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VOCABULARY

1. Sagacious: Showing keen mental discernment and good judgment; wise.
 - Synonyms: Wise, insightful, judicious
 - Antonyms: Foolish, unwise, imprudent
 - Sentence: His sagacious decisions helped the company avoid several potential crises.
2. Laudable: Deserving praise and commendation.
 - Synonyms: Admirable, commendable, praiseworthy
 - Antonyms: Disgraceful, condemnable, blameworthy
 - Sentence: Her efforts to clean up the neighborhood were laudable and inspired others to join.
3. Adroitly: In a skillful or clever manner.
 - Synonyms: Skillfully, adeptly, dexterously
 - Antonyms: Clumsily, awkwardly, ineptly
 - Sentence: The negotiator adroitly handled the complex trade discussions.
4. Thrive : To grow, develop, or be successful.
 - Synonyms: Flourish, prosper, succeed
 - Antonyms: Decline, fail, wither
 - Sentence: With improved sanitation and water access, rural communities have begun to thrive.
5. Contempt: The feeling that something or someone is worthless or beneath consideration.
 - Synonyms: Disdain, scorn, disrespect
 - Antonyms: Respect, admiration, regard
 - Sentence: Courts should support collaborative platforms instead of treating them with contempt.

- 6. Purport:** To claim or appear to be or do something.
- Synonyms: Claim, profess, assert
 - Antonyms: Conceal, deny, disavow
 - Sentence: Wikipedia does not purport to produce original research but compiles verified content.
- 7. Scupper:** To ruin or prevent something from happening.
- Synonyms: Ruin, thwart, sabotage, wreck
 - Antonyms: Assist, support, facilitate, aid
 - Sentence: The sudden rainstorm scuppered our plans for a picnic.
- 8. Unrelenting:** Not yielding in strength, severity, or determination.
- Synonyms: Persistent, relentless, unwavering
 - Antonyms: Lenient, yielding, flexible
 - Sentence: The unrelenting heat of the desert made the journey extremely difficult.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

7th March, 2025

1. The Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced on 3rd April 2025, that his country is withdrawing from the International Criminal Court (ICC). Hungary is the first European country to withdraw from the International Criminal Court, which was established in 2002.
 - According to the Hungarian Prime Minister, his country decided to withdraw from the ICC as it has become a political tool.
2. Kannadippaya, a traditional tribal mat from Kerala, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, marking it as the first tribal handicraft from the state to receive such recognition.
 - Kannadippaya, meaning “mirror mat,” is a handwoven mat made from soft inner layers of reed bamboo.
 - It is woven using reed bamboo’s soft inner layers, which give it remarkable thermal properties—it provides warmth in winter and a cooling effect in summer.
 - The craft is primarily preserved by the Oorali, Mannan, Muthuva, Malayan, and Kadar tribal communities and by the Ulladan, Malayarayan, and Hill Pulaya artisans in Idukki, Thrissur, Ernakulam, and Palakkad districts.
3. PM Modi visited ‘Wat Pho temple’ in Thailand
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bangkok’s Wat Pho temple in Thailand on April 4, 2025.
 - The Wat Phra Chetuphon Wimon Mangkhalaram Rajwaramahawihan, popularly known as Wat Pho, has the largest collection of Buddha images in Thailand and is the country's earliest centre for public learning.
 - Wat Pho is famous for its architecture and the massive 46-metre long statue of the Reclining Buddha.
 - As a special gesture, Thailand Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra accompanied PM Modi to the shrine where he paid homage to the Reclining Buddha and offered ‘Sanghadana’ to senior Buddhists monks at the temple.

4. Rongali Bihu, also known as Bohag Bihu, is a key festival in Assam. Celebrated in mid-April, it marks the Assamese New Year and the onset of the agricultural season.
5. World Health Day 2025 is being observed globally on April 7, marking the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. This year, the theme "Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures" puts a spotlight on maternal and newborn health, launching a year-long global campaign to reduce preventable deaths and improve health outcomes for women and infants.
6. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is leading a Parliamentary Delegation to the 150th Assembly of the InterParliamentary Union (IPU), being held in Tashkent from 5 to 9 April 2025. He will address the Assembly during the General Debate on "Parliamentary Action for Social Development and Justice".
7. Paradip Port achieved a milestone by joining the 150 million metric tonne (MMT) club and maintaining its top position in cargo handling among India's major ports by recording 150.41 MMT cargo in 2024-25.
8. The 2034 FIFA World Cup in Saudi Arabia will feature the prohibition of alcohol throughout the nation, including stadiums and hotels. Saudi Arabia's ambassador confirmed that visitors would need to respect the country's customs, as alcohol consumption remains strictly forbidden.
9. Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya made history by becoming the first IPL captain to take a five-wicket haul. He took 5 wickets for 36 runs against Lucknow Super Giants. Pandya's spell was crucial in restricting LSG to a total of 203/8. This achievement is the best T20 performance of his career.

10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured with Mitra Vibhushan Award in Sri Lanka.

- Sri Lankan President Anura Kumar Dissanayake presented the Mitra Vibhushan award to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mitra Bhushan award is Sri Lanka's highest honour for non-citizens. Earlier, Palestinian leaders Mehboob Abbas and Yasser Arafat have received this award.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was received with full ceremonial honours at Colombo's Independence Square on 04 April 2025 as he commenced a three-day visit to Sri Lanka aimed at bolstering regional cooperation and development ties.