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### VOCABULARY

1. **Demarcate** (verb) : to establish the boundaries or limits of something
  - Synonym: Delineate, define
  - Antonym: Confuse, blur
  - Sentence: The role of the committee was to demarcate the border between the two countries.
2. **Adage** (noun) : a short statement expressing a general truth or piece of advice
  - Synonym: Proverb, saying
  - Sentence: The old adage, "Actions speak louder than words," is still very relevant today.
3. **Sustenance** (noun) : food and drink regarded as a source of strength; nourishment
  - Synonym: Nourishment, food
  - Antonym: Starvation, deprivation
  - Sentence: The villagers rely on the river for their sustenance.

4. **Ostensible** (adjective) : stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so
  - Synonym: Apparent, supposed
  - Antonym: Genuine, real
  - Sentence: The ostensible reason for his visit was to see old friends, but he really wanted to scout for a new job.
  
5. **Conduit** (noun) : a channel for conveying water or other fluid, or a tube or trough for protecting electric wiring
  - Synonym: Channel, duct
  - Sentence: The company laid a new conduit to prevent the cables from getting wet.
  
6. **Narcotics** (noun) : drugs that dull the senses, relieve pain, and often induce sleep, sometimes leading to addiction
  - Synonym: Opiates, drugs
  - Antonym: Stimulants
  - Sentence: The police arrested the man for illegally selling narcotics.
  
7. **Insurgent** (noun) : a rebel or revolutionary
  - Synonym: Rebel, revolutionary

- Antonym: Loyalist, government supporter
  - Sentence: The insurgents were planning to overthrow the government.
8. **Vociferously** (adverb) : in a loud and forceful manner
- Synonym: Loudly, vehemently
  - Antonym: Quietly, softly
  - Sentence: The crowd protested vociferously against the new law.
9. **Prone** (adjective) : likely to suffer from, do, or experience something, typically something regrettable or unwelcome
- Synonym: Susceptible, inclined
  - Antonym: Resistant, unlikely
  - Sentence: He was prone to headaches during the exam season.
10. **Throes** (noun) : intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change
- Synonym: Agony, pangs
  - Antonym: Peace, tranquility
  - Sentence: The country is in the throes of economic collapse.

11. **Kinship** (noun) : a sharing of characteristics or Origins a relationship by blood or marriage
- Synonym: Affinity, relationship
  - Antonym: Disrelation, alienation
  - Sentence: There's a strong kinship among the members of the team.
12. **Bogey** (noun) : an object of fear or dread; a golf-Score of one stroke over par
- Synonym: Fear, specter
  - Antonym: Comfort, solace
  - Sentence: Inflation has become the bogey for economists worldwide.
13. **Abstract adage** -: A general saying or principle that may not be tied to practical situations.
14. **Tied to** -: Connected or linked with something.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

1. Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent-Representative of India to the United Nations, was elected, on behalf of India, as the Chair of the 62nd session of the Commission for Social Development on 15 February 2023.
  - This is the first time since 1975 that India has become Chair of the Commission for Social Development.
2. The KCNA report said Kim supervised the “evaluation test-fire of new-type surface-to-sea missile Padasuri-6 to be equipped by the navy”, and expressed “great satisfaction over the results of the test-fire”.
  - The missiles hit their intended targets after flying over the East Sea for 1,400 seconds, it said.
3. The US House passed the Quad bill, endorsing closer cooperation with Australia, India, and Japan. It mandates a Quad Intra-Parliamentary Working Group formation.



4. The MILAN naval exercise's 12th edition will be held in Visakhapatnam from February 19-27, with over 50 countries participating.
  - The "Forging Naval Alliances for a Secure Maritime Future" is the theme of the exercise which aims to facilitate collaboration and idea-sharing among participating navies to enhance security on the high seas. Its primary objective is to ensure the safety of maritime trade for the benefit of all stakeholders.
5. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Van Mitra' scheme and its portal to encourage community participation in tree planting activities in non-forest areas.
  - The members of families with an annual income of less than Rs 1.80 lakh can register to become 'Van Mitras'.
6. Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the Komuravelli Railway Station in Siddipet District, Telangana.

- 7.** A statue of U Tirot Sing, a freedom fighter from Khasi-Hills who rebelled against British Colonialism some 200 years ago, was unveiled at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Dhaka.
- 8.** Celebrated Urdu poet and Bollywood writer and director Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya have been selected for the Jnanpith-award, considered by many to be the country's highest literary honour.
- 9.** The 11th International Puppet Festival was kicked off at Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh.
- 10.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to unveil a colossal 125-foot statue of Bir Lachit Borphukan in Lahdoigarh, Hologapar, Jorhat.
- 11.** Bihar's 3-day Nagi Bird Festival to begin in Jamui.
- 12.** ISRO's new weather satellite, INSAT-3DS , launched from Sriharikota.