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VOCABULARY

1. Portent: A sign or warning that something momentous is likely to happen in future.
 - Synonyms: Augury, Omen, Harbinger, Presage.
 - Antonyms: Hope, Blessing, Boon, Favor.
 - sentence: The sudden drop in stock prices was seen as a portent of an economic downturn.

2. Elusive: Difficult to find or achieve.
 - Synonyms: Fleeting, Evasive, Slippery, Inaccessible.
 - Antonyms: Attainable, Accessible, Straightforward.
 - sentence: The concept of time is elusive, slipping through our fingers like sand.

3. Resurgence: A revival or renewed increase in something.
 - Synonyms: Recovery, Resurrection, Rejuvenation.
 - Antonyms: Regression, Deterioration, Downturn.
 - sentence: The team's resurgence in the second half of the game caught everyone by surprise.

4. Faltering: Experiencing uncertainty or lack of confidence.
 - Synonyms: Hesitating, Stumbling, Floundering.
 - Antonyms: Unwavering, Consistent, Steady.
 - sentence: Her voice was faltering as she delivered the emotional speech.

5. Infringement: Breaking of a law or rule.

- Synonyms: Violation, Breach, Transgression, Trespass.
- Antonyms: Adherence, Compliance, Abidance, Obedience.
- sentence: The company faced legal action for infringement of environmental regulations.

6. Convention: A widely accepted practice or rule.

- Synonyms: Norm, Protocol, Custom.
- Antonyms: Abandonment, Deviation, Rebellion.
- sentence: She decided to wear a traditional dress to the convention.

7. Crusade: A vigorous campaign organized for a cause.

- Synonyms: Movement, Drive, initiative, Mission.
- Antonyms: Indifference, Apathy, Passivity, Lethargy.
- sentence: She dedicated her life to the crusade against poverty and inequality.

8. Expulsion: The act of forcing someone to leave the a place or position.

- Synonyms: Eviction, Ejection, Removal, Dismissal.
- Antonyms: Inclusion, Allowance, Retention.
- sentence: The expulsion from the team left him feeling disappointed and ashamed.

9. Rogue: A person or thing that behaves unpredictably.
- Synonyms: Rascal, Maverick, Miscreant.
 - Antonyms: Devoted, Loyal, Trustworthy, Reputable.
 - sentence: Despite their efforts to maintain order, a rogue wave capsized their boat.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

10. Buck the trend: To go against the prevailing pattern.
11. To get one's act together: To organize or improve one's behaviour or performance.
12. Not in line with something: Not conforming to a particular idea, standard or expectation.
13. Shoot up: To increase rapidly or sharply.
14. Break off: To end something abruptly.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

15th April, 2024

- 1.** The fifth edition of India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise Dustlik will commence at Termez District in Uzbekistan from April 15 onwards.
 - The Indian Army contingent comprises troops from an infantry battalion from the Garhwal Rifles Regiment.
 - The fourth edition was held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
 - The first edition of the exercise was held in Uzbekistan in November 2019.
- 2.** India ranked number 10 in cybercrime, with frauds involving people to make advance fee payments being the most common type.
 - An international team of researchers has compiled the 'World Cybercrime Index' that ranked roughly 100 countries.
- 3.** America has created an unmanned drone that can go even where humans cannot go in the ocean. It can do exploration, research, or spying by diving under the sea for a long time. In the future, it can also be used as a weapon.

4. Uttar Pradesh's first glass skywalk bridge is ready to welcome visitors. The bridge made up of glass and steel, is located on Tulsi waterfalls in the Markundi range of the Chitrakoot forest division. It has been beautifully built in the shape of Lord Ram's bow and arrow and at a cost of Rs3.70 crore.
5. The Indian Army on Saturday, April 13, marked 40 years since its presence on the strategically significant Siachen Glacier. Under 'Operation Meghdoot', the Army gained full control over the region on April 13, 1984.
6. Ambedkar Jayanti is observed on 14 April to commemorate the memory of B. R. Ambedkar.
 - On 14 April 1990, Ambedkar was bestowed with the Bharat Ratna award.
 - He was the chairman of the drafting committee of the Constitution of India.
 - Ambedkar founded the Depressed Classes Federation (DCF) in 1930 and the Independent Labour Party (ILP) in 1936.
 - He was independent India's first Law Minister.
7. Belgium's Ingmar De Vos, who has served as the FEI President since 2014, has been elected unanimously as the new President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).

- The election took place, 9 April 2024, at the 48th ASOIF General Assembly held in Birmingham (GBR) during the SportAccord World Sport and Business Summit. Ingmar De Vos ran unopposed and was elected by secret ballot for a term of four years. He will take up his new position on 1st January 2025.
- 8.** Three-time World Champion Rashmi Kumari beat K Nagajothi 25-8, 14-20, 25-20 in the women's final of the 51st National carrom championship organised by the Madhya Pradesh Carrom Association.
- It was a record 12th national women's singles title for Rashmi, employed as the Chief Manager at the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
- 9.** Gopi Thotakura became 1st Indian space tourist.
- 10.** Iceland appoints Bjarni Benediktsson to replace Katrin Jacobsdottir as PM.