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VOCABULARY

1. Inception: The beginning of something.

- Synonyms: Commencement, Onset, Launch, Start.
- Antonyms: Conclusion, Completion, Termination, Culmination.
- sentence: The inception of their friendship began with a shared love of books.

2. Strident: Something loud or harsh.

- Synonyms: Piercing, Blaring, Raucous, Clamorous.
- Antonyms: Gentle, Mellow, Harmonious, Soothing.
- sentence: The strident tone of her criticism made it difficult to ignore.

3. Euphoria: An intense feeling of happiness.

- Synonyms: Ecstasy, Delight, Jubilation, Elation.
- Antonyms: Gloom, Sorrow, Melancholy, Anguish.
- sentence: The news of her promotion filled her with euphoria.

4. Envisaged: To foresee something happening in the future.

- Synonyms: Imagined, Anticipated, Visualized, Expected.
- Antonyms: Surprised, Improvised, Spontaneous.
- sentence: The team envisaged a successful outcome for their project.

5. Grave: Something serious.

- Synonyms: Solemn, Severe, Earnest, Important.
- Antonyms: Casual, Frivolous, Insignificant, Minor.
- sentence: The doctor delivered the news with a grave expression.

6. Nebulous: Something unclear or lacking definite form.

- Synonyms: Ambiguous, Obscure, Hazy, Indistinct.
- Antonyms: Precise, Obvious, Clear, Distinct.
- sentence: The painting depicted a nebulous figure, making it difficult to discern its subject.

7. Augury: The practice of interpreting signs.

- Synonyms: Prediction, Omen, Portent, Harbinger.
- Antonyms: Reality, Fact, Verity, Certainty.
- sentence: The sudden drop in temperature was viewed as an augury of the coming winter.

8. Epitomize: To serve as a typical example of something.

- Synonyms: Symbolize, Represent, Exemplify, Signify.
- Antonyms: Ignore, Neglect, Defy, Undermine.
- sentence: Her kindness epitomizes the spirit of generosity.

9. Spillovers: The unintended or indirect effects of an action.

- Synonyms: Impact, Ramifications, Aftermath, Outcomes.
- Antonyms: Isolation, Exclusion, Avoidance, Confinement.
- sentence: The environmental regulations had unintended spillovers on the local economy.

- 10. Tending:** Something that inclines towards a particular outcome.
- Synonyms: Leaning, Swaying, Heading, Drifting.
 - Antonyms: Abandoning, Neglecting, Ignoring.
 - sentence: The weather is tending towards rain.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11. To fill the vacuum:** To occupy a space or position.
- 12. Goes without saying:** Something is so obvious that it does not need to be explicitly stated.
- 13. To see through rose-colored glasses:** To have a biased view of something.
- 14. Fall short:** Fail to reach a particular goal or expectation.
- 15. Tramping through:** Walking in a clumsily or careless manner.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

21st March, 2024

1. Tropical Cyclone Megan has been downgraded to a tropical low in Australia's north-east where remote communities are still cut off due to major flooding.
 - About 700 residents in the town of Borroloolafaced the worst of the cyclone, which made landfall on the south-western side of the Gulf of Carpentaria on Monday afternoon as a category-three storm before weakening to a category one.
2. According to a new report by World Air Quality Report 2023, Delhi was identified as the capital city with the poorest air quality.
3. The Election Commission initiates "Mission 414" targeting 414 polling stations with low turnout in Himachal Pradesh. Strategies include awareness campaigns, model stations, and engaging youth icons.
4. The Maharishi Ayurveda Hospital in Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, is making headlines for its in-house restaurant, Soma-The Ayurvedic Kitchen. This restaurant is being hailed as the first Ayurvedic Kitchen in India.

5. Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan has been given the additional responsibility as the in-charge governor of Telangana. This comes after Tamilisai Soundararajan resigned from her constitutional post as the Telangana Governor.
6. Vinay Kumar, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1992 batch, has been named as the next Ambassador of India to Russia. Kumar is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Myanmar.
 - The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement that Kumar is expected to take up the new assignment in Moscow shortly.
7. Grok is a generative AI chatbot developed by xAI, a company founded by Elon Musk. xAI announced that it had made Grok open source, fulfilling a promise made by Musk a week ago.
 - The decision to open source Grok came after Musk filed a lawsuit against OpenAI, another prominent AI company, accusing them of deviating from their founding values of transparency and sharing technology for the betterment of humanity.

8. The Uttar Pradesh police force is set to adopt the advanced Trinetraapp 2.0, a cutting-edge digital platform that promises to revolutionize crime prevention and investigation in the state.

9. On March 17, 2024, a Formula-4 car racing event was organized for the first time in Srinagar. This car racing event was held on the banks of Dal Lake in Boulevard Road located on the Zabarwan Mountain Range. This race took place on a 1.7 kilometer track from Lalit Ghat to Nehru Park.