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### **VOCABULARY**

- 1. Facade: A deceptive outward appearance or show
  - Synonyms: Pretense, illusion, disguise
  - Antonyms: Reality, truth, authenticity
  - Sentence: Behind her cheerful facade, she was struggling with her own insecurities.
- 2. Exacerbate: To make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse
  - Synonyms: Worsen, aggravate, intensify
  - Antonyms: Alleviate, soothe, reduce
  - Sentence: His constant criticism only exacerbated the tension between them.
- 3. Conspicuous: Easily seen or noticed; attracting attention
  - Synonyms: Noticeable, obvious, prominent
  - Antonyms: Inconspicuous, hidden, unremarkable
  - Sentence: Her bright red dress made her conspicuous at the party.
- 4. Relentless: Unceasingly intense; never giving up or lessening
  - Synonyms: Persistent, unyielding, unforgiving
  - Antonyms: Lenient, yielding, gentle
  - Sentence: The relentless heat of summer made working outdoors unbearable.

- 5. Affluence: The state of having a great deal of money; wealth
  - Synonyms: Wealth, prosperity, abundance
  - Antonyms: Poverty, scarcity, deprivation
  - Sentence: His lifestyle reflected the affluence he had achieved over the years.
- 6. Impermanence: The state of not lasting forever or being temporary
  - Synonyms: Temporariness, transience, fleetingness
  - Antonyms: Permanence, stability, endurance
  - Sentence: The impermanence of life teaches us to appreciate each moment.
- **7.** Foster: To encourage the development or growth of something
  - Synonyms: Promote, nurture, cultivate
  - Antonyms: Hinder, suppress, discourage
  - Sentence: The program aims to foster creativity in young children.
- 8. Entrench: To establish an attitude, habit, or position so firmly that change is very difficult or unlikely
  - Synonyms: Establish, root, embed
  - Antonyms: Dislodge, weaken, uproot
  - Sentence: Over the years, these ideas became deeply entrenched in society.

- 9. Reluctant: Unwilling or hesitant to do something
  - Synonyms: Unwilling, hesitant, disinclined
  - Antonyms: Willing, eager, enthusiastic
  - Sentence: She was reluctant to accept the promotion due to the increased workload.
- **10.** Alleviate: To make a problem, pain, or difficulty less severe
  - Synonyms: Ease, relieve, lessen
  - Antonyms: Aggravate, intensify, exacerbate
  - Sentence: The medicine helped alleviate her headache after a long day at work.

#### PHRASAL VERBS

- **11.** Put off: To delay or postpone something.
- **12.** Get along (with): To have a friendly relationship with someone.
- **13.** Carry on: To continue doing something.
- **14.** Set up: To establish or arrange something; to start a business or organization.

#### **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

- 15. Riding a High Horse: to start talking angrily about something
- **16.** Dark Horse: an unexpected winner
- 17. Dog Days: the hottest days of the summer
- **18.** Black Sheep: a disfavored or disreputable member of a group
- **19.** Thinking outside the box: to think differently

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

- 1. Tata Sons Chairman, Ratan Tata passed away on 9 October 2024 at the age of 86 due to prolonged age-related illness at Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai. His passing marks the end of an era, as Tata's leadership and vision left an indelible mark on India's business and philanthropic landscape.
  - After completing his school education, Tata enrolled at Cornell University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture in 1962. He also completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1975.
- 2. The 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to David Baker for his innovative work in computational protein design and to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper for their groundbreaking AI-based protein structure prediction. These discoveries, recognized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- 3. The International Finance Corporation is lending \$500 million to Axis Bank to develop blue finance and green projects in India. This partnership aims to enhance water and energy efficiency and support climate-friendly investments in sectors like wastewater management and green buildings. Axis Bank targets significant growth in its climate and sustainable finance portfolio by 2030.

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- 4. BJP secured a majority in the 90-member Haryana Legislative Assembly and retained power for the third consecutive term, winning 48 seats.
  - Congress won 37 seats, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) got 2 seats, and independents won 3 seats.
- 5. The golden jubilee of the Ustad Allauddin Khan Festival begins on 8th October in Maihar, Madhya Pradesh.
  - The festival is organized jointly by the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department, Ustad Allauddin Khan Music and Art Academy, and Maihar District Administration.
     This three-day event runs until October 10, celebrating the renowned musician Ustad Allauddin Khan.
- 6. DAE inaugurated MACE, Asia's largest and the world's highest imaging Cherenkov telescope at Hanle, Ladakh, built indigenously by BARC.
  - MACE will advance cosmic-ray research, studying highenergy gamma rays and the universe's energetic events.
  - The project supports scientific progress and Ladakh's socio-economic development.
  - Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty Secretary DAE

- 7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Vientiane, Lao PDR, on October 10-11 to participate in two key regional summits— the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit.
- 8. The World Health Organization (WHO) has now recognised that India has successfully eliminated trachoma, a bacterial infection that affects the eyes, as a public health problem.
  - In a citation shared by Saima Wazed, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia, on Tuesday (October 8, 2024), the UN health body announced that India is the third country in South-East Asia Region to reach this important public health milestone.
- 9. The RBI kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for the tenth consecutive time, changing its stance to "neutral." This provides relief to borrowers, as EMIs won't rise. GDP growth estimates for FY25 remain at 7.2%, and CPI inflation forecast is steady at 4.5%.
- 10. Tunisian President Kais Saied has been reelected for the second time for a five-year term. The Independent High Authority for Elections of Tunisia (ISIE) announced the election result on 7 October 2024, with President Saied securing 90.7 per cent of the votes polled. The election to elect a new President was held on 6 October 2024.

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11. The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched the Humsafar Policy in New Delhi on 7 October 2024. Nitin Gadkari launched the policy at a function in the presence of the Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Ajay Tamta, Chairman of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Santosh Kumar Yadav and senior officers of the ministry and the NHAI.

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