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### VOCABULARY

1. Adept : Highly skilled or proficient in a particular area
  - Synonyms: Skilled, proficient, expert, capable.
  - Antonyms: Inexperienced, incompetent, unskilled.
  - Example: The adept surgeon successfully performed the complex medical procedure with precision.
  
2. Invaluable : Extremely useful, indispensable, or of great value.
  - Synonyms: Priceless, irreplaceable, essential.
  - Antonyms: Worthless, dispensable, insignificant.
  - Example: The mentor provided invaluable guidance to the team, leading to a successful project outcome.
  
3. Paramount : More important than anything else; supreme.
  - Synonyms: Chief, primary, crucial, dominant.
  - Antonyms: Insignificant, secondary, trivial.

- Example: In environmental conservation, the paramount goal is to protect endangered species and ecosystems.
4. Conducive : Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.
- Synonyms: Favourable, advantageous, helpful.
  - Antonyms: Unfavourable, hindering, obstructive.
  - Example: A peaceful and collaborative work environment is conducive to increased productivity and creativity.
5. Catalyst : Something that stimulates or accelerates a reaction, development, or change.
- Synonyms: Stimulus, impetus, accelerator.
  - Antonyms: Inhibitor, hindrance, obstacle.
  - Example: The new technology acted as a catalyst for economic growth, sparking innovation across various industries.
6. Fortify : To strengthen or invigorate mentally or physically.
- Synonyms: Strengthen, reinforce, bolster.
  - Antonyms: Weaken, undermine, debilitate.

- Example: Regular exercise can fortify the immune system, reducing the risk of illness.
7. Profound : Having deep meaning or significance; far-reaching or thorough.
- Synonyms: Deep, significant, meaningful.
  - Antonyms: Superficial, shallow, insignificant.
  - Example: The novel provided a profound exploration of human emotions and relationships.
8. Entrenched : Firmly established and difficult to change; ingrained.
- Synonyms: Ingrained, deeply rooted, fixed.
  - Antonyms: Flexible, adaptable, changeable.
  - Example: The entrenched cultural norms posed a challenge to societal transformation.
9. Discernible : able to be perceived by a sense.
- Synonyms: Observable, apparent, noticeable.
  - Antonyms: Indiscernible, invisible, imperceptible.
  - Example: There was a discernible improvement in the overall atmosphere after the policy changes.
10. Ascent : The action of rising or moving upward, often in a gradual way.
- Synonyms: Climb, Rise, Ascension

- Antonyms: Descent, Decline, Fall
- Example: The company's ascent to success was marked by innovative strategies and dedicated teamwork.

### Phrases and Phrasal verbs

11. Usher in :To cause the beginning of something new or to introduce something.
12. stemming the outflow: Slowing down or reducing the departure of skilled individuals.
13. Groundbreaking innovation: The development of new and revolutionary ideas, products, or processes.
14. Cutting-edge: Using the latest and most advanced technology or methods.
15. Pull factor: An attractive aspect or condition that draws individuals toward a particular place or situation.

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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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

- 1.** Global cancer diagnoses will reach 35 million in 2050, according to new estimates from the World Health Organization –an increase of 77% from the 20 million cases diagnosed in 2022.
- 2.** The 7th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was recently held in Kochi. During this session, the committee finalised and recommended quality standards for five spices — allspice, juniper berries, star anise, turmeric, and cardamom.
- 3.** Union Health Ministers Prof. S P Singh Baghel & Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar virtually inaugurate Kilkari, providing weekly IVRS messages on maternal & child health, and Mobile Academy for ASHA training.
- 4.** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme. During the event, Pradhan emphasised that the Vidyanjali Scholarship Program, aligned with the NEP-

2020, embodies a comprehensive societal effort towards enabling education access and opportunities, especially for economically disadvantaged students.

5. The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility, a major achievement that puts India amongst only a handful of countries with this advanced hypersonic testing capability.
  - The facility, named S2, is capable of generating flight speeds between 3-10 km/s, simulating the hypersonic conditions encountered during atmospheric entry of vehicles, asteroid entry, scramjet flights, and ballistic missiles.
  - This makes it a valuable test facility for ongoing missions of ISRO and DRDO including Gaganyaan, RLV, and hypersonic cruise missiles.
6. Bengaluru metro's first-ever driverless train has reached India from China as it was delivered at Chennai port on Tuesday, reported Deccan Herald. This driverless train will run through Namma Metro's Yellow line, which is currently under construction.



- 7.** 'Chief Minister Vayoshree Yojana' is set to benefit around 15 lakh senior citizens suffering from physical or mental disabilities. Under this scheme, eligible citizens above the age of 65.
- 8.** Ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, the Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, approved the creation of two more districts, 'Keyi Panyor' and 'Bichom', fulfilling the long-pending demands of the people of the concerned regions.
- 9.** In a celebration of nature's serene beauty, a photograph depicting a polar bear asleep on an iceberg has clinched the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award.
- 10.** Jasprit Bumrah becomes first Indian pacer to reach NO 1 in ICC Test ranking.
- 11.** SCA stadium renamed in honor of Niranjan Shah Ahead of India-England test match.