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VOCABULARY

1. Effusive: Showing/Expressing feelings of gratitude, pleasure, or approval in an unrestrained or heartfelt manner.
 - Synonyms: Extravagant, Gushing, Unreserved, Enthusiastic, Unrestrained
 - Antonyms: Aloof, Reserved, Restrained
 - Sentence: Her bright spirits returned with effusive thanks.

2. Conciliatory: Intended or likely to placate or pacify.
 - Synonyms: Appeasing, pacifying, mollifying
 - Antonyms: Antagonistic, hostile, confrontational
 - Sentence: His conciliatory approach helped to resolve the conflict peacefully.

3. Unanimity: Agreement by all people involved; consensus.
 - Synonyms: Consensus, agreement, concord
 - Antonyms: Disagreement, discord, dissent
 - Sentence: The proposal was accepted with complete unanimity by the board members.

4. Ambiguity: Uncertainty or inexactness of meaning in language.
 - Synonyms: Vagueness, obscurity, uncertainty
 - Antonyms: Clarity, certainty, precision
 - Sentence: The ambiguity in his statement led to confusion among the listeners.

5. Pragmatic: Dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.
- Synonyms: Practical, realistic, sensible
 - Antonyms: Impractical, unrealistic, idealistic
 - Sentence: His pragmatic approach to problem-solving helped the company navigate through the crisis.
6. Jeopardising: Put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.
- Synonyms: Endangering, risking, imperiling
 - Antonyms: Protecting, safeguarding, securing
 - Sentence: His careless actions were jeopardising the safety of everyone on board.
7. Endorse: Declare one's public approval or support of.
- Synonyms: Support, approve, back
 - Antonyms: Oppose, reject, criticize
 - Sentence: Several celebrities endorse the new product.
8. Ballooning: Increasing rapidly.
- Synonyms: Expanding, swelling, growing
 - Antonyms: Shrinking, diminishing, decreasing
 - Sentence: The ballooning costs of healthcare are a major concern for the government.

9. **Compatibility:** The ability of two systems or components to work together without conflict.
- Synonyms: Harmony, accord, congruence
 - Antonyms: Incompatibility, discord, conflict
 - Sentence: The software's compatibility with multiple operating systems is a significant advantage.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Year in, year out: Happening consistently or repeatedly every year
11. See eye to eye: Agree or have the same opinion as someone else
12. Not a hair out of place: Immaculately neat and tidy
13. Face the music: Accept the consequences
14. Whole nine yards: The complete or full extent of something

CURRENT AFFAIRS

8th June, 2024

1. India, South Korea, US, Japan, EU launch biopharmaceutical Alliance:

- South Korea, India, the United States, Japan, and the European Union (EU) have come together to launch an alliance to put joint efforts into building a resilient supply chain in the biopharmaceutical sector, the South Korean presidential office said in Seoul on June 6.
- The inaugural meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Alliance, held in San Diego during the Bio International Convention 2024, had representatives from government officials and bio and pharmaceutical companies from the participating countries, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

2. Secretary, Electronics and IT Ministry, S. Krishnan on Wednesday (5th June 2024) inaugurated Indigenous Air Quality Monitoring System (AQ-AIMS) and launched Air-Pravah App on the occasion of World Environment Day. These are developed under MeitY supported technologies.

3. Priyanka Jarkiholi is the youngest tribal woman to win from an unreserved seat.

4. Hawaii's Kilauea one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupts again:

- One of the world's most active volcanoes Kilauea started erupting in a remote area early on Monday (June 3), said the US Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. The volcano had last erupted a half-century ago.
- The eruption is nearly 1.6 km south of the Kilauea caldera in a remote area inside the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park that had last erupted in December 1974.

5. Nagi and Nakti Bird sanctuaries designated Ramsar sites taking country's recognised wetland's count to 82:

- On World Environment Day 2024, the Nagi Bird Sanctuary and the Nakti Bird Sanctuary in Bihar were included in the global list of important wetlands. These newly designated Ramsar sites are man-made reservoirs located in the Jhajhaforest range of Jamui district in Bihar.

6. Two environmentalists, Jai Dhar Gupta and Vijay Dhasmana created India's first biosphere in a tiger reserve, called the Rajaji Raghathi Biosphere (RRB) within the Rajaji National Park in Uttarakhand.

7. A report on the status of diurnal arboreal mammals in and around the forest of Sharavathi Valley Lion-tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary which has been submitted to the Karnataka Forest Department recently has revealed that there are 730 LTM in vicinity.

- 8.** The number of high net-worth individuals (HNWI) in India increased by 12.2% in 2023 vs 2022, bringing the total number of HNWI population to 3.589 million, as per The Capgemini Research Institute's World Wealth Report 2024.
- The financial wealth of India's HNWIs increased by 12.4% in 2023 to \$1,445.7 billion while it was \$ 1,286.7 billion in 2022. Market buoyancy in 2023 sparked a \$3.8 trillion increase in HNWI's wealth.
- 9.** The Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy committee (MPC) voted 4-2 to hold the repo rate at 6.50% and to maintain the policy stance as "withdrawal of accommodation."
- External MPC member, Dr. Ashima Goyal joined Professor Jayanth Varma in voting for a 25bp cut; both also voted to changing the stance to neutral.
- 10.** Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece and Panama were Thursday elected as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for a two-year term beginning 2025. The five members were elected by a secret ballot in the UN General Assembly for a 2-year term starting on January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2026.
- In the two seats for African and Asia-Pacific States, Somalia got 179 votes and Pakistan 182.