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VOCABULARY

- 1. Lackadaisical: Lacking enthusiasm, energy, or determination
 - Synonyms: Careless, lazy, unenthusiastic
 - Antonyms: Diligent, energetic, attentive
 - Sentence: The Finance Ministry's lackadaisical approach to audits led to massive inconsistencies.
- 2. Inexorable: Impossible to stop, alter, or resist
 - Synonyms: Relentless, unstoppable, unyielding
 - Antonyms: Flexible, lenient, yielding
 - Sentence: The inexorable rise in tax disputes has weakened the credibility of the GST system.
- 3. Egregious: Outstandingly bad or shocking
 - Synonyms: Appalling, atrocious, heinous
 - Antonyms: Admirable, commendable, excellent
 - Sentence: The PAC highlighted egregious errors in the government's financial records.
- 4. Subterfuge: Deceit used to achieve one's goal
 - Synonyms: Deception, trickery, fraudulence
 - Antonyms: Honesty, sincerity, transparency
 - Sentence: The proliferation of fake academic certificates is a result of systemic subterfuge.
- 5. Defeatist: A person who expects or is ready to accept failure.
 - Synonyms: Pessimist, quitter, cynic
 - Antonyms: Optimist, fighter, believer
 - Sentence: His defeatist attitude prevented him from even trying for the promotion.
- 6. Ineffable: Too great or extreme to be expressed in words.
 - Synonyms: Inexpressible, indescribable, beyond words
 - Antonyms: Expressible, describable, explainable
 - Sentence: The joy I felt when I met my childhood friend again was ineffable.

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- 7. Stingy: Unwilling to spend money or share resources.
 - Synonyms: Miserly, tight-fisted, parsimonious
 - Antonyms: Generous, lavish, charitable
 - Sentence: He was so stingy that he hesitated to donate even a small amount to charity.
- **8.** Supercilious: Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others.
 - Synonyms: Arrogant, condescending, haughty
 - Antonyms: Humble, modest, unassuming
 - Sentence: His supercilious attitude toward his colleagues made him very unpopular.
- 9. Blatant: Done openly and unashamedly, often in a way that is offensive
 - Synonyms: Obvious, glaring, flagrant
 - Antonyms: Subtle, concealed, hidden
 - Sentence: His blatant disregard for the rules led to his suspension from the team.
- **10.** Tardy: Slow in movement, action, or response.
 - Synonyms: Delayed, sluggish, unpunctual
 - Antonyms: Prompt, quick, timely
 - Sentence: The teacher warned the student for his tardy arrival in class.

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<u>CURRENT AFFAIRS</u> <u>9th June, 2025</u>

1. US President Donald Trump announced a travel ban affecting citizens from twelve countries. This decision follows a recent terror attack in Colorado, denoting national security concerns. The ban aims to prevent individuals from nations deemed high-risk due to inadequate vetting processes.

Purpose of the Ban

- The ban aims to encourage cooperation with each listed country, considering their "unique circumstances."
- Countries may negotiate with the U.S. to ease restrictions, following a process similar to Trump's trade negotiations.
- 2. Flipkart has become the first Indian e-commerce company to receive a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) licencefrom the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), enabling it to directly lend to its customers and sellers.
- 3. In a dramatic escalation of global arms diplomacy, Russia has dangled an unprecedented offer before India —complete access to the source code of its Su 57E stealth fighter jet. The proposal, made by Russia's United Aircraft Corporation, would allow India to fully customise the jet, integrate indigenous weapons, and alter its systems at will. It's a bold move aimed at tilting India's defense calculus amid intensifying US-Russia rivalry and a volatile security landscape in Asia.
 - This surprise offer places Russia head to head with the United States, which has been actively pitching its F 35 Lightning II to the Indian Air Force. Defense analysts are calling it a strategic masterstroke by Moscow, meant to undercut deepening US India ties and reassert Russia in Indian defense procurement.
- **4.** Russia has hit Ukraine's second Kharkiv largest city, , with a massive drone and bomber attack, killing four people and injuring nearly 60.
 - Two people were also killed in Russian strikes on Kherson, in southern Ukraine, local authorities said.
 - Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov said 48 drones, two missiles and four glide bombs had been used against his city on Friday night, while more glide bombs were reportedly dropped on Saturday.
 - Earlier, Moscow said a massive wave of drone and missile attacks across Ukraine on Thursday night was in response to "terrorist attacks by the Kyiv regime", after attacks on Russian railway infrastructure and air bases last weekend.

- 5. The Ministry of PanchayatiRaj and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances launched a new category in the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2025. The category is called "Grassroots Level Initiatives for Deepening Service Delivery at Gram Panchayats or Equivalent Traditional Local Bodies."
 - It honors PanchayatiRaj Institutions (PRIs) for their digital efforts to improve ease of living and citizen-centric service delivery. From more than 1.45 lakh entries, four Gram Panchayats were awarded: Rohini(Maharashtra) won Gold; West Majlishpur(Tripura) won Silver; and Palsana(Gujarat) and Suakati(Odisha) won Jury Awards. Winners receive a trophy, certificate, and up to ₹10 lakh to further improve their public welfare projects.
- 6. An ancient Shiva temple from the later Pandya period was discovered in Udampatti, Tamil Nadu. This finding showcases the rich history of the Pandya dynasty. The temple's foundation was uncovered by local boys playing in the area. The discovery has drawn attention from historians and archaeologists alike.
- 7. The Tamil Nadu officially notified a Greater Flamingo Sanctuary in Dhanushkodito safeguard critical wetland habitats along the Central Asian Flyway.
 - The sanctuary covers over 500 hectares and forms part of the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.
 - A newly notified wildlife sanctuary aimed at protecting migratory wetland birds, especially greater flamingos, in their natural stopover habitat.
 <u>Location:</u>
 - Situated in Ramanathapuram district, Tamil Nadu.
 - Spans 7 hectares of revenue and forest land within Rameshwaramtaluk.
- 8. Diphtheria has resurfaced in Western Europe, marking the largest outbreak in 70 years. This resurgence began in 2022, primarily affecting vulnerable populations such as migrants and the homeless. The World Health Organization has classified diphtheria as a highly contagious bacterial infection. It poses health risks, especially for unvaccinated individuals, with a fatality rate of around 30%.

About Diphtheria

• Diphtheria is caused by the bacterium Coryne bacterium diphtheriae. It primarily attacks the respiratory tract but can also affect the skin. Symptoms include sore throat, fever, and swollen neck glands. The disease can lead to severe complications, including heart and nerve damage due to the toxin produced by the bacteria. Vaccination is crucial for prevention

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- 9. As part of King Charles III's birthday honours, former football legend David Beckham is poised to receive a long anticipated knighthood, recognizing his remarkable journey from elite sports to humanitarian and environmental initiatives. At 50, Beckham's elevation to "Sir David".
- 10.Coco Gauffcaptured her maiden French Open women's singles title on Saturday, June 7, defeating World No.1 Aryna Sabalenkain a thrilling final on Court Philippe-Chatrier. The 21-year-old American triumphed 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 in a match that lasted two hours and 38 minutes.