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VOCABULARY

1. **Ominously:** In a way that suggests something bad is going to happen.
 - Synonyms: Threateningly, forebodingly, menacingly
 - Antonyms: Comfortingly, reassuringly, optimistically
 - Sentence: The dark clouds gathered ominously over the horizon, signaling an approaching storm.

2. **Recoup:** To recover or regain something lost or spent.
 - Synonyms: Recover, retrieve, regain
 - Antonyms: Forfeit, lose, surrender
 - Sentence: After the financial setback, the company struggled to recoup its losses.

3. **Alarming:** Causing worry or fear.
 - Synonyms: Disturbing, worrying, shocking
 - Antonyms: Calming, reassuring, soothing
 - Sentence: The alarming rise in unemployment rates has sparked concerns among economists.

4. **Mooting:** To suggest an idea or possibility for consideration.
 - Synonyms: Proposing, suggesting, raising
 - Antonyms: Settling, deciding, resolving
 - Sentence: The government is mooting the idea of introducing new tax reforms.

- 5. Resilient:** Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.
- Synonyms: Strong, tough, hardy
 - Antonyms: Fragile, weak, vulnerable
 - Sentence: The resilient community rebuilt their homes after the devastating flood.
- 6. Anachronistic:** Belonging to a period other than that being portrayed, often outdated.
- Synonyms: Outdated, obsolete, antiquated
 - Antonyms: Modern, contemporary, current
 - Sentence: The use of typewriters in the digital age feels quite anachronistic.
- 7. Marginalised:** Treated as insignificant or peripheral.
- Synonyms: Excluded, sidelined, oppressed
 - Antonyms: Included, mainstream, privileged
 - Sentence: Many tribal communities feel marginalised by the government's policies.
- 8. Espoused:** Adopt or support a cause, belief, or way of life.
- Synonyms: Advocate, promote, endorse
 - Antonyms: Reject, oppose, renounce
 - Sentence: He espoused the idea of a universal basic income during his campaign.

- 9. Ambushes:** Surprise attacks from a concealed position.
- Synonyms: Traps, surprise attacks, raids
 - Antonyms: Direct confrontation, overt attack
 - Sentence: The soldiers were caught in several ambushes while patrolling the jungle.
- 10. Fatigue:** Extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion.
- Synonyms: Exhaustion, weariness, tiredness
 - Antonyms: Energy, vitality, vigor
 - Sentence: The constant fighting has caused severe fatigue among the troops.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11.** Over the hill: Something is old and no longer fit, attractive, or capable of doing useful work.
- 12.** Hit the books: To study
- 13.** Keep Nose to the Grindstone: To work hard and diligently.
- 14.** Drop the Ball: To make a mistake or fail to do something.
- 15.** Off the chain: Extremely good

CURRENT AFFAIRS

6th September, 2024

1. Union Minister for Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal, launched the new Notary Portal in New Delhi. Addressing the occasion, Mr. Meghwal hailed the launch of the dedicated Notary Portal as an important step forward towards providing a paperless, faceless, and efficient system—a step towards the goal of digital India.
2. The Indian government has launched the AgriSURE Scheme, an important initiative designed to support agricultural startups and rural businesses. This scheme is essential for strengthening India's agricultural sector, which plays a vital role in the country's economy.
3. During the 11th day of the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) season five at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, a significant announcement echoed through the table tennis community. Sharath Kamal, India's ace paddler, was named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation.
4. Actor Shah Rukh Khan has reportedly paid the highest tax among all the Indian celebrities in 2024. As per Fortune India, Shah Rukh paid a tax of ₹92 crore. He is followed by Vijay who paid ₹80 crore as tax. Salman Khan gave a tax of ₹75 crore.

- 5.** President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the Vishwashanti Buddha Viharain Udgir in Latur, Maharashtra. Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Union Minister of State for Social Justice Ramdas Athawale, and Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar will be present on the occasion. The President will also participate in the 'Mahila Anand Melava' at the Udayagiri College grounds.
- 6.** Under the National One Health Mission, the "Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas" mock drill was conducted in Ajmer, Rajasthan, to assess pandemic preparedness. The exercise involved multiple stakeholders and simulated a zoonotic disease outbreak.
- 7.** The 2024 Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable, co-organized by India and UNESCO, will be held on September 6 in Paris. It will gather 28 countries and six international organizations to discuss "Fostering open science, bridging knowledge asymmetry, and building science advice capacity globally, ".
- 8.** Siddhartha Agarwal, a 49-year-old swimmer from Bengaluru, became the oldest Indian to swim across the English Channel on August 29, 2024. He completed the 42- km stretch in 15 hours and six minutes. This achievement surpasses the previous record set by Srikaanth Viswanathan at age 46 in 2018.

- Agarwal, who was not a swimmer in his youth, described the rigorous training with coach Satish Kumar as a key to his success. Training involved increasing distances and strict targets, with any failure leading to a complete reset of the session. His success is seen as an inspiration for amateur swimmers, showing that age is not a barrier to taking on endurance sports like open water swimming.
- 9.** Harvinder Singh made history by winning India's first-ever Paralympic gold medal in archery at the Paris 2024 Paralympics on September 4, 2024. Competing in the men's individual recurve open event, he defeated Poland's Lukasz Cizek with a dominant 6-0 victory.
- This gold medal follows his bronze medal win at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, which was India's first archery medal at the Paralympics. Harvinder's journey was marked by precision and confidence, impressing the crowd with his accuracy.
- 10.** In a symbolic end to the menace of insurgency in Tripura two insurgent groups—the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF)—signed an agreement with the central and state governments and agreed to lay down their arms.
- The insurgency, which started in the state in the sixties, now has no active insurgent groups.