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### VOCABULARY

1. **Albeit (conj)** : although; even if
  - Synonyms: Although, even though
  - Antonyms: Moreover, and furthermore
  - Sentence: He accepted the job, albeit with some hesitation about moving.
2. **Outbound (adj)** : traveling away from a particular point or place, especially referring to vehicles, flights, or travelers
  - Synonyms: Departing, outward-bound
  - Antonyms: Inbound, incoming
  - Sentence: The outbound flights at the airport were delayed due to bad weather.
3. **Ascribed (verb)** : attributed something to a particular cause or source
  - Synonyms: Attributed, assigned
  - Antonyms: Disclaimed, denied
  - Sentence: The villagers ascribed the successful harvest to the blessings of their deity.

4. **Orchestrate** (verb) : to arrange or direct the elements of a situation to produce a desired effect
  - Synonyms: Coordinate, organize
  - Antonyms: Disorganize, disturb
  - Sentence: She orchestrated a surprise birthday party that impressed everyone.
  
5. **Overtly** (adv) : in a way that is done or shown openly or not secretly
  - Synonyms: Openly, publicly
  - Antonyms: Secretly, covertly
  - Sentence: The company's support for environmental issues was overtly demonstrated through its new green policies.
  
6. **Falter** (verb) : to lose strength or momentum; to hesitate or waver in action or decision
  - Synonyms: Stumble, hesitate
  - Antonyms: Continue, persevere
  - Sentence: His confidence faltered when he forgot his lines on stage.
  
7. **Discernible** (adj) : able to be seen or understood; noticeable
  - Synonyms: Perceptible, detectable

- Antonyms: Indiscernible, obscure
- Sentence: There was a discernible change in his mood after he received the news.

8. **Shenanigan** (noun) : mischievous or deceitful behavior or activity

- Synonyms: Mischief, trickery
- Antonyms: Honesty, seriousness
- Sentence: The children were up to some shenanigan in the backyard, trying to build a secret clubhouse.

9. **Slack** (adj) : not tight; loose; lacking in activity, or slow

- Synonyms: Loose, lax
- Antonyms: Tight, taut
- Sentence: The slack rope made it difficult to pull the boat to the shore.

10. **Impulse** (noun) : a sudden strong desire or urge to act

- Synonyms: Urge, instinct
- Antonyms: Deliberation, premeditation
- Sentence: On an impulse, he bought a ticket to Paris for the weekend.

11. **Exude** (verb) : to display an emotion or quality strongly and openly
- Synonyms: Radiate, emanate
  - Antonyms: Conceal, hide
  - Sentence: She exudes confidence in every step she takes.
12. **Elusive** (adj) : difficult to find, catch, or achieve; difficult to remember or understand
- Synonyms: Evasive, slippery
  - Antonyms: Attainable, tangible
  - Sentence: The elusive concept took me a while to understand fully.

### PHRASES

13. Elephant haunting global trade corridors - A significant and unavoidable problem affecting international trade routes, metaphorically referring to the Houthi rebels' actions.

### Idioms & Phrases

14. Ascribed to - Attributed to or considered to be caused by.
15. Look for - Seek or search for.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

1. Pakistan becomes the only Asian country to be downgraded to an "authoritarian regime", registering the greatest deterioration of any country in the region classified as "Australia and Asia", according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Democracy Index 2023 report.
2. The latest Henley Passport Index reveals key insights on global mobility and soft power. France leads with visa-free access to 194 countries.
  - France tops the list and India's rank is 85.
3. At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic (Greece), H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis will pay a State visit to India from 21-22 February 2024.
4. The 16th conference of the World Social Forum commenced in Kathmandu today. The five-day WSF 2024 under the "Another World is Possible" banner



aims to open horizontal exchange among civil society organisations, social movements, trade unions and individuals opposing neoliberal globalisation.

5. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti also called Shiv Jayanti is celebrated on February 19 every year while as per Hindu Tithi, the date varies every year. This year, India is celebrating the 394th birth anniversary of the great Maratha ruler.
6. In a groundbreaking collaboration, NASA and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) are gearing up to launch the world's inaugural wooden satellite, known as the LignoSat probe.
7. The Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with environmentalists, has launched an awareness campaign to commemorate World Pangolin Day on February 17, 2024.
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the beginning of the Kalki Dham Temple's construction as he laid the foundation stone in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal district on February 19, 2024.

- 9.** Protesting farmers put on hold their plan to march towards New Delhi till Tuesday after the Union government pitched a five-year plan to buy pulses, maize, and cotton crops from them at the minimum support price, or MSP.
- 10.** Indian women's badminton team secures first ever Badminton Asia Team Championships title on 18 Feb 2024 at Setia City Convention Centre in Shah Alam, Malaysia.
- 11.** The ongoing Kula Mama Volleyball Tournament-2024 in Melghat Tiger Reserve's (MTR) Semadoh shouldn't be looked upon as just a sport. It sends a strong message to save tigers and the pristine forest with involvement of local youths.
- 12.** Odisha's Chief minister Naveen Patnaik top in popularity rating.
- 13.** World Whale day observed on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2024