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VOCABULARY

- 1. Recalibrated:** Adjusted or adapted to a new or different scale standard, or scope.
 - Synonyms: Adjusted, reset, redefined
 - Antonyms: Fixed, unchanged, unadjusted
 - Sentence: The strategy was recalibrated to account for recent market trends.

- 2. Austerity:** Conditions characterized by severity, sternness, or plainness.
 - Synonyms: Frugality, simplicity, restraint
 - Antonyms: Luxury, extravagance, indulgence
 - Sentence: The government imposed austerity measures to reduce spending.

- 3. Fabrication:** The action or process of manufacturing or inventing something.
 - Synonyms: Manufacture, invention, concoction
 - Antonyms: Reality, truth, authenticity
 - Sentence: The story was a complete fabrication designed to mislead the public.

- 4. Stupendous:** Extremely impressive; marvelous.
 - Synonyms: Spectacular, extraordinary, remarkable
 - Antonyms: Ordinary, mediocre, unremarkable
 - Sentence: The team's performance in the final match was stupendous.

- 5. Exculpate:** Show or declare that someone is not guilty of wrong doing.
- Synonyms: Absolve, acquit, clear
 - Antonyms: Accuse, blame, condemn
 - Sentence: The evidence helped exculpate the defendant from the charges.
- 6. Unseemly:** Not proper or appropriate.
- Synonyms: Inappropriate, improper, unbecoming
 - Antonyms: Appropriate, proper, suitable
 - Sentence: His unseemly behavior at the formal event was widely criticized.
- 7. Capitulation:** The action of surrendering or ceasing to resist an opponent or demand.
- Synonyms: Surrender, yielding, submission
 - Antonyms: Resistance, defiance, fighting
 - Sentence: The general's capitulation marked the end of the conflict.
- 8. Retrospective:** Looking back on or dealing with past events or situations.
- Synonyms: Historical, backward-looking, reflective
 - Antonyms: Prospective, forward-looking, future-oriented
 - Sentence: The new tax law will apply retrospectively from January 1st.

- 9. Summit:** The highest point of a hill or mountain; the highest attainable level of achievement.
- Synonyms: Peak, top, pinnacle
 - Antonyms: Bottom, base, nadir
 - Sentence: Climbing Mount Everest is reaching the summit of many climbers' dreams.
- 10. Resilient:** Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.
- Synonyms: Tough, strong, durable
 - Antonyms: Fragile, vulnerable, weak
 - Sentence: Despite setbacks, the team remained resilient and continued to perform well.

IDIOMS & PHRASES

- 11.** Doing the rounds: to be passed from one person to Another
- 12.** A damp squib: Complete failure
- 13.** Put off : to delay doing something.
- 14.** A dime a dozen : Anything that is common and easy to get
- 15.** A chip on your shoulder: Being upset for something

CURRENT AFFAIRS

1st July, 2024

1. The Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra has launched an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for early detection of forest fires, according to a statement on June 26 2024.
 - This state-of-the-art system features a high-resolution camera, with a visual range of 15 kilometres. This means it can effectively cover more than 350 sq km of the tiger reserve.
 - “The AI-powered platform, known as Pantera, leverages both the camera feed and satellite-based data to provide real-time alerts of forest fires within 3 minutes,” the statement noted.
2. Chandrayaan-4 will be launched in multiple parts and assembled in space before heading to the Moon.
 - This approach is necessary because the spacecraft’s size exceeds the carrying capacity of ISRO’s most powerful rocket.
 - Assembling spacecraft parts in orbit is not new—it’s how the International Space Station was built. However, this will be the first time a lunar mission follows this method, potentially setting a new precedent in space exploration.

3. The first plastic waste road of Jaipur Military Station was inaugurated by Maj Gen R S Godara, General Officer Commanding of 61 Sub Area.
- The Jaipur Military Station is the second military station to construct the plastic waste road and first to make it part of its maintenance programme.
 - One plastic waste road was earlier made in Narangi Military Station in Northeast in 2019," defence spokesperson Lt Col Amitabh Sharma said.
4. Turkish Finance Minister Mehmet Simsek announced that Turkey has been removed from the FATF 'grey list' after recent evaluations of the country's progress on money laundering and terrorist financing.
- The decision, declared at the FATF plenary meeting in Singapore, marks a significant milestone for Turkey, which had been placed on the grey list in 2021.
 - Establishment: 1989
 - Headquarters: Paris, France
 - Members: 39 members, including major countries and regional organizations
 - Purpose: To develop policies and standards to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

5. In a move aimed at empowering women, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP chief Ajit Pawar announced the launch of the 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin' (CM My Beloved Sister) scheme.
- This initiative, unveiled during the presentation of the state Budget at the Maharashtra Assembly, will provide all women aged between 21 and 60 years in the state with a monthly allowance of ₹1,500 starting from July 2024.
6. Pakistan's leaders have started Operation Azm-elstehkam, also known as "Resolve for Stability," to fight the rising violence and terrorism that are mostly caused by the country's battles with Afghanistan.
- This operation comes after a close look at the country's anti-terrorism plans by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, focusing on what was learned from the National Action Plan, which was made in response to the terrible 2014 attack on the Peshawar Army Public School.
 - Operation Azm-e-Istehkam's main goal is to improve security in the country by fighting threats from within and stopping armed rebels from Afghanistan. According to Sharif's office, the operation will "intensify" attacks against terrorists.

7. The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has decided to set up a bioplastic park in the state to deal with the problem of environmental pollution caused by the petroleum derivative based plastic products in the state. The chief minister has directed that the project shall be completed as soon as possible .
- The bioplastic park to be developed on 1000 hectares of land will be constructed in Kumbhi village, Gola Gokarnnath tehsil, Lakhimpur Kheri district. The project will be developed with an estimated cost of Rs2000 crore.
 - The state-based Balrampur Chini Mill will construct the proposed bioplastic park.
 - The state government has made the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) the nodal agency for the development of the bioplastic park.
8. Bank of Baroda (Bank) has announced that the Bank has signed rising Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal as its brand endorser. The move is in alignment with the Bank's long-standing philosophy to support emerging talented and ambitious Indian sportspersons as they endeavour to compete with the best on the world stage.

- The highest-ranked Indian singles tennis player currently, Sumit has jumped to a career-high singles ranking of World No. 71 on 17th June 2024, while securing a place in the Indian contingent for the Paris Olympics in the process. In January 2024, Sumit became the first Indian player in 35 years to defeat a seeded player in a Grand Slam men's singles match at the Australian Open 2024.
- Sumit joins a stellar line-up of Bank of Baroda endorsers that includes badminton star PV Sindhu and cricketing youth icon Shafali Verma.

9. Indian batter Shafali Verma make history on Friday when she scored the fastest double ton in Test cricket during the one-off Test match between India and South Africa at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. She reached her double century in just 194 deliveries.