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VOCABULARY

1. Quagmire: A difficult or precarious situation.
 - Synonyms: Predicament, dilemma, entanglement
 - Antonyms: Solution, ease, relief
 - Sentence: The government found itself in a political quagmire after implementing controversial reforms.
2. Surreptitious: Done secretly, without being noticed.
 - Synonyms: Clandestine, covert, stealthy
 - Antonyms: Open, overt, transparent
 - Sentence: The journalist made surreptitious attempts to gather information on the scandal.
3. Ubiquitous: Present, appearing, or found everywhere.
 - Synonyms: Omnipresent, pervasive, universal
 - Antonyms: Rare, scarce, uncommon
 - Sentence: AI-powered chatbots have become ubiquitous in customer service industries.
4. Entrenched: Firmly established and difficult to change.
 - Synonyms: Deep-rooted, ingrained, fixed
 - Antonyms: Unstable, temporary, weak
 - Sentence: The entrenched social norms in many societies continue to assign care responsibilities primarily to women.
5. Exuberant: Filled with or characterized by a lively energy and excitement.
 - Synonyms: Enthusiastic, energetic, lively
 - Antonyms: Gloomy, apathetic, subdued
 - Sentence: The fans showed exuberant support for their team throughout the match.

- 6. Malfeasance:** Wrongdoing, especially by a public official.
- Synonyms: Misconduct, wrongdoing, corruption
 - Antonyms: Integrity, honesty, righteousness
 - Sentence: The mayor was accused of malfeasance after evidence of bribery came to light.
- 7. Rebuttal:** A refutation or contradiction.
- Synonyms: Refutation, counter-argument, denial
 - Antonyms: Confirmation, endorsement, agreement
 - Sentence: The lawyer's rebuttal effectively dismantled the opposing counsel's argument.
- 8. Reprieve:** A temporary relief or delay from something unpleasant.
- Synonyms: Relief, postponement, suspension
 - Antonyms: Continuation, aggravation, intensification
 - Sentence: The monsoon rains might bring some reprieve to the farmers struggling with drought.
- 9. Mundane:** Lacking interest or excitement; dull.
- Synonyms: Ordinary, routine, monotonous
 - Antonyms: Exciting, extraordinary, thrilling
 - Sentence: The astronauts' daily chores in space, like cleaning, are mundane but necessary for survival.
- 10. Laudable:** Deserving praise and commendation.
- Synonyms: Praiseworthy, commendable, admirable
 - Antonyms: Blameworthy, condemnable, disreputable
 - Sentence: The team's efforts to help the underprivileged were truly laudable.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

3rd March, 2025

1. The Indian Air Force conducted Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 at Jodhpur from February 24-28 , involving Army Para SF, Navy MARCOS & Air Force commandos
 - The drill tested combat readiness through airborne insertion, precision strikes, counter-terrorism & urban warfare scenarios.
 - The exercise aimed to boost inter-service coordination and national security preparedness.
2. The central government has approved the development of Mamnoor airport in Warangal district, Telangana. This revival follows the waiver of the exclusivity clause by GMR Hyderabad International Airport. The revived airport will initially serve regional and inter-state flights, eventually expanding to cater to international flights and cargo operations.
3. Anant Ambani's Vantara with the prestigious ' has been conferred Prani Award, India's highest Mitra ' National honour in animal welfare, by the Government of India under the 'Corporate' category.
 - The award recognizes the exceptional contributions of RadheKrishna Temple Elephant Welfare Trust (RKTEWT), an organization under Vantara dedicated to the rescue, treatment, and lifelong care of elephants.
4. World Wildlife Day, observed annually on March 3rd, is an initiative by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to celebrate and raise awareness about the world's wild fauna and flora.
 - The day was officially declared in 2013 to commemorate the signing of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973.

- Since its inception in 2014, World Wildlife Day has grown into a global event, emphasizing the importance of biodiversity, conservation efforts, and sustainable practices to protect endangered species. This day is an opportunity for governments, organizations, and individuals to reaffirm their commitment to preserving wildlife for future generations.
5. Cyclone Garance island of La struck the French Réunion with 155 kph (96 mph) winds, damaging roofs and cutting power and water access for thousands.
- 145,000 households (30% of electricity consumers) lost power, and 10% lacked drinking water shortly after impact.
 - The increased storm activity is attributed to La Nina conditions, which bring weak wind shear and warm sea surface temperatures.
6. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched a consortium of India Ports Global, Sagar Mala Development Company, and India Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation to expand India's maritime footprint. He also introduced initiatives like 'One Nation-One Port Process,' Logistics Port Performance Index, and the MAITRI App to standardise operations, enhance efficiency, and bolster global trade.
7. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), under the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion, hosted a literary discussion on *Diyaslai*, the autobiography of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi.