESA and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and was designed and built by a consortium of more than 75 companies under Airbus as the prime contractor.

2. Over 50% of the world's mangroves is at risk of collapse, Climate change leading factor: IUCN

- According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List of Mangrove Ecosystems, over 50% of the world's mangrove ecosystems are at risk of collapse, with nearly 1 in 5 faces severe risk.
- As per the study, climate change poses serious threats to 33% (1/3rd) of the mangrove ecosystems across the world.

3. Poet and playwright Siddhalinga Pattanashetti has been awarded the prestigious Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024 by the Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti (Haveri District). The announcement was made by Veeranna Chekki, senior trustee of the foundation.
4. **Adani One launches 2 credit cards in partnership with ICICI Bank:**
 - Adani Group has entered the retail finance sector with the launch of 2 credit cards in partnership with ICICI Bank and Visa. The two cards- Signature and Platinum will be offered by Adani One, the consumer app housed by Adani Digital Labs, the digital arm of Adani Enterprises Ltd.
5. Russian missile attack on the central city of Dnipro injured seven people, including two children, and damaged civilian infrastructure in early hours of Tuesday, local authorities said
 - Ukrainian air force said it shot down two Iskander-K cruise missiles over the region. The missile debris damaged civilian infrastructure, causing a fire and injuring residents, according to Serhiy Lysak, the regional governor.
6. World Food Safety Day (WFSD) is observed on 7 June every year. The United Nations established the day to highlight the importance of food safety and the need to prevent, detect, and manage foodborne hazards in order to ensure food security for all.

- This year, the theme of World Food Safety Day 2024 is 'Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected'.

7. Naveen Patnaik resigns as Odisha CM after electoral defeat, 24-year rule ends

- Marking the end of his 24-year-rule in Odisha, BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik on June 5 resigned from the post of the Chief Minister after the defeat of his party in the assembly elections in the State.
- Mr. Naveen Patnaik handed over his resignation letter to Governor Raghubar Das at the Raj Bhavan.

8. Russian Cosmonaut Becomes 1st Person to Spend 1,000 Days in Space:

- Roscosmos state corporation cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko, who currently works at the International Space Station has booked a record of 1,000 days for the first time in the world in terms of total spaceflight duration.

9. Sheikh Meshal recently dissolved parliament for as many as four years amid the widespread political dysfunction that's gripped Kuwait. Kuwait Emir named the small nation's new crown prince, nearly six months after he took the throne. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Sabah will become next in line to the throne.

10. During the clash between India and Ireland in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 on Wednesday, Rohit completed 600 sixes in international cricket. No player in the world has reached the milestone, other than Rohit, with Chris Gayle sitting next, at 553 sixes in international cricket.
11. On World Environment Day PM Modi launches "EK PED MAA KE NAAM" Campaign.

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