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### VOCABULARY

1. **Linchpin:** A crucial element or factor that holds something together.
  - Synonyms: Keystone, cornerstone, foundation.
  - Antonyms: Weakness, vulnerability.
  - Example: The seasoned detective knew that obtaining the suspect's confession was the linchpin to solving the complex case.
2. **Imperative:** Absolutely necessary or essential.
  - Synonyms: Vital, crucial, mandatory.
  - Antonyms: Optional, unnecessary.
  - Example: It is imperative for leaders to cultivate open communication within their teams to foster collaboration and innovation.
3. **Intricately:** In a complex and detailed manner.
  - Synonyms: Complexly, intricately, elaborately.
  - Antonyms: Simply, plainly.
  - Example: The plot of the mystery novel was intricately woven, keeping readers captivated with unexpected twists and turns.

4. **Mitigate:** To make it less severe, serious, or painful.
  - Synonyms: Alleviate, lessen, reduce.
  - Antonyms: Aggravate, intensify.
  - Example: Planting more trees can mitigate the impact of urban heat islands, providing shade and cooling effects in densely populated areas.
  
5. **Judicious:** Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense.
  - Synonyms: Prudent, wise, sensible.
  - Antonyms: Foolish, imprudent.
  - Example: Making judicious investment decisions based on thorough research is essential for long-term financial success.
  
6. **Buttress:** To strengthen or support.
  - Synonyms: Reinforce, fortify, support.
  - Antonyms: Undermine, weaken.
  - Example: Strong community support can buttress the efforts of local charities, ensuring they can effectively address the needs of vulnerable populations.

7. **Sedentary**: Involving little physical activity; sitting a lot.
- Synonyms: Inactive, stationary, desk-bound.
  - Antonyms: Active, mobile.
  - Example: The doctor advised the office worker to incorporate short walks and stretches into their sedentary work routine to improve overall health.
8. **Deleterious**: Causing harm or damage.
- Synonyms: Harmful, detrimental, destructive.
  - Antonyms: Beneficial, advantageous.
  - Example: The scientist discovered that prolonged exposure to the chemical had deleterious effects on the cells, leading to increased susceptibility to diseases.
9. **Interconnectedness** : The state of being connected or linked together.
- Synonyms: Interdependence, interrelation, linkage.
  - Antonyms: Isolation, detachment, independence.
  - Example: The speaker emphasised the interconnectedness of economic and environmental issues.

10. **Empathy**: The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
- Synonyms: Compassion, understanding, sensitivity.
  - Antonyms: Indifference, callousness, apathy.
  - Example: Teaching empathy is essential for fostering positive relationships.
11. **Deterrent**: Something that discourages or prevents a particular action.
- Synonyms: Hindrance, obstacle, deterrent.
  - Antonyms: Incentive, encouragement, motivation.
  - Example: The heavy penalties act as a deterrent against illegal poaching.
12. **Robust** : Strong and healthy; sturdy.
- Synonyms: Vigorous, resilient, durable.
  - Antonyms: Weak, fragile, delicate.
  - Example: A robust cybersecurity system is crucial for protecting sensitive data.

### Phrasal Verb

13. **Stand as**: To be a symbol or representation of something.
14. **Amid the backdrop of**: In the context or setting of something.
15. **Coupled with**: Combined or linked with.

## Idioms

16. **The whole nine yards:** The entirety of something; all the details or elements.
17. **The elephant in the room:** An obvious problem or issue that no one wants to discuss.
18. **Learn the ropes:** To become familiar with the basics or essentials of a task or activity.
19. **Put your money where your mouth is:** To take action to support one's statements or beliefs.
20. **Hit the ground running:** To start a new activity or project quickly and energetically.
21. **Hit the nail on the head:** To describe precisely what is causing a situation or problem.
22. **A drop in the bucket:** A small, insignificant amount in comparison to a larger whole.



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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

- 1. Türkiye, India and Qatar have been declared the guests of honor at the 2024 World Governments Summit set to take place in Dubai from February 12- 14.**
  - The summit, held under the theme of “Shaping Future Governments,” will also host more than 25 government and state heads.
- 2. The Supreme Court of India recently agreed to examine whether the words "socialist" and "secular" can be removed from the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.**
- 3. President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the Aadi Mahotsav 2024, an annual National Tribal Festival at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.**
  - Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda will also be present on the occasion. The event, organised by TRIFED under the aegis of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, will showcase the rich diversity of India's tribal heritage till the 18th of this month.

4. Rajasthan Government, Finance Minister Diya Kumari has announced the launch of 'Lado Protsahan Yojana' in the state. Under this scheme, it has been announced to give savings bonds of Rs1 lakh to those girls whose families are poor.
5. Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang reinstates Old Pension Scheme for state govt. employees appointed on or after April 1, 2006.
6. After a gap of nearly 40 years, Olive Ridley turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) returned to nest on the beaches of Karnataka's Mangaluru division in February 2024, overcoming environmental challenges such as increased salinity and pollution.
7. ADB approves \$200M loan for Assam to tackle Brahmaputra River flood and erosion risks. Project aims to empower communities, stabilize riverbanks, and enhance disaster resilience.
8. National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) has been awarded the 2024 Nelson-Mandela Award (NMA) by the World Health Organization (WHO) for Health Promotion.

9. India's Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been honoured with a plaque at the famous Ice Palace at Jungfrauoch, known as the 'Top of Europe', in Switzerland.
10. Fit India Movement broke the mold by appointing Narendra Kumar Yadav, an IRS officer, as its new brand ambassador.
11. Chris Gayle to lead Telengana Tigers in inaugural Indian Veteran Premier League.
12. Paytm E-Commerce renamed Pai-Platforms acquires ONDC seller from Bitsila.
13. CSK appointed Katrina Kaif as its brand ambassador.