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VOCABULARY

- 1. Rigorous: Extremely thorough, exhaustive, or accurate.
 - Synonyms: Strict, severe, exacting, meticulous
 - Antonyms: Lenient, easygoing, lax
 - Sentence: The students had to undergo rigorous training before appearing for the final examination.
- 2. Hinge: To depend entirely on something.
 - Synonyms: Depend, rely, rest on
 - Antonyms: Disregard, ignore
 - Sentence: The success of the company hinges on its ability to adapt to the changing market trends.
- 3. Impersonation: Pretending to be someone else to deceive others.
 - Synonyms: Imitation, deception, mimicry
 - Antonyms: Authenticity, originality
 - Sentence: The fraudster was arrested for impersonation and identity theft.
- **4.** Inexorable: Impossible to stop or prevent.
 - Synonyms: Unrelenting, inevitable, relentless
 - Antonyms: Flexible, lenient, merciful
 - Sentence: The inexorable rise of artificial intelligence is transforming industries worldwide.
- **5.** Obfuscate: To deliberately make something difficult to understand.
 - Synonyms: Confuse, obscure, complicate
 - Antonyms: Clarify, simplify, illuminate
 - Sentence: The company's legal team attempted to obfuscate the terms of the contract to avoid liability.
- 6. Vindicate: To clear someone of blame or suspicion.
 - Synonyms: Justify, exonerate, acquit
 - Antonyms: Condemn, accuse, blame
 - Sentence: The new evidence helped vindicate the scientist, proving his theory was correct.

- **7.** Subjugation: Bringing under control, especially by force.
 - Synonyms: Domination, oppression, enslavement
 - Antonyms: Liberation, freedom, independence
 - Sentence: The subjugation of smaller companies by tech giants has raised concerns about monopolistic practices.
- 8. Sagacious: Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment.
 - Synonyms: Wise, shrewd, insightful
 - Antonyms: Foolish, ignorant, naive
 - Sentence: The sagacious leader quickly identified the root cause of the crisis and took action.
- 9. Conundrum: A confusing and difficult problem or question.
 - Synonyms: Puzzle, dilemma, enigma
 - Antonyms: Solution, answer, clarity
 - Sentence: The conundrum of balancing AI regulation with innovation remains unresolved.
- 10. Acrimonious: Bitter and angry in tone or speech.
 - Synonyms: Hostile, caustic, harsh
 - Antonyms: Friendly, harmonious, pleasant
 - Sentence: The acrimonious debate between the political leaders escalated quickly.

CURRENT AFFAIRS 1st March, 2025

- 1. A massive avalanche in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district on Friday left at least 42 workers, engaged in road construction near Mana village close to the India-Tibet border, trapped under thick layers of snow, officials said. According to reports, 57 workers were present at the site when the avalanche occurred, but 15 have been rescued and rushed to an army camp near Mana in critical condition.
 - Rescue operations are underway with multiple agencies, including the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), working in coordination.
- 2. According to the Union Ministry of Finance the total loan sanctioned under the operative Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts in the country has crossed the Rs 10 lakh crore figure.
 - According to the Ministry the total KCC loan in March 2014 was Rs 4.26 lakh crore which has more than doubled to Rs10.05 lakh crore as of 31st December 2024.
 - Around 7.72 crore farmers in the country have benefited from the KCC loans.
- 3. The Kumbh Mela in Nashik, Maharashtra, takes place every 12 years along the sacred banks of the Godavari River and the Kushawart Kund. This spiritual event draws millions of devotees who come to bathe in the holy waters at locations such as the Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple and Ram Kund. The Nashik Kumbh Mela is rich in rituals and spiritual practices, deeply rooted in ancient traditions.
- 4. Tuhin Kanta Pandey has been appointed as the 11th chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), replacing Madhabi Puri Buch. Buch's three-year term as the Sebi chief will end on March 1, 2025.
 - The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved Pandey's appointment for a term of three years.
- 5. Scientists observed extraordinary methane emissions from Mount Fentale, a volcano in northern Ethiopia. This unusual volcanic activity has raised concerns about its potential impact on local ecosystems and global climate change. The event has attracted attention due to the sheer volume of methane released, which is a potent greenhouse gas.

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- 6. National Science Day 2025 is an annual celebration in India, observed on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by the eminent physicist Dr. C.V. Raman in 1928. This groundbreaking discovery earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930, making him the first Indian to receive this prestigious honor in the field of science.
 - Every year, National Science Day is celebrated with a specific theme that highlights contemporary scientific challenges and opportunities. The theme of National Science Day 2025 is "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat."
- 7. NASA launched the Lunar Trailblazer satellite to map water deposits on the moon, focusing on permanently shadowed craters near the poles. Weighing 440 pounds, it uses advanced instruments to detect water and temperature variations. This mission aims to identify potential resources for future lunar missions and understand the moon's water, potentially shedding light on Earth's water history.
- 8. The Quality of Public Expenditure (QPE) Index, developed by the RBI, evaluates how efficiently government funds are used, focusing on expenditure composition and its long-term impact on economic growth.

About the QPE Index

- The QPE Index by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) measures how effectively government funds are utilized.
- It focuses on fiscal discipline, capital investment, and efficient allocation of public resources for long-term growth.
- 9. India's Koneru Humpy secured a second-place finish at the Monaco Women's Grand Prix on Thursday.
 - Aleksandra Goryachkina clinched the title ahead of Humpy and Batkhuyag Munguntuul, thanks to the superior Sonneborn-Berger tiebreak.
- 10. The Indian women's football team wrapped up its Pink Ladies Cup 2025 campaign with a 3-0 loss against the Republic of Korea at the Al Hamriya Sports Club Stadium in Sharjah on Wednesday.
 - World No. 20 South Korea, the best-ranked football team in this year's Pink Ladies Cup, took the lead through Choi Yoojungand Choi Dagyeongin the first-half before Mun Eunju added a third in the 81st minute.