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VOCABULARY

1. Inevitability : The quality of being certain to happen; unavoidable nature.
 - Synonyms: Certainty, necessity, unavoidability
 - Antonyms: Uncertainty, improbability, doubt
 - Sentence: The inevitability of technological advancements means that industries must constantly adapt to stay competitive.
2. Formidable: Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.
 - Synonyms: Intimidating, powerful, daunting
 - Antonyms: Weak, unimpressive, feeble
 - Sentence: The defending champions remain a formidable opponent for any team in the tournament.
3. Gritty: Showing courage and determination despite difficulty.
 - Synonyms: Tenacious, brave, resolute
 - Antonyms: Cowardly, weak, timid
 - Sentence: The soldier's gritty determination helped him survive the harsh conditions of war.
4. Sluggish: Moving, operating, or reacting more slowly than usual.
 - Synonyms: Lethargic, slow, inactive
 - Antonyms: Energetic, swift, dynamic
 - Sentence: The sluggish economy has made it difficult for businesses to expand.
5. Decisive: Settling an issue; producing a definite result.
 - Synonyms: Conclusive, crucial, definite
 - Antonyms: Indecisive, uncertain, hesitant
 - Sentence: The captain's decisive leadership helped the team secure a last-minute victory.
6. Stifled: Prevented or constrained from continuing or developing.
 - Synonyms: Suppressed, restrained, smothered
 - Antonyms: Encouraged, liberated, allowed
 - Sentence: The strict policies stifled innovation within the organization.

- 7. Setback:** A reversal or slowing of progress.
- Synonyms: Hindrance, obstacle, defeat
 - Antonyms: Progress, advancement, success
 - Sentence: The sudden injury to their star player was a major setback for the team's championship hopes.
- 8. Prohibited:** Formally forbidden by law, rule, or authority.
- Synonyms: Banned, forbidden, restricted
 - Antonyms: Allowed, permitted, authorized
 - Sentence: Smoking is strictly prohibited in public places.
- 9. Astounding:** Extremely surprising or impressive.
- Synonyms: Amazing, astonishing, breathtaking
 - Antonyms: Ordinary, unimpressive, expected
 - Sentence: His astounding performance in the competition left everyone speechless.
- 10. Adroitly:** In a skillful or clever manner.
- Synonyms: Skillfully, adeptly, dexterously
 - Antonyms: Clumsily, awkwardly, ineptly
 - Sentence: The negotiator adroitly handled the complex trade discussions.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

11th March, 2025

1. The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar-XII will occur in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to 23, focusing on Counter Terrorism and Special Forces skills in challenging terrains. India and Japan have enhanced their defence cooperation through the 7th Army-to-Army Staff Talks in New Delhi, highlighting military education and niche technology collaborations.
 - The exercise will provide an opportunity for both sides to fortify defence ties while addressing common concerns of international terrorism and extremism. The exercise reaffirms the commitment of India and Kyrgyzstan to fostering peace, stability, and security in the region.
2. Former central banker Mark Carney won the race to become leader of Canada's ruling Liberal Party and will succeed Justin Trudeau as prime minister, official results showed on Sunday.
 - Carney will take over at a tumultuous time in Canada, which is in the midst of a trade war with longtime ally the United States and must hold a general election soon. Carney, 59, defeated former Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland who came in second place in a contest in which just over 150,000 party members voted.
3. India's DRDO has unveiled the BM-04, a short-range ballistic missile with potential hypersonic speeds. Displayed at the Vigyan Vaibhav 2025 exhibition, BM-04 boasts a range of 400 to 1500 km and is highly accurate, using solid fuel and GPS for targeting. It's road mobile, weighs 11,500 kg, and carries a 500 kg conventional warhead.
4. The Mizo community gathered to celebrate Chapchar Kut with fervour at the Mizoram House in Guwahati.
 - The springtime festival, which marks the completion of jhum cultivation, highlighted the state's cultural traditions through indigenous dance performances, music and a communal feast.
5. The two-day International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2025 came to an end with an electrifying performance from Shah Rukh Khan. The 25th edition was held on March 8 and March 9 in Jaipur, Rajasthan on Sunday. While Kartik Aaryan won the Best Actor, Laapataa Ladies' Nitanshi Goel won Best Actress. Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies, India's official Oscar entry, won Best Picture and Kill bagged multiple honours.

6. Federal Bank just made history by welcoming Bollywood powerhouse Vidya Balan as its first-ever brand ambassador. This move sets progressive growth narratives for Banking in India.
7. Amul, India's leading dairy cooperative, has ranked third in the prestigious YouGov India Value Rankings 2025, making it the only FMCG brand in the top three. Positioned alongside Amazon and Flipkart, this ranking underscores Amul's strong consumer trust and value-for-money appeal.

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