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### VOCABULARY

1. **Advocacy:** Public support or recommendation of a particular cause or policy.
  - Synonyms: Promotion, championing, support, endorsement.
  - Antonyms: Opposition, resistance, disapproval, discouragement.
  - Example: The organisation was dedicated to the advocacy of environmental conservation.
2. **Disseminate:** To spread or distribute widely.
  - Synonyms: Circulate, broadcast, propagate, diffuse.
  - Antonyms: Withhold, confine, suppress, restrain.
  - Example: The aim was to disseminate information about the importance of mental health through various media channels.
3. **Galvanise:** To stimulate or excite into action.
  - Synonyms: Energise, spur, invigorate, motivate.
  - Antonyms: Deter, discourage, hinder, demotivate.
  - Example: The passionate speech by the activist galvanised the audience to join the movement for equality.

4. **Ubiquity:** The state of being present, appearing, or found everywhere.
- Synonyms: Pervasiveness, omnipresence, prevalence, universal.
  - Antonyms: Rarity, scarcity, infrequency, limited.
  - Example: The ubiquity of smartphones has revolutionised the way information is shared globally.
5. **Limelight:** The centre of public attention or focus.
- Synonyms: Spotlight, prominence, attention, acclaim.
  - Antonyms: Obscurity, anonymity, inconspicuousness.
  - Example: The social media campaign brought the issue into the limelight, prompting discussions at a national level.
6. **Dissent:** The expression or holding of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held.
- Synonyms: Disagreement, opposition, discord, defiance.
  - Antonyms: Agreement, conformity, concord, compliance.
  - Example: The protest was a form of dissent against the government's controversial decision.

7. **Omnipotent:** Having unlimited or very great power.
- Synonyms: All-powerful, almighty, supreme, invincible.
  - Antonyms: Powerless, feeble, weak, impotent.
  - Example: The dictator sought to portray himself as an omnipotent ruler, controlling every aspect of the nation.
8. **Pernicious:** Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.
- Synonyms: Destructive, detrimental, injurious.
  - Antonyms: Beneficial, advantageous, helpful.
  - Example: The pernicious influence of fake news on public trust in institutions is a growing concern for democratic societies.
9. **Erode:** Gradually wear away or diminish.
- Synonyms: Undermine, weaken, corrode.
  - Antonyms: Strengthen, fortify, enhance.
  - Example: The constant stream of misinformation threatens to erode the foundation of trust citizens have in their democratic institutions.

**10. Rigorous:** Thorough and accurate; demanding strict attention to procedures.

- Synonyms: Precise, meticulous, exacting.
- Antonyms: Lax, lenient, casual.
- Example: Media organisations must uphold rigorous journalistic standards to counteract the spread of fake news.

**11. Discernment:** The ability to judge well or perceive clearly.

- Synonyms: Perception, insight, acumen.
- Antonyms: Ignorance, obliviousness, unawareness.
- Example: Developing discernment is essential for individuals to navigate the digital landscape and distinguish between reliable and unreliable information.

**12. Scepticism:** A sceptical attitude; doubt regarding the truth or reliability of something.

- Synonyms: Doubt, disbelief, mistrust.
- Antonyms: Trust, belief, confidence.
- Example: Media literacy programs aim to foster a healthy level of scepticism among the public, encouraging them to question information sources.

**13. Robust:** Strong and resilient; able to withstand or overcome challenges.

- Synonyms: Sturdy, durable, resilient.
- Antonyms: Fragile, weak, vulnerable.
- Example: A robust approach to combating fake news involves a combination of technological measures, media literacy programs, and journalistic integrity.

### Phrasal Verbs

**14. Opened up:** To make something available or accessible.

**15. Lead to:** To result in or cause.

### Idioms

**16. Spill the beans:** To disclose a secret or reveal information.

**17. Turn on a dime:** To change direction or respond quickly.

**18. Swept under the rug:** To conceal or ignore something.

**19. Throw a monkey wrench into the works:** To disrupt or interfere with plans.

**20. Keep their cards close to the chest:** To keep secrets or not reveal everything.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently ordered the closure of Paytm Payments Bank, saying that it found “persistent noncompliances and continued material supervisory concerns in the bank”.
  - However, a new report has claimed that it found hundreds of thousands of accounts at Paytm Payments Bank created without proper identification, which may have been used for money laundering.
2. Recently, over 200 Gentoo penguins have been found dead in the Falkland Islands, Antarctica due to the spread of the H5N1 Avian Influenza Virus.
  - Falkland Islands is an archipelago in the South Atlantic Ocean.
3. The Indian government has announced that LK Advani, one of the most prominent figures in Indian politics, will be conferred with the Bharat Ratna, the nation's highest civilian award.



4. The Indian Air Force will conduct mega exercise Vayu Shakti 2024 at Pokhran Range in Jaisalmer on February 17.
  - The last edition of exercise Vayu Shakti was held on 16 February 2019.
  
5. On the fourth day of the Auroville Exposure tour under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) programme, the participating students at Auroville explored the units' role in prosperity and Pondicherry Ashram.
  - Auroville Foundation, an autonomous organisation of the Ministry of Education, is organising the programme.
  
6. The Tamil Nadu government has declared 80,114.80 hectares of reserve forests in Bargur Hills in Erode district, as the Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.
  - This stretch of protected forests, links the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve with Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, and has been notified as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the State.
  - The announcement about the setting up of the sanctuary was first made in the 2023 State Budget.

- 7. Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Saturday tendered his resignation from his position as the State's Governor, and the Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.**
- Citing "personal reasons" and "other commitments" for his resignation, Mr. Purohit sent a letter to President Droupadi Murmu. His resignation came a day after he had met Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- 8. World Cancer Day is an initiative of the Union for International Cancer Control.**
- The day was born on the 4 February 2000 at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium in Paris.
  - The Theme of the World Cancer Day 2024 is "Close the care gap: Everyone deserves access to cancer care".
  - The day is celebrated to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention and treatment.
- 9. Netherlands wins first men's FIH Hockey5s World Cup, defeating Malaysia in the final.**
- Malaysia earns silver medal, showcasing progress in hockey from junior to senior level.

- Hosts Oman secure bronze medal in their debut FIH World Cup appearance.
- 10.** India's first individual gold medallist at the Olympic Games, Abhinav Bindra, has been selected as a torchbearer for the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
  - 11.** China's grandmaster Wei Yi wins 'Wimbledon of Chess'.
  - 12.** Yashasvi Jaiswal becomes the third youngest Indian to score a test double hundred.
  - 13.** Jasprit Bumrah becomes fastest Indian bowler to take 150 test wickets.