

Terms in the news

- **Echolocation** - the location of objects by reflected sound, in particular that used by animals such as dolphins and bats.
- **Dendrochronology** - the science that deals with the dating and study of the annual growth increments, or tree rings, in woody trees and shrubs.
- **Monoclonal antibodies (MABs)** - a type of targeted drug therapy. These drugs recognise and find specific proteins on cancer cells.
- **Cyber Kidnapping** - Unlike traditional abductions, virtual kidnappers have not actually kidnapped anyone. Instead, through deceptions and threats, they coerce victims to pay a quick ransom before the scheme falls apart.
- **Donkey flight** - an illegal immigration technique used for unauthorized entry into countries like the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom
- **Panspermia** - attributes the origin of life on one planet to a different planet, it doesn't actually explain how life came to be. The term "panspermia" comes from the Greek words "pan" meaning "all" and "sperma" meaning "seed," aptly symbolizing the idea of life's universal distribution. This hypothesis has captivated scientists and philosophers for centuries, offering an alternative explanation for the origin of life on Earth.
- **Greenwashing** - Greenwashing refers to false, unsubstantiated, or outright misleading statements or claims about the sustainability of a product or a service, or even about business operations more broadly.
- **Moonlighting** - Moonlighting means that the full-time employee of a company takes up an extra job, usually without the employer's knowledge.
- **Digital nomads** - People who choose to embrace a location-independent, technology-enabled lifestyle that allows them to travel and work remotely, anywhere in the Internet-connected world. Unlike regular remote workers, who tend to stay in one geographic area, digital nomads travel and explore while working.
- **Unicorns** - Unicorns are privately held, venture-capital-backed startups that have reached a value of \$1 billion. (India - 108 Unicorn Start-ups)
- **Earnest money** - It is a deposit made to a seller that represents a buyer's good faith to buy a home.
- **Boyfriend Loophole** - It refers to a gap in American federal and some state gun laws that allow access to guns by dating abusers. The new plan on gun safety measures includes a provision to address what is known as the "boyfriend loophole".

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- **Zombie ice** - It is the one that is not accumulating fresh snow even while continuing to be part of the parent ice sheet.
- **Cryptojacking** - It is a cyber attack wherein a computing device is hijacked and controlled by the attacker, and its resources are used to illicitly mine cryptocurrency.
- **Tokenisation** - It refers to the replacement of actual card details with a unique alternate code called the 'token', which shall be unique for a combination of card, token requester and the device.
- **Evil quartet** - It is a term related to four major causes of biodiversity losses such as habitat loss and fragmentation, alien species invasion, co-extinction and over-exploitation.
- **Immune imprinting** - It is a tendency of the body to repeat its immune response based on the first variant it encountered through infection or vaccination - when it comes across a newer or slightly different variant of the same pathogen.
- **Red notice** - It is a request to law enforcement worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action.
- **Wold Warrior diplomacy** - It is a term for the more aggressive and confrontational style of communication that Chinese diplomats have taken to in the last decade to extend its ideology beyond China and counter the West and defend itself.
- **Black Swan event** - A black swan is a rare, unpredictable event that comes as a surprise and has a significant impact on society or the world.