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VOCABULARY

- 1. Repatriation:** The process of returning a person to their country of origin.
 - Synonyms: Return, restoration, reinstatement
 - Antonyms: Exile, banishment, displacement
 - Sentence: The government facilitated the repatriation of stranded citizens from war-torn regions.
- 2. Shackled:** Restrained or confined, usually with chains.
 - Synonyms: Handcuffed, bound, restrained
 - Antonyms: Freed, liberated, released
 - Sentence: The prisoners were shackled and escorted by heavily armed guards.
- 3. Perilous:** Full of danger or risk.
 - Synonyms: Hazardous, risky, treacherous
 - Antonyms: Safe, secure, harmless
 - Sentence: The refugees undertook a perilous journey across the ocean in search of a better life.
- 4. Obfuscate:** To deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand.
 - Synonyms: Confuse, obscure, complicate
 - Antonyms: Clarify, simplify, elucidate
 - Sentence: The politician obfuscated his stance on the controversial issue.
- 5. Clamour:** A loud and persistent demand for something.
 - Synonyms: Uproar, outcry, demand
 - Antonyms: Silence, peace, agreement
 - Sentence: The clamour for wage hikes grew louder as inflation surged.
- 6. Recalcitrant:** Resisting authority or control; uncooperative.
 - Synonyms: Defiant, rebellious, obstinate
 - Antonyms: Compliant, obedient, submissive
 - Sentence: The recalcitrant employee refused to follow company policies.

- 7. Malevolent :** Having or showing a wish to do evil to others.
- Synonyms: Malicious, hostile, vindictive
 - Antonyms: Benevolent, kind, compassionate
 - Sentence: The villain's malevolent schemes threatened the entire kingdom.
- 8. Envious:** Highly desirable or causing envy.
- Synonyms: Covetable, desirable, admirable
 - Antonyms: Undesirable, unimpressive, unremarkable
 - Sentence: She has an enviable reputation as a skilled and dedicated lawyer.
- 9. Virtuous:** Having high moral standards.
- Synonyms: Ethical, righteous, honorable
 - Antonyms: Immoral, corrupt, wicked
 - Sentence: The virtuous leader was admired for his honesty and integrity.
- 10. Draconian:** Excessively harsh and severe.
- Synonyms: Oppressive, stringent, authoritarian
 - Antonyms: Lenient, mild, merciful
 - Sentence: The government imposed draconian laws to curb illegal immigration.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

6th February, 2024

1. **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** has issued a **complete ban** on **begging** across all public places, following Indore's example, as part of efforts to tackle the issue and provide alternative solutions for displaced beggars.
 - Reasons for Ban on Begging: The ban was triggered by reports of begging at traffic signals, religious sites, and tourist spots, causing traffic disruptions and accidents.
 - Authorities also revealed that many beggars come from other states and have criminal records or are involved in illicit activities, emphasizing the need for immediate action to ensure public safety and prevent further hazards.
2. **Maharashtra** will establish **India's first AI university** to advance **education, research, and innovation**. A task force of experts from academia, industry, and government will oversee its planning. The university aims to drive AI development, boost innovation, enhance skills.
3. **Former German President Horst Kohler** **passed away** at **81** in **Berlin** after a short illness. Kohler, who served as the **ninth Federal President** of **Germany** from **2004** to **2010**, was dedicated to fair globalization and emphasized the importance of Africa for global development. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called him a **committed politician**.
4. The **Indian Army** has collaborated with **IIT Guwahati** to create **bamboo-based composite bunkers** as a substitute for conventional construction materials. This initiative focuses on promoting sustainability, minimizing weight, and enhancing ease of deployment in high-altitude areas such as Arunachal.
5. **The Union Budget 2025-26** announced a special mission for the survey, documentation, and conservation of India's manuscript heritage. Launched as the '**Gyan Bharatam Mission**', it intends to cover more than one crore manuscripts.

- The 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' is for undertaking the "survey, documentation and conservation" of India's manuscript heritage lying with academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her budget speech.
6. The Government of India has introduced a Bill to establish the **Tribhuvan Sahkari University**. This new institution will be located on the campus of the Institute of **Rural Management Anand (IRMA)** in **Gujarat**.
 - The Bill was presented in Lok Sabha by the Minister of State for Cooperation, Krishan Pal Gurjar, on February 3, 2025. The university aims to be an institution of national importance, focusing on cooperative education and training.
 7. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has formally acknowledged the departure of Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso. This move follows over a year of diplomatic strain, primarily caused by military coups and disagreements over ECOWAS' approach to regional governance.
 8. **Bart De Wever**, leader of the **New Flemish Alliance (N-VA)**, was sworn in as **Belgium's Prime Minister**, marking a historic moment as the **first Flemish nationalist** to hold the position.
 9. **Simona Halep**, a **two-time Grand Slam champion** and former **World No. 1**, has retired from **tennis** at **33** after an injury-hit comeback following a doping ban. She announced her decision after a first-round loss at the Transylvania Open.