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VOCABULARY

1. **Fruition** (noun) : the realization or fulfillment of a plan or project
 - Synonyms: Achievement, realization
 - Antonyms: Failure, inception
 - Sentence: After years of hard work, his dreams finally came to fruition.
2. **Underpin** (verb) : to support or strengthen from below
 - Synonyms: Support, reinforce
 - Antonyms: Weaken, undermine
 - Sentence: Strong evidence is needed to underpin the argument.
3. **Tussle** (noun) : a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something
 - Synonyms: Scuffle, fight
 - Antonyms: Agreement, peace
 - Sentence: The tussle for the championship title was intense.

4. **Patent** (noun) : a government authority or license conferring a right or title for a set period, especially the sole right to exclude others from making, using, or selling an invention
- Synonyms: License, copyright
 - Antonyms: Piracy, infringement
 - Sentence: She holds a patent for her innovative water filtration system.
5. **Monopoly** (noun) : the exclusive possession or control of the supply of or trade in a commodity or service
- Synonyms: Dominance, control
 - Antonyms: Competition, distribution
 - Sentence: The company's monopoly over the industry is being challenged by new startups.
6. **Reciprocal** (adjective) : given, felt, or done in return
- Synonyms: Mutual, corresponding
 - Antonyms: Unilateral, one-sided
 - Sentence: There was a reciprocal agreement between the two countries to lower tariffs.

7. **Inveigle** (verb) : persuade (someone) to do something by means of deception or flattery
- Synonyms: Entice, coax
 - Antonyms: Deter, discourage
 - Sentence: He managed to inveigle his way into the exclusive club by pretending to be a member.
8. **Proprietary** (adjective) : relating to an owner or ownership
- Synonyms: Owned, private
 - Antonyms: Public, open
 - Sentence: The company uses a proprietary blend of herbs in its teas.
9. **Paradigm** (noun) : a typical example or pattern of something; a model
- Synonyms: Model, example
 - Antonyms: Anomaly, exception
 - Sentence: The company is a paradigm of the modern tech industry.
10. **Incubate** (verb) : to develop, grow, or give care to (something) in a protected or controlled environment
- Synonyms: Nurture, hatch

- Antonyms: Neglect, ignore
- Sentence: The team decided to incubate the idea further before launching it to the public.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

11. **Bone of contention** - A subject or issue over which there is ongoing disagreement.
12. **Take effect** - To become operational or begin to Apply.
13. **Close to** - Nearly achieving or finalizing something.
14. **Rely on** - To depend on or trust in something or someone.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

17th FEBRUARY, 2024

1. The first council meeting of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) took place recently in Washington DC, US.
 - GEF member governments commit \$1.1 billion for global initiatives on biodiversity, climate change, nature renewal, and pollution control.
2. Germany overtakes Japan as the world's third-largest economy due to the yen's depreciation and Japan's recession. Both face labor shortages and aging populations.
3. Saudi Arabia is set to debut its first luxury train, the Dream of the Desert. It marks the first luxury train in the Middle East, offering travelers a journey through the kingdom.
4. NTR Stadium in Hyderabad holds the 36th National Book Fair, organized by the Hyderabad Book Fair Society. It started on February 9, attracting book lovers citywide.

5. Indian Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) ICGS Varaha made a significant port call at Maputo Port, Mozambique, on February 14 as a part of the ongoing strategic overseas deployment to East Africa, marking a pivotal milestone in the ongoing diplomatic maritime engagements.
6. Recent findings from data collected by NASA's Cassini spacecraft reveal the presence of a vast ocean beneath the icy surface of Saturn's moon Mimas.
7. Veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Nand Kishore Yadav has been elected as the Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly.
8. Indian football, the national team has fallen 15 places to the 117th position in the latest FIFA rankings, registering its lowest position in the past seven years.
9. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur handed over the Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest, Hungary, the host city for the 45th edition of the Chess Olympiad.

- 10.** In a bid to revolutionize infrastructure planning and design, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) announces the launch of the 'Sangam: Digital Twin' initiative.
- 11.** Prabowo Subianto wins Indonesian Presidency.
- 12.** Greece legalizes same-sex marriage in a first for an Orthodox Christian Country.