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## VOCABULARY

- 1. Recalibration:** The act of adjusting or modifying something to achieve better results.
  - Synonyms: Adjustment, modification, realignment
  - Antonyms: Inflexibility, rigidity
  - Sentence: The company had to undergo a recalibration of its strategies to stay competitive in the market.
  
- 2. Taming:** To bring under control or make less wild or dangerous.
  - Synonyms: Subduing, controlling, curbing
  - Antonyms: Agitating, provoking, inciting
  - Sentence: The government is focused on taming inflation to ensure stable economic growth.
  
- 3. Palpable:** So intense as to seem almost tangible; easily noticeable.
  - Synonyms: Obvious, perceptible, evident
  - Antonyms: Hidden, obscure, unclear
  - Sentence: There was a palpable sense of excitement in the air before the concert began.

- 4. Anticipation:** The action of expecting or predicting something.
- Synonyms: Expectation, foresight, hope
  - Antonyms: Surprise, doubt, uncertainty
  - Sentence: There was great anticipation before the launch of the new smartphone.
- 5. Impair:** To weaken or damage something, especially a human faculty or function.
- Synonyms: Diminish, weaken, damage
  - Antonyms: Improve, enhance, strengthen
  - Sentence: Excessive drinking can impair your ability to make sound decisions.
- 6. Intervene:** To come between so as to prevent or alter a result or course of events.
- Synonyms: Mediate, intercede, step in
  - Antonyms: Ignore, overlook, avoid
  - Sentence: The government had to intervene to prevent a financial crisis.
- 7. Unrelenting:** Not yielding in strength, severity, or determination.
- Synonyms: Persistent, determined, steadfast
  - Antonyms: Yielding, flexible, lenient
  - Sentence: The unrelenting heat of the desert made survival difficult for the explorers.

- 8. Fragile:** Easily broken or damaged; vulnerable.
- Synonyms: Delicate, brittle, frail
  - Antonyms: Strong, robust, durable
  - Sentence: The fragile vase shattered as soon as it hit the ground.
- 9. Persist:** To continue in an action or attitude despite difficulties or opposition.
- Synonyms: Persevere, continue, endure
  - Antonyms: Quit, surrender, cease
  - Sentence: Despite the challenges, the company persisted in its efforts to innovate.
- 10. Chugging:** To move forward slowly and steadily.
- Synonyms: Plodding, trudging, progressing
  - Antonyms: Sprinting, halting, stopping
  - Sentence: The project is chugging along despite several challenges along the way.

### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

- 11.** Stick one's neck out: to take a risk
- 12.** Get your walking papers: get fired from the job
- 13.** Cork something up: to not allow oneself to express once anger, worry, or sadness.
- 14.** Cook someone's goose: spoil other person's chances of success
- 15.** Throw caution to the wind: to do something without worrying about the risk or negative results.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

21<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

1. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda(JP Nadda), inaugurated the second edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 in New Delhi. The 2nd Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 is organised alongside the 3rd World Food India 2024 on 20-21 September 2024.
  - The valedictory session of the 2nd Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 will be addressed by the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, also known as Lallan Singh, on 21 September 2024.
  - The first Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 was organised in New Delhi as a co-branded event with the G20 Summit.
  - The summit brings together countries' food regulators to exchange information on aspects of food regulation and safety requirements. It also provides an opportunity to promote cooperation between the food regulators of various countries.
2. The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of the National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) in Mumbai. Modeled after IITs and IIMs, this centre aims to enhance India's global content hub status, attract foreign investment.

3. International Red Panda Day, observed on the third Saturday of September, aims to raise awareness about the endangered red panda. The day supports conservation efforts, promotes education on their habitat, and encourages actions to protect these unique and vulnerable animals.
4. Jordan becomes the first country in the world to eliminate leprosy, receiving official verification from the World Health Organisation (WHO).
  - Jordan's success is the result of years of public health campaigns, early detection programs, free treatment, and community education.
5. Niti Aayog's master plan for Mumbai Metropolitan Region proposes the creation of 'EduCities' in areas like Navi Mumbai and MTHL. These integrated education hubs would include multiple colleges, universities, student housing, and recreational facilities, aiming to make MMR a leading higher education hub in India.
6. Fintech start-up Moneyview has become the sixth unicorn in the country after its latest funding round. The start-up raised \$4.6mn from Accel India and Nexus Ventures.

7. India has officially informed Pakistan about changes it wants to make to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), citing unexpected and significant reasons.
  - This notice was given under Article XII(3) of the treaty, which allows changes to be made through a new agreement between the two countries. India had already sent a notice in January 2023 because of ongoing arguments about Indian hydropower projects.
8. Union Minister Amit Shah has launched 'White Revolution 2.0', an initiative to transform India's dairy cooperative sector. The programme aims to empower women farmers, enhance milk production, strengthen dairy infrastructure, and boost exports. It includes the rollout of RuPay Kisan Credit Cards and micro-ATMs for dairy farmers, along with computerisation of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies.
9. After an exciting eleven days of action-packed performance in the 14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024, Hockey Punjab clinched the title after defeating Uttar Pradesh Hockey 3-3 (4-3 SO) in the final at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar.