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### VOCABULARY

- 1. Advent: The arrival of something.
  - Synonyms: Onset, Inception, Initiation, Incarnation.
  - Antonyms: Termination, Conclusion, Closure, End.
  - sentence: The advent of technology has revolutionized communication.
- 2. Holistic: An approach that considers the whole system.
  - Synonyms: Comprehensive, Integrated, Complete.
  - Antonyms: Segmented, Partial, Divisive, Fragmented.
  - sentence: The holistic view considers all aspects of a situation.
- 3. Clarion: A clear or shrill sound.
  - Synonyms: Loud, Vivid, Resonant.
  - Antonyms: Hushed, Quiet, Indistinct, Muffled.
  - sentence: The clarion trumpet echoed through the valley.
- 4. Revelation: The act of disclosing something.
  - Synonyms: Unveiling, Disclosure, Exposition.
  - Antonyms: Concealment, Obscuration, Suppression.
  - sentence: The revelation of his secret changed everything.
- 5. Amicable: A relationship characterized by friendliness.
  - Synonyms: Cordial, Harmonious, Affable, Friendly.
  - Antonyms: Aggressive, Belligerent, Antagonistic, Hostile.
  - sentence: They parted ways on amicable terms.

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- 6. Apprehension: A feeling of anxiety or fear about something.
  - Synonyms: Unease, Concern, Worry, Nervousness.
  - Antonyms: Serenity, Tranquility, Ease, Composure.
  - sentence: Her apprehension about the upcoming exam kept her awake at night.
- 7. Endorsed: To express approval or support for someone or something.
  - Synonyms: Backed, Advocated, Sanctioned.
  - Antonyms: Opposed, Denied, Rejected, Condemned.
  - sentence: The celebrity endorsed the new environmental policy during her speech.
- 8. Requisite: Something that is necessary or required.
  - Synonyms: Essential, Indispensable, Obligatory, Vital.
  - Antonyms: Surplus, Optional, Dispensable.
  - sentence: The applicant fulfilled all the requisite qualifications for the job.

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#### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

- 9. In the wake of something: The consequences of an event or situation.
- 10. Down on one's luck: Experiencing a streak of bad fortune or difficulty.
- 11. In the pink : To be in excellent health or condition.
- 12. Take over: Acquiring ownership or authority over something.
- 13. Taper off : To gradually decrease in intensity or amount over time.

### <u>CURRENT AFFAIRS</u> <u>11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024</u>

- World Homeopathy Day is observed on April 10th every year. The theme for World Homeopathy Day 2024 is "Homeoparivar: One Health, One Family."
- 2. The Supreme Court recently held that people have a fundamental right to be free from the adverse effects of climate change, while emphasising that countries like India must uphold their international obligations for healthy and sustainable development [M K Ranjitsinh & Ors. vs Union of India].
- **3.** Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, awarded 'On the Spot Unit Citation' to INS Sharda, for successful conduct of anti-piracy operations, during his recent visit to Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
  - The ship was involved in the safe release of all 19 crew members (11 Iranian and 8 Pakistani) of Iranian fishing vessel named Omari, which was held hostage by pirates off the east coast of Somalia.

- **4.** ISRO Chandrayaan-3 mission team awarded the 2024 John L 'Jack' SwigertJr. award for space exploration by the USbased Space Foundation. The award ceremony took place during the Space Symposium's annual opening ceremony in Colorado on April 8, 2024.
- **5.** The Central Government has released the rank of 299 districts across the country.
  - Nilgiri district of TamilNadu achieved 1st place, while Mahoba district of UP ranked 2nd in the country under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- 6. British physicist Peter Higgs died at the age of 94. Peter Higgs gained fame for the discovery of 'Higgs-Boson Particle' i.e. 'God Particle'.
- 7. India has achieved its target to eliminate visceral leishmaniasis, commonly known as kala-azar, according to data from the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC). India had initially aimed to eliminate kala-azar by 2010, but the target was extended until 2023 due to persistent challenges.
  - Kala-azar, a vector-borne disease caused by protozoan parasites transmitted through sandfly bites, has posed a significant health challenge for decades, particularly in states like Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Uttar-Pradesh.

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- 8. India has been elected to several key bodies at the United Nations, including a significant victory by its nominee Jagjit Pavadia who was re-elected for a third term to the International Narcotics Control Board after garnering the highest number of votes.
  - Mr. Pavadia was re-elected to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) by secret ballot for the third term for five years from March 2025-2030, getting the highest number of votes in the highly competitive election.
- 9. Mohammedan Sporting won its first I-League title by defeating Shillong Lajong FC 2–1 at the SSA Stadium.
  - They have garnered 52 points from 23 matches.
  - Mohammedan Sporting Club is an Indian football clun based in Kolkata, West Bengal.
  - Currently, the club competes in I-League and Calcutta Football League.
- 10. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Sri Lankan cricketer Kamindu Mendisas the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2024.
  - England's Maia Bouchier has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2024.