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## **VOCABULARY**

1. **Conspicuous:** Easily seen or noticed; attracting attention
  - Synonyms: Noticeable, obvious, prominent
  - Antonyms: Inconspicuous, hidden, unremarkable
  - Sentence: Her bright red dress made her conspicuous at the party.
2. **Copious:** Abundant in supply or quantity.
  - Synonyms: Ample, plentiful, abundant
  - Antonyms: Scarce, sparse, lacking
  - Sentence: The author took copious notes during the interview.
3. **Impermanence:** The state of not lasting forever or being temporary
  - Synonyms: Temporariness, transience, fleetingness
  - Antonyms: Permanence, stability, endurance
  - Sentence: The impermanence of life teaches us to appreciate each moment.
4. **Letup:** A pause or reduction in intensity, force, or activity.
  - Synonyms: Lull, respite, break, slackening
  - Antonyms: Increase, intensification, escalation
  - Sentence: Despite hours of heavy rain, there was no letup in the storm's fury.
5. **Feisty:** Full of spirit, determination, or courage, often aggressively so.
  - Synonyms: Spirited, plucky, fiery, aggressive
  - Antonyms: Timid, docile, submissive
  - Sentence: The feisty young activist refused to back down during the debate.
6. **Congruity:** The quality of being in agreement, harmony, or alignment.
  - Synonyms: Consistency, harmony, conformity, agreement
  - Antonyms: Incongruity, contradiction, conflict
  - Sentence: There was a surprising congruity between his words and his actions.
7. **Perennial:** Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time.
  - Synonyms: Enduring, everlasting, persistent
  - Antonyms: Temporary, short-lived, momentary
  - Sentence: The growth-inflation trade-off is a perennial issue in economic policy.

8. Eclectic: Deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.
- Synonyms: Diverse, varied, comprehensive
  - Antonyms: Narrow, limited, homogeneous
  - Sentence: The artist's eclectic style was influenced by a wide range of cultural traditions.
9. Hone: To refine or perfect something over a period of time.
- Synonyms: Sharpen, improve, enhance
  - Antonyms: Blunt, dull, worsen
  - Sentence: She spent years honing her skills as a dancer.
10. Perplexing : Completely baffling; very puzzling.
- Synonyms: Confusing, puzzling, bewildering.
  - Antonyms: Clear, straightforward, simple.
  - Sentence: The professor's explanation was perplexing to the students.

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**6<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

1. India witnessed a significant wealth boom in 2024, adding more than 33,000 new millionaires in a single year, according to the World Wealth Report 2025 by Capgemini Research Institute. The number of High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs) in India rose by 5.6%, bringing the total to 378,810, up from around 345,000 in 2023.
2. Amid demands by Ladakhi civil society groups seeking “constitutional safeguards” for the region, the Union Government on Tuesday (June 3, 2025) notified new policies on reservation, languages, domiciles, and the composition of hill councils for Ladakh, which became a Union Territory in 2019.
  - The notifications pave the way for 85% reservation for resident Ladakhis in government jobs. For other residents—including children of Central government officials—to be considered “domiciles”, they will have to show 15 years of continuous residence in the UT from October 31, 2019, Ladakh’s foundation day.
3. India has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2026-28 term. External affairs minister Dr S Jaishankar expressed India's dedication to promoting development issues. Along with India, several other nations, including Australia, China, and Norway, were also elected to the council, which is responsible for coordinating the UN's work on various global issues.
4. Nicaragua advanced global marine conservation efforts by becoming the 101st World Trade Organization member to formally accept the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies. This milestone, marked by the submission of its acceptance to WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.
5. The world's largest container ship, MSC Irina, is set to make its maiden call at the Vizhinjam port, with Captain Willy Antony, a native of Thrissur, at the helm. The vessel has reached the outer anchorage, drawing excitement from the public as it is the first time the ship is calling at a port in South India.
  - Captain Willy, 47, hailing from Puranattukara, is thrilled to bring the mammoth vessel equivalent in length to four football fields and capable of carrying cargo stacked as high as a 22-storey building—to his home state.
6. India has secured the 10th position in the Climate Change Performance Index 2025, making it one of the top 10 countries in terms of climate action. Although India has dropped two positions compared to CCPI 2024, it continues to be recognized globally for its climate initiatives.



7. The Khichan ( Phalodi ) and Menar (Udaipur) wetlands in Rajasthan have been declared Ramsar Sites, bringing India's total to 91 , the highest in Asia.
- Khichanis famous for hosting thousands of migratory Demoiselle cranes, while Menar(Bird Village), is recognized for its community-led bird conservation efforts.
  - Rajasthan now has 4 Ramsar Sites, including Sambhar Lake (Nagaur & Jaipur) and Keoladeo Ghana National Park (Bharatpur).
8. Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy has introduced C CARES 2.0, a revamped digital platform by CMPFO, aimed at enhancing social security services for coal sector employees. Designed by C-DAC and supported by SBI, the portal ensures real-time monitoring, faster settlements.

#### Objectives and Aim

- Streamline Provident Fund (PF) and pension disbursement for coal workers
  - Provide a unified digital platform connecting workers, coal management, and CMPFO
  - Enhance transparency, accountability, and user convenience.
9. V. Srinivas of India has been elected President of the Council of Administration of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for the 2025-28 term.
- He will replace Ra'ed Ben Shams of Bahrain as the President of the Council of Governance. The Council of Governance is the main governing body of the IIAS.
  - India is represented at the IIAS through the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
  - V. Srinivas is the Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India.