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### VOCABULARY

1. **Overstated:** Exaggerated or represented to be more than what is true.
  - Synonyms: Exaggerated, Hyperbolic, Inflated.
  - Antonyms: Understated, Subdued, Modest.
  - Example: His achievements were often overstated by the media.
2. **Innate:** Inborn or inherent, existing naturally from birth.
  - Synonyms: Inborn, Inherent, Natural.
  - Antonyms: Acquired, Learned, Developed.
  - Example: Her innate talent for music was evident from a very young age.
3. **Transcending:** Going beyond or surpassing a limit or boundary.
  - Synonyms: Surpassing, Exceeding, Rising above.
  - Antonyms: Falling behind, Lagging, Staying within limits.

Example: His art had a quality that transcended cultural boundaries.

4. Mitigating: Alleviating, lessening the severity or intensity of something.
  - Synonyms: Alleviating, Lessening, Easing.
  - Antonyms: Aggravating, Intensifying, Worsening.
  - Example: The doctor prescribed medication for mitigating the pain.
5. Ingenuity: someone's ability to think of clever new ways of doing something.
  - Synonyms: Cleverness, Inventiveness, Resourcefulness.
  - Antonyms: Stupidity, Ineptitude, Unoriginality.
  - Example: The design displayed a remarkable level of ingenuity.
6. Enduring: Lasting for a long time, persistent, or continuing.
  - Synonyms: Lasting, Persevering, Persistent.
  - Antonyms: Temporary, Ephemeral, Fleeting.
  - Example: Their enduring friendship spanned over three decades.
7. Eloquence: Fluent and persuasive speech or writing.
  - Synonyms: Articulateness, Persuasiveness, Expressiveness.
  - Antonyms: Inarticulateness, Silence, Inexpressiveness.

- Example: The speaker's eloquence captivated the audience.
- 8. Intricate:** having many complexly interrelating parts, elements, or considerations.
- Synonyms: Complex, Complicated, Involved.
  - Antonyms: Simple, Straightforward, Uncomplicated.
  - Example: The intricate details of the puzzle made it challenging to solve.
- 9. Repercussions:** Unintended consequences or effects of an action.
- Synonyms: Consequences, Ramifications, Aftermath.
  - Antonyms: Anticipated outcomes, Predictable results.
  - Example: The decision had far-reaching repercussions on the company's reputation.
- 10. Conscientious:** Thorough, careful, and diligent in one's work or duties.
- Synonyms: Diligent, Meticulous, Conscientious.
  - Antonyms: Careless, Negligent, Irresponsible.
  - Example: The conscientious student always submitted assignments on time.

- 11.** Nuanced: Having subtle distinctions, variations, or shades of meaning.
- Synonyms: Subtle, Complex, Refined.
  - Antonyms: Obvious, Blunt, Unsubtle.
  - Example: The author's nuanced approach to the characters added depth to the story.

### Phrasal Verb

- 12.** Blazes a trail: To lead the way, to be a pioneer or innovator.
- 13.** Push the boundaries: To exceed or extend limits, to explore new possibilities.
- 14.** Giving rise to: To cause or bring about, to be the origin of.
- 15.** Sparking off : To initiate or stimulate, to cause the beginning of something.
- 16.** Delves into: To investigate or explore deeply.
- 17.** Shapes up: To form or influence.

### Idioms

- 18.** Fuel a driving force - This is a metaphorical phrase, indicating that something is providing energy or motivation for a particular action or goal.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

1. Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council, in a significant move, appointed Foreign Minister Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak as the country's new Prime Minister.
2. Mukesh Ambani ranked top Indian and second globally in Brand Guardianship Index 2024.
  - N Chandrasekaran climbed to fifth place, Anish Shah secured sixth position, and Salil Parekh ranked 16th.
  - Brand Finance awarded Ambania BGI score of 80.3, just below Tencent's Huateng Ma's score of 81.6.
3. The country's first largest Babu Tower, dedicated to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, has been completed in Patna, Bihar. For this, the building construction department and construction agency are finalizing the preparations.
4. Shakti Peeth Kamakhya, the ancient hilltop shrine overlooking the Brahmaputra in Guwahati, will become the gateway to tourism in the Northeast, PM Narendra Modi declared while launching Rs11,600 crore worth of projects in Assam that include the Kashi Vishwanath-inspired Kamakhya corridor.

5. The Chinese oceanographic research vessel “Xiang Yang Hong 03” has commenced its mission outside the exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. While details of the specific mission remain undisclosed, the vessel’s presence in international waters has garnered attention.
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7. Bharat Rang Mahotsav, India's premier theatre festival, commenced its journey in the culturally rich Kachchh district of Gujarat, marking the beginning of a vibrant celebration of the performing arts.
8. Dr. Bina Modi, Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, receives 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year' Award from Rajnath Singh at an IACC conference.
9. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted four flight trials of the high-speed expendable aerial target named 'ABHYAS' from the integrated test range located at Chandipur, Odisha.
  - In September 2021, the DRDO tested a new version of the Akash Missile –'Akash Prime' –from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
  - In July 2021, DRDO launched the Akash-NG (New Generation) and the Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
  - In June 2021 a new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile Agni-P (Prime) was successfully test-fired by the DRDO.

- In February 2021 India also successfully test-fired indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile systems 'Helina' and 'Dhruvastra'.
- In October 2020, the DRDO conducted a successful flight test of the Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.

- 10.** Based on the Nagoya Protocol, Cameroon has signed five agreements with French and Swiss cosmetic businesses — two of which are to carry out research and development on some indigenous species and the other three are already set to engage in commercial activities.
- 11.** Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi appointed Army vice chief.
- 12.** Priest Iswari Prasad Namboodiri honoured with the Sankar Smriti Award.