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## VOCABULARY

1. **Psyche:** the human soul, mind, or spirit
  - Synonym: Mind, spirit
  - Antonym: Body, corporeal
  - Sentence: The trauma had a lasting effect on his psyche, altering his outlook on life.
  
2. **Adage:** a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth
  - Synonym: Proverb, saying
  - Sentence: The old adage, "A stitch in time saves nine," still holds true in modern management practices.
  
3. **Turnout:** the number of people attending or taking part in an event
  - Synonym: Attendance, crowd
  - Antonym: Absence, shortage
  - Sentence: The turnout for the concert exceeded everyone's expectations.
  
4. **Incumbent:** currently holding office
  - Synonym: Current, existing
  - Antonym: Former, past
  - Sentence: The incumbent mayor is facing stiff competition in the upcoming election.

- 5. Alienate:** cause someone to feel isolated or estranged
- Synonym: Estrange, divide
  - Antonym: Unite, endear
  - Sentence: His constant criticism could alienate even his closest friends.
- 6. Derogatory:** showing a critical or disrespectful attitude
- Synonym: Disparaging, demeaning
  - Antonym: Complimentary, respectful
  - Sentence: The remarks he made were unnecessarily derogatory and hurtful.
- 7. Racist:** showing or feeling discrimination or prejudice against people of other races, or believing that a particular race is superior to another
- Synonym: Discriminatory, bigoted
  - Antonym: Unbiased, fair
  - Sentence: Racist ideologies have no place in a modern, inclusive society.
- 8. Humane:** having or showing compassion or benevolence
- Synonym: Compassionate, kind
  - Antonym: Cruel, merciless
  - Sentence: Rescuing stranded animals is a humane act that many volunteers proudly undertake.

**9. Palpable:** so intense as to seem almost tangible

- Synonym: Tangible, noticeable
- Antonym: Imperceptible, subtle
- Sentence: The tension in the room was palpable after the disagreement.

**10. Juncture:** a particular point in events or time

- Synonym: Point, moment
- Antonym: Continuity, duration
- Sentence: At this critical juncture, every decision we make could significantly impact our future.

**IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

- 11.** Lent an air: Gave a particular quality or atmosphere to something.
- 12.** On a knife's edge: In a situation where the outcome is uncertain or finely balanced.
- 13.** On a strong wicket: In a good or advantageous position.
- 14.** Down this path: Continue in the same direction or manner of behavior.
- 15.** Turned out: To gather or show up in large numbers.
- 16.** Leaving aside: To ignore or not consider something.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

1. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has approved Bavarian Nordic's MVA-BN as the first vaccine against mpox, adding it to its prequalification list for expanded access in communities with urgent need.
  - The move aims to reduce transmission and help contain ongoing outbreaks.
2. On the 30th World Ozone Day event, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), organizes a dialogue on the theme of "Montreal Protocol : Advancing Climate Action.
3. India's second-largest butterfly, the Southern Birdwing, was recently spotted on the satellite campus of The American College in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. This discovery sheds light on the region's changing movements of butterfly species.
4. The All India Official Language Conference 2024 will be organized at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi tomorrow i.e. on the occasion of National Hindi Day. This is the fourth edition of the conference.
  - On this occasion, Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Diamond Jubilee special edition. During the programme, the Indian Languages Division under the Official Language Department of the Home Ministry will also be inaugurated.

5. **Engineer's Day:** Every year, September 15th is marked to celebrate the contributions and achievements of engineers in India. It honors the birth anniversary of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a renowned engineer in India. His huge contribution to shaping modern India made him a symbol of engineering excellence.
6. **Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL)** launched an application 'Aviio' for the future Airport ecosystem, which generally provides real time information like waiting times, gate change, baggage updates etc, this will enhance airport operations.
7. In Jharkhand, the Karam festival is being celebrated across the state with religious fervor and enthusiasm. This Puja, one of the most popular festivals of Jharkhand, is related to the harvest and serves as a tribute to the Karam tree. This tree symbolizes fertility, prosperity, and everything that is auspicious.
  - This festival is celebrated with the wish that many people do good deeds and they may be blessed by 'Karam Dev' the god of karma. The branches of the 'Karam tree' are planted in courtyards and worshipped by devotees. Specially sisters remain in fasting for their brother's good deeds and prosperity. This festival is observed not only in the tribal-dominated areas of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhyapradesh and Odisha but also in Nepal.

- 8.** Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Amrit Mohan Prasad has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), according to an official announcement by the Personnel Ministry on Friday. Prasad, a 1989-batch IPS officer from the Odisha cadre, will serve in this capacity until his superannuation on August 31, 2025.
- 9.** Typhoon Bebinca strikes many countries, as it looks dangerous, it has already struck in the Philippines, Japan and will hit Shanghai city in China soon.
- Typhoon Bebinca slammed into the central and southern Philippines.
  - Bebinca has displaced around 13,000 people and damaged roads and other infrastructure in the Southeast Asian nation.
  - Bebinca also passed through Japan's Amami island overnight, carrying gusts of up to 198 kilometers per hour.
  - All flights at Shanghai's two main airports were cancelled on Sunday as authorities in the Chinese megacity.
  - Typhoon Bebinca is the strongest storm to hit Shanghai in 75 years.