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Editorial 01 – 02 – 2019

1) Convene (Verb) -- बुलवाना

Meaning: Come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble.

Synonyms: Summon, Call.

Antonyms: Disperse

Usage: Meghalaya's Conrad Sangma, who runs a coalition government which includes the BJP, convened the meeting in Guwahati, the region's political hub, challenging the BJP on its own turf.

2) Placate (Verb) -- तसल्ली देना

Meaning: Make (someone) less angry or hostile.

Synonyms: Pacify, Calm, Calm Down, Appease, Mollify, Soothe

Antonyms: Provoke, Anger

Usage: Britain veers to a hard Brexit as Prime Minister May continues to **placate** Tory hardliners.

3) Recede (Verb) -- पीछे हटना

Meaning: Go or move back or further away from a previous position.

Synonyms: Retreat, Go back, Withdraw.

Antonyms: Advance, Approach

Usage: The prospects for Britain's orderly withdrawal from the European Union on March 29 have **receded** further, even as MPs rallied to stop a no-deal scenario.

4) Disburse (Verb) -- चुकाना

Meaning: Pay out (money from a fund).

Synonyms: Spend, Expend

Antonyms: Claim

Usage: Just a day after a ₹300-crore loan was **disbursed** to Videocon International Electronics in 2009, Mr. Kochhar's Nupower Renewable received ₹64 crore from the Videocon group.

5) Inadvertent (Adjective) -- असावधान

Meaning: Not resulting from or achieved through deliberate planning.

Synonyms: Unintentional, Unintended, Accidental, Unpremeditated

Antonyms: Deliberate, Intentional

Usage: India must be alert as there is a possibility of emerging disruptive technologies prompting **inadvertent** conflict.

6) Lacklustre (Adjective) -- आभाव

Meaning: Lacking in vitality, force, or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring.

Synonyms: Uninspired, Uninspiring, and Unimaginative

Antonyms: Inspired, Brilliant

Usage: This rather **lacklustre** response to major 'futuristic' challenges to our national security raises a larger question: is India adequately

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prepared for the new age wars in general or is it still preparing for the last war it fought, and won?

7) Disruptive (Adjective) -- विघटनकारी

Meaning: Causing or tending to cause disruption.

Synonyms: Innovative, Inventive, Ingenious, Original

Antonyms: Unimaginative, Conservative

Usage: The arrival of these technologies might deeply frustrate strategic stability as we know it given their **disruptive** nature.

8) Glide (Verb) -- फिसलना

Meaning: Move with a smooth, quiet continuous motion.

Synonyms: Slide, Slip, Float and Drift

Antonyms: Hurtle

Usage: Once accuracies get better, hypersonic **glide** vehicles replace conventional delivery systems.

9) Succinct (Adjective) -- संक्षिप्त

Meaning: (Especially of something written or spoken) briefly and clearly expressed.

Synonyms: Concise, Short, Brief, Compact, Condensed, Crisp

Antonyms: Lengthy, Long-winded, Verbose

Usage: In a January 2018 article, the Economist put it **succinctly**: “Disruptive new technologies, worsening relations between Russia and America and a less cautious Russian leadership than in the

cold war have raised fears that a new era of strategic instability may be approaching.”

10) Surreptitious (Noun) – गुप्त

Meaning: Kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of.

Synonyms: Secret, Stealthy, Clandestine, Secretive, Sneaky

Antonyms: Blatant, Open, Honest

Usage: Low wages were supplemented by surreptitious payments from tradesmen.

Editorial 02 – 02 – 2019

1) Sops (Noun)

Meaning: A thing of no great value given or done as a concession to appease someone whose main concerns or demands are not being met.

Synonyms: drench, drown, soak, sodden

Antonyms: dehumidify, Desiccate, Dry, Parch, Sear

Usage: The interim budget casts away established conventions and targets votes with **sops**.

2) Expedient (Adjective)

Meaning: (of an action) convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral.

Synonyms: Convenient, Advantageous,

Antonyms: Inexpedient, Ill-advised

Usage: As election-eve budgets go, Interim Budget 2019-20 must rank as one of the most politically **expedient** ones this country has seen.

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3) Distress (Noun)

Meaning: Extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.

Synonyms: Anguish, Suffering, Pain, Agony

Antonyms: Happiness, Comfort

Usage: But there is no denying that a lot of thought has gone into identifying and targeting the sections of population across social segments that are in **distress** and unhappy with the Centre for a variety of reasons.

Meaning: A device with a small spike or a spiked wheel that is worn on a rider's heel and used for urging a horse forward.

Synonyms: Stimulus, Incentive, Encouragement, Stimulant,

Antonyms: Disincentive, Discouragement

Usage: The estimated slippage of 0.10 percentage point is not significant if we assume that the concessions will **spur** spending by the beneficiaries.

5) Concession (Noun)

Meaning: The action of conceding or granting something.

Synonyms: Admission, Acknowledgement, Acceptance, Recognition

Antonyms: Denial, Retention, Acquisition

Usage: There are income tax **concessions** for the middle class that have been carefully framed to target the lower rung.

6) Spur

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7) Condemnation (Noun)

Meaning: The expression of very strong disapproval; censure.

Synonyms: Censure, Criticism

Antonyms: Praise, Plaudits

Usage: Zimbabwe's defence forces have come under severe **condemnation** for the general crackdown, involving arbitrary detentions, torture and a country-wide Internet blackout.

8) Vicious (Adjective)

Meaning: Deliberately cruel or violent.

Synonyms: Brutal, Ferocious, Savage, Violent, Dangerous

Antonyms: Gentle, Kindly, Benevolent

Usage: The electronic alternative, "bond notes" that were introduced without physical backing, unleashed a **vicious** cycle of hoarding and price inflation.

9) Curtail (Verb)

Meaning: Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

Synonyms: Reduce, Cut, Drop

Antonyms: Increase, Lengthen

Usage: Many businesses have folded up for want of adequate foreign currency. Mr. Mnangagwa's government has moved to reduce the issue of electronic debt, and to **curtail** the ballooning fiscal deficit.

10) Entice (Verb)

Meaning: Attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage.

Synonyms: Tempt, Allure, Lure, Attract

Usage: While these may be steps in the right direction, they are too small as incentives to **entice** a deeply sceptical investor community that was once turned away.

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1) Retrograde (Adjective) -- पूर्वव्यापी

Meaning: Directed or moving backwards

Synonyms: Backward, Backwards, Reverse, Rearward

Antonyms: Forward

Usage: The Donald Trump administration's decision to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty with Russia is a **retrograde** step.

2) Covert (Adjective) -- प्रच्छन्न

Meaning: Not openly acknowledged or displayed.

Synonyms: Secret, Furtive, Clandestine, Surreptitious

Antonyms: Overt, Above board

Usage: Russia appears to have been **covertly** violating it in letter and spirit.

3) Retaliatory (Adjective) -- प्रतिकार का

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Meaning: (of an action) characterized by a desire for revenge.

Synonyms: Payback, Reprisal, Requit

Antonyms: Clemency, Grace, Leniency

Usage: The U.S. response cannot be regarded as purely **retaliatory**.

5) Scupper (Verb) -- तबाह करना

Meaning: Sink (a ship or its crew) deliberately.

Synonyms: Sink, Scuttle, Submerge,

Antonyms: Float, Raise

Usage: Mr. Trump, who **scuppered** the nuclear agreement with Iran, has hinted he would refuse to abide by a treaty that other parties were disregarding.

6) Herald (Verb) -- सूचना देना

Meaning: Be a sign that (something) is about to happen.

Synonyms: Signal, Indicate, Announce,

Usage: At the heart of this worrisome echo of the Cold War years is the changing balance of power in global nuclear politics **heralded** by China's rise as a regional hegemon.

7) Steam (Verb) -- आगे बढ़ना

Meaning: Come, go, or move somewhere rapidly or in a forceful way.

Synonyms: Run, Sprint, Race, Dart, Rush, Dash,

Antonyms: Dawdle

Usage: In 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review noted that Beijing was **steaming** forward with the expansion of its cruise-missile arsenal.

8) Stockpile (Noun) -- संचय

Meaning: Accumulate a large stock of (goods or materials).

Synonyms: Amass, Accumulate, Hoard, Cache, Collect, Gather

Antonyms: Cast, Discard, Ditch, Dump

Usage: Shifting geo-politics also requires that European concerns be factored into strategic discussions on the INF, particularly because it is Europe that is most immediately threatened by the Russian **stockpile**.

9) Inexplicable (Adjective) -- समझाने या हिसाब करने में असमर्थ

Meaning: Unable to be explained or accounted for.

Synonyms: Unaccountable, Unexplainable, Incomprehensible

Antonyms: Understandable

Usage: For some **inexplicable** reason her mind went completely blank.

10) Disastrous (Adjective) -- विनाशकारी

Meaning: Causing great damage.

Synonyms: Catastrophic, Calamitous, Cataclysmic



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Antonyms: Fortunate, Successful, Beneficial

Usage: A **disastrous** fire swept through the museum.

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1) Afoul (Adjective) – जोखिमों या उलझने

Meaning: Into conflict or difficulty with.

Synonyms: Fouled, Tangled

Usage: Students should be made aware of the risks of falling afoul of U.S. immigration laws.

2) Diligence (Noun) -- लगन

Meaning: Careful and persistent work or effort.

Synonyms: Conscientiousness, Assiduousness, Assiduity

Antonyms: Laziness, Carelessness

Usage: Few party members challenge his diligence as an MP.

3) Unscrupulous (Adjective) – बेशरम, बेईमान

Meaning: Having or showing no moral principles, not honest or fair.

Synonyms: Unprincipled, Unethical, Immoral, Amoral

Antonyms: Ethical, Honest

Usage: Unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.

4) Clamour (Noun) -- कोलाहल

Meaning: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.

Synonyms: Uproar, Tumult, Babel

Antonyms: Silence

Usage: Over a decade after nine serial bombs ripped through four towns, the clamour for the death penalty to be awarded to the perpetrators had put the State on alert.

5) Faction (Noun) – गुट या दल

Meaning: Dissension within an organization.

Synonyms: Infighting, Dissension, Dissent, Dispute,

Antonyms: Harmony

Usage: Most of the convicts belong to a **faction** of the National Democratic Front of Boroland, of which Daimary is the chairman.

6) Espouse (Verb) -- अपनाता या सहारा देना

Meaning: Adopt or support (a cause, belief, or way of life).

Synonyms: Adopt, Embrace,

Antonyms: Reject, Oppose

Usage: These groups and their predecessors, many of which have given up arms and joined the formal political process, **espouse** causes ranging from secession to a Bodoland State carved out of Assam.

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7) Hamstrung (Verb) – पंगु होना

Meaning: Severely restrict the efficiency or effectiveness of.

Synonyms: Handicap, Constrain, Restrict, Cripple

Antonyms: Help

Usage: The Bodo case for statehood is also **hamstrung** by the fact that non-Bodos account for nearly 70% of the population in the Bodoland Territorial Area Districts that will comprise the core of such a State.

8) Ebb (Verb) – कम होना, पतन होना

Meaning: (of an emotion or quality) gradually decrease.

Synonyms: Diminish, Dwindle, Wane

Antonyms: Increase, Intensify, Intensification

Usage: The violent phase peaked in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but **ebbed** with the creation of the Bodoland Territorial Council in 2003.

9) Convulsion (Noun) – उथल – पुथल

Meaning: A violent social or political upheaval.

Synonyms: Upheaval, Eruption, Turmoil, Turbulence

Usage: While NDFB(R) supporters chanted slogans demanding Bodoland to protest against the judicial order, a death sentence for Daimary could have sparked wider **convulsions**, and pushed some of the fringe groups back into militancy, creating a 1990s redux.

10) Agnostic (Noun) -- अज्ञेयवाद का अनुयायी

Meaning: A person who believes that nothing is known or can be known of the existence or nature of God.

Synonyms: Sceptic, Doubter, Questioner

Antonyms: Believer, Theist

Usage: Along with ideologically **agnostic** partnerships with the State government in Dispur, this is the way forward for now.

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1) Defuse (Verb) -- को शांत करना

Meaning: Make (a situation) less tense or dangerous.

Synonyms: Reduce, Lessen, Diminish, Lighten

Antonyms: Heighten, Intensify

Usage: The Supreme Court has defused the situation, but concerns remain over stand-off in Kolkata.

2) Belligerence (Noun) -- आक्रामक व्यवहार

Meaning: Aggressive or warlike behaviour.

Synonyms: Aggression, Aggressiveness and Assaultiveness

Antonyms: Antiaggression, Anti-imperialism and Antimilitarism

Usage: In the polarised political atmosphere, her **belligerence** expectedly secured the backing of a

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large number of Opposition parties, and even had the Congress rally around her during an impromptu sit-in protest.

3) Impromptu (Adjective) -- योजनाबद्ध या पूर्वाभ्यास किए बिना

Meaning: Done without being planned or rehearsed.

Synonyms: Unrehearsed, Unprepared, Unscripted and Extempore

Antonyms: Prepared, Rehearsed

Usage: An impromptu press conference

4) Obstruct (Verb) – बाधा डालना

Meaning: Block (an opening, path, road, etc.); be or get in the way of.

Synonyms: Impede, Hinder

Antonyms: Facilitate, Help, Further

Usage: However, in attempting to **obstruct** the CBI action in a court-ordered investigation, Ms. Banerjee once again demonstrated that she is prone to taking arguments over administrative procedures to the streets.

5) Burnish (Verb) – चमकाना

Meaning: Polish (something, especially metal) by rubbing.

Synonyms: Shine, Brighten

Antonyms: Dull

Usage: A decade ago, she **burnished** her credentials as the Opposition leader who would dethrone the Left Front combine in West Bengal with her agitation over the Singur land acquisition.

6) Sordid (Adjective) -- चिन्तना

Meaning: Involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.

Synonyms: Sleazy, Seedy, Seamy, Unsavoury,

Antonyms: High-minded, Respectable

Usage: This is the latest installment in the rather sordid story of institutional decay in India, overseen by the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

7) Tame (Adjective) – सहायग देना

Meaning: (of a person) willing to cooperate.

Synonyms: Docile, Submissive, Compliant and Meek

Antonyms: Independent, Uncooperative

Usage: The government tried to tame bureaucrats as well as the highest court in the land.

8) Dubious (Adjective) -- संदेहात्मक

Meaning: Hesitating or doubting.

Synonyms: Doubtful, Uncertain, Unsure,

Antonyms: Certain, Definite

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Usage: The BJP government has, however, earned the **dubious** distinction of sabotaging the autonomy of several political institutions in rapid succession.

9) Intricate (Adjective) -- जटिल

Meaning: Very complicated or detailed.

Synonyms: Complex, Complicated, Convolved, Tangled

Antonyms: Simple, Straightforward

Usage: This makes for good political sense when we remember that most human activity is structured by systems of rules — take the intricate and rule-bound game of chess or cricket.

10) Fickle (Adjective) -- अस्थिर

Meaning: Changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections.

Synonyms: Capricious, Changeable, Variable and Volatile

Antonyms: Constant, Stable

Usage: Without institutions and rules our life would be chancy, unpredictable and **fickle**.

Editorial 07 – 02 – 2019

1) Abjure (Verb) -- शपथपूर्वक त्यागना

Meaning: Solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).

Synonyms: Renounce, Relinquish, Reject,

Antonyms: Acknowledge, Admit, Affirm

Usage: The Taliban has not abjured violence, or sworn allegiance to the Afghan constitution before joining talks.

2) Adjunct (Verb) – अनुपूरक या सहायक

Meaning: A thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part.

Synonyms: Supplement, Addition, Accompaniment

Usage: Computer technology is an adjunct to learning.

3) Unequivocal (Adjective) – असंदिग्ध या स्पष्ट

Meaning: Leaving no doubt; unambiguous.

Synonyms: Unambiguous, Unmistakable, Indisputable,

Antonyms: Equivocal, Ambiguous, Vague

Usage: The Taliban has **unequivocally** renounced ties with al-Qaeda and the Islamic State, and committed to preventing Afghan soil from being used by foreign terrorists.

4) Appeasement (Noun) -- तुष्टीकरण

Meaning: The action or process of appeasing.

Synonyms: Conciliation, Placation, Pacification, Propitiation

Antonyms: Provocation, Aggression

Usage: The charge stems from a lineage of propaganda invented by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which holds the Congress guilty of the cynical politics of Muslim appeasement.

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6) Superfluity (Noun) -- अधिक्य

Meaning: An unnecessarily or excessively large amount or number of something.

Synonyms: Surplus, Excess, Overabundance

Antonyms: Lack, Shortage

Usage: Minority representation was discussed at length and set aside as a **superfluity**.

7) Incipient (Adjective) -- उत्पन्न होनेवाला

Meaning: Beginning to happen or develop.

Synonyms: Rowing, Emerging, Emergent, Dawning;

Antonyms: Full-blown

Usage: In the real world of dislocation and trauma, Partition witnessed a number of local vigilante efforts to **inscribe** a narrower identity on the incipient nation.

8) Hegemony -- नेतृत्व

Meaning: Leadership or dominance, especially by one state or social group over others.

Synonyms: Leadership, Dominance, Dominion, Supremacy

Antonyms: Self-government

Usage: Germany was united under Prussian **hegemony** after 1871.

9) Unfettered (Adjective) -- अप्रतिबंधित

Meaning: Not confined or restricted.

Synonyms: Unrestrained, Unrestricted, Unconstrained

Antonyms: Restricted, Fettered

Usage: The **unfettered** exercise of Article 25 rights in this sense puts the general will at risk of being bent to a majoritarian assertion.

10) Recede (Verb) -- पीछे हटना

Meaning: Go or move back or further away from a previous position.

Synonyms: Retreat, Withdraw

Antonyms: Advance, Approach

Usage: Nehru's insistence on the reversal of these intrusions gradually receded from the attention span of governments at the State and local levels.

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1) Incite (Verb) -- उकसाना

Meaning: Encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour).

Synonyms: Encourage, Inflammate, Stimulate, Instigate, Provoke

Antonyms: Suppress, Dissuade, Deter

Usage: They conspired to **incite** riots.

2) Enamoured (Verb) -- आनंदित करना

Meaning: Be filled with love for.

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Synonyms: In love with, Infatuated with, Besotted with

Antonyms: Indifferent to

Usage: It is not difficult to see why Edward is **enamoured** of her

3) Appetite (Noun) – भूख

Meaning: A strong desire or liking for something.

Synonyms: Craving, Longing, Yearning, Hankering,

Antonyms: Aversion

Usage: We live in a world where appetite for news is **incessant** and the news cycle is very short.

4) Vicious (Adjective) -- शाक्तिर

Meaning: Deliberately cruel or violent.

Synonyms: Brutal, Ferocious, Savage, Violent

Antonyms: Gentle, Kindly, Benevolent

Usage: A **vicious** assault

5) Placate (Verb) -- तसल्ली देना

Meaning: Make (someone) less angry or hostile.

Synonyms: Pacify, Calm, Calm Down, Appease, Mollify, Soothe

Antonyms: Provoke, Anger

Usage: Britain veers to a hard Brexit as Prime Minister May continues to **placate** Tory hardliners.

6) Estrangement (Noun) -- मनमुटाव

Meaning: The fact of no longer being on friendly terms or part of a social group.

Synonyms: Alienation, Turning Away, Antagonism, Antipathy, Disaffection,

Antonyms: Unity, Reconciliation

Usage: Equally important, the spectacular rise of Hindutva or Hindu nationalism from the 1990s has had a major psychological impact on a section of Muslim youth, prompting their **estrangement** from the national mainstream.

7) Macabre (Adjective) -- भयंकर

Meaning: Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death.

Synonyms: Gruesome, Grisly, Grim, Gory, Morbid

Usage: The Hashimpura massacre in Uttar Pradesh by members of the Provincial Armed Constabulary in 1987 was the most **macabre** example of such incidents.

8) Aberration (Noun) -- विपथन

Meaning: A departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one

Synonyms: Anomaly, Deviation, Divergence, Abnormality

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Antonyms: Mind, Saneness, Sanity

Usage: Until the 1990s the vast majority of Indian Muslims treated such occurrences as **aberrations** and their belief in the secular and non-discriminatory character of the Indian state remained unshaken.

9) Galling (Adjective) -- दुखद

Meaning: Causing annoyance or resentment; annoying.

Synonyms: Annoying, Irritating, Vexing, Vexatiou

Antonyms: Pleasing

Usage: What was most **galling** was the Central government's apathy in the face of this brazen act of mob violence despite the fact that it had been forewarned.

10) Alienation (Noun) -- अलगाव की भावना

Meaning: The loss of friendship or affection

Synonyms: Disaffection, Disgruntlement, Estrangement, Souring

Antonyms: Reconcilement, Reconciliation

Usage: After years of **alienation** from her family, she became reconciled with them when her father fell ill.

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1) Thrive (Verb) – फलना या पनपना

Meaning: Prosperous and growing; flourishing.

Synonyms: Flourish, Prosper,

Antonyms: Decline, Wither, Fail, Stagnate

Usage: The death of more than 100 people to toxic alcohol in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand has exposed the thriving sale of illicit liquor in the region.

2) Entrench (Verb) – स्थापित करना

Meaning: Establish (an attitude, habit, or belief) so firmly that change is very difficult or unlikely.

Synonyms: Establish, Settle, Ensnice, Lodge

Antonyms: Dislodge, Superficial

Usage: An entrenched resistance to change

3) Staggering (Adjective)

Meaning: Deeply shocking; Astonishing.

Synonyms: Astonish, Amaze, Nonplus, Startle,

Antonyms: Unimpressive, Uninspiring, Unremarkable

Usage: It took this staggering number of casualties for the authorities to acknowledge the presence of free-flowing illicit liquor.

4) Conspiracy (Noun)

Meaning: A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.

Synonyms: plot, scheme, stratagem

Antonyms: Faithfulness, Honesty, Ignorance



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Usage: It has tried to put the blame for previous incidents on political opponents hatching **conspiracies**.

5) Dissent (Noun)

Meaning: The holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held.

Synonyms: Disagreement, argument, dispute, demur

Antonyms: Agreement, Acceptance

Usage: The Iranian regime must rethink its approach to **dissent** and personal freedoms

6) Defiant (Adjective)

Meaning: Showing defiance.

Synonyms: Intransigent, Resistant, Obstinate, Uncooperative

Antonyms: Apologetic, Cooperative

Usage: The theocratic regime, established by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1979, struck a **defiant** note by mobilising a huge rally in Tehran and repeating its familiar anti-West rhetoric.

7) Elite (Noun)

Meaning: A select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.

Synonyms: Best, Pick, Cream, Flower, Nonpareil, Elect

Antonyms: Dregs

Usage: The Tehran elite hoped it would allow the country to join the global economic and diplomatic mainstream.

8) Bolster (Verb) -- सहारा देना या मजबूत करना

Meaning: Support or strengthen.

Synonyms: Strengthen, Support, Reinforce

Antonyms: Undermine

Usage: President Hassan Rouhani banked on increased investments to **bolster** the economy.

9) Hostile (Adjective) -- शत्रुतापूर्ण

Meaning: Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.

Synonyms: Antagonistic, Aggressive, Confrontational

Antonyms: Friendly, Mild

Usage: Tehran will have to deal with the U.S.'s unilateral and **hostile** policies with help from other countries.

10) Despotic (Adjective) -- निरंकुश

Meaning: of or typical of a despot; tyrannical.

Synonyms: Autocratic, Dictatorial, Totalitarian, Authoritarian

Antonyms: Democratic, Accountable

Usage: It is also time for the government, which is celebrating the anniversary of the fall of a **despotic** monarch, to rethink its approach towards dissent and personal freedoms.

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1) Reconcile (Verb) -- मेल-मिलाप कराना

Meaning: Restore friendly relations between.

Synonyms: Reunite

Antonyms: Estrange, Alienate

Usage: Unable to **reconcile** himself to the failure to wrest Karnataka from the grip of the Congress in last year's Assembly election, the BJP strongman is adopting desperate measures to get another shot at becoming Chief Minister.

2) Veracity (Noun) – सत्यवादिता या सच्चाई

Meaning: Conformity to facts; accuracy.

Synonyms: Truthfulness, Truth, Accuracy

Antonyms: Falsity

Usage: The H.D. Kumaraswamy government has now announced the appointment of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to go into the **veracity** of an audio clip in which someone is heard offering money and ministership to win the support of a Janata Dal (Secular) MLA.

3) Dissident (Noun) – असंतुष्ट

Meaning: A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state.

Synonyms: Dissenter, Objector, Protester,

Antonyms: Conformist

Usage: Another BJP leader, Shivanagouda Nayak, was allegedly recorded as having said that

the Speaker of the House, K.R. Ramesh Kumar, had been “booked” for ₹50 crore to rule favourably on **dissident** legislators of the ruling coalition.

4) Credence (Noun) – विश्वास

Meaning: Belief in or acceptance of something as true.

Synonyms: Acceptance, Belief, Faith, Trust, Confidence

Usage: Accusations that the BJP was trying to buy up dissidents in the Congress have now gained **credence**.

5) Destabilize (Verb) – अस्थिर करना

Meaning: Upset the stability of (a region or system); cause unrest or instability in.

Synonyms: Undermine, Weaken, Impair, Damage, Subvert

Antonyms: Strengthen, Shore up

Usage: The wiser course for the BJP would have been to politically capitalise on the internal contradictions of the coalition government rather than resort to covert means to **destabilise** it.

6) Heinous (Adjective) -- जघन्य

Meaning: (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

Synonyms: Odious, Wicked, Evil, Atrocious, Monstrous

Antonyms: Admirable

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Usage: In what **heinous** manner had the three men waged war against the government, which justified a sentence of life imprisonment?

7) Coercion (Noun) -- अवपीडन

Meaning: The action or practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats.

Synonyms: Force, Compulsion, Constraint, Duress

Antonyms: Persuasion

Usage: The logic is simple: in a pluralist democracy, no one set of ideas can set itself up as the universal truth, and enforce its position through **coercion**.

8) Incitement (Noun) -- भड़काव

Meaning: The action of provoking unlawful behaviour or urging someone to behave unlawfully.

Synonyms: Urging, Motivation, Persuasion, Inducement

Antonyms: Suppression, Discouragement

Usage: The Indian Supreme Court's "**incitement** to violence" standard responds to this basic insight about civil liberties in a democracy.

9) Vilify (Verb) -- बदनाम करना

Meaning: Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.

Synonyms: Disparage, Denigrate, Defame

Antonyms: Commend, Lionize

Usage: He has been **vilified** in the press.

10) Bizarre (Adjective) -- बहुत अजीब या असामान्य

Meaning: very strange or unusual.

Synonyms: Strange, Peculiar, Odd, Funny, Curious

Antonyms: Ordinary, Normal

Usage: A **bizarre** situation.

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1) Vigorous (Noun) – जोरदार

Meaning: Strong, healthy, and full of energy

Synonyms: Robust, Healthy,

Antonyms: Frail, Weak

Usage: The report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India tabled in Parliament comes in the midst of a vigorous campaign.

2) Revelation (Noun) -- रहस्योद्घाटन

Meaning: The making known of something that was previously secret or unknown.

Synonyms: Divulgence, Telling, Disclosure

Antonyms: Keeping, Covering up

Usage: Revelations about his personal life

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3) Rhetoric (Noun) -- अलंकार शास्त्र

Meaning: Language that is impressive-sounding but not meaningful or sincere

Synonyms: Bombast, Fustian, Gas

Antonyms: Inarticulateness

Usage: The mayor's promise to fight drugs was just rhetoric, since there was no money in the city budget for a drug program

4) Disdain (Noun) -- तिरस्कार

Meaning: The feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

Synonyms: Contempt, Scorn,

Antonyms: Admiration, Respect

Usage: In a pluralistic, multi-party federal system, **disdain** for democratic conventions and the violation of well-entrenched behavioural patterns are causing irreversible damage to the polity.

5) Persuasion (Noun) -- अनुनय

Meaning: The action or process of persuading someone or of being persuaded to do or believe something.

Synonyms: Coercion, Inducement, Convincing, Blandishment

Antonyms: Fact, Truth

Usage: As Opposition parties of different **persuasions** are beginning to stitch together a motley coalition.

6) Motley (Adjective) -- मिश्रित

Meaning: Incongruously varied in appearance or character; disparate.

Synonyms: Miscellaneous, Disparate, Diverse, Assorted

Antonyms: Homogeneous, Uniform

Usage: A **motley** crew of discontents and zealots.

7) Authoritarian (Adjective) -- सत्तावादी

Meaning: Favouring or enforcing strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom.

Synonyms: Autocratic, Dictatorial, Totalitarian, Despotic

Antonyms: Democratic, Liberal, Lenient, Permissive

Usage: Across the world, democracy is in obvious retreat, with **authoritarian** tendencies on the ascendant.

8) Awry (Adjective) -- टेढ़ा

Meaning: Out of the normal or correct position; askew.

Synonyms: Askew, Crooked, Lopsided, Uneven, Asymmetrical,

Antonyms: Straight, Symmetrical

Usage: At the same time, there are enough examples of democracy going **awry**. Brexit, and

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the Brexit debate, in the U.K. and Europe is a good example.

9) Diatribe (Noun) -- अभियोगात्मक भाषण

Meaning: A long angry speech or scolding

Synonyms: Harangue, Jeremiad, Philippic, Rant, Tirade

Antonyms: Encomium, Eulogy, Panegyric, Rhapsody, Tribute

Usage: His **diatribe** against what he calls a "ridiculous partisan" investigation against him is an indication.

10) Vituperative (Adjective) -- निंदापूर्ण

Meaning: Bitter and abusive.

Synonyms: Abusive, Contumelious, Invective, Opprobrious

Antonyms: Moderate, Temperate

Usage: Currently, we are witnessing **vituperative** exchanges between the Prime Minister and some Chief Ministers which involve accusations such as fomenting riots and running extortion rackets.

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1) Trivial (adjective) – तुच्छ

Meaning: Of little value or importance.

Synonyms: Unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, minor

Antonyms: Big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material.

Usage: "Huge fines were imposed for trivial offences"

2) Exigencies (Noun) – मजबूरियों

Meaning: An urgent need or demand.

Synonyms: Need, demand, requirement, want.

Antonyms: Ease, Easiness, ordinariness.

Usage: "Women worked long hours when the **exigencies** of the family economy demanded it".

3) Strident (Adjective) – तेज़

Meaning: (of a sound) loud and harsh; grating.

Synonyms: ,Raucous, Rough, Grating, Rasping, Jarring, Loud.

Antonyms: Soft, Dulcet.

Usage: "His voice had become increasingly **strident**".

4) Engulfed (Verb) - घिरा हुआ

Meaning: (of a natural force) sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely.

Synonyms: Inundate, Flood, Deluge, Immerse, Swamp

Antonyms: Deluge, Drown, Flood, Gulf, Inundate, Overflow.

Usage: "The cafe was **engulfed** in flames"

5) Panders (Verb) – बढ़ावा देना

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Meaning: gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire or taste or a person with such a desire or taste).

Synonyms: Indulge, Gratify, Satisfy, Cater to, Give in to

Antonyms: Anger, Annoy, Disappoint, Disturb

Usage: "Newspapers are **pandering** to people's baser instincts"

6) Wobbly (Adjective) - दिखता जारी

Meaning: tending to move unsteadily from side to side.

Synonyms: Unsteady, Unstable, Shaky, Rocky, Rickety

Antonyms: Balanced, Certain, Confident

Usage: "The car had a **wobbly** wheel"

7) Acrimony (Noun) – रूखापन

Meaning: Bitterness or ill feeling.

Synonyms: Bitterness, Rancour, Resentment, Ill feeling, Ill will, Bad blood.

Antonyms: Good will, Love, Benevolence

Usage: "The AGM dissolved into **acrimony**".

8) Abide (Verb)- रहना

Meaning: Accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).

Synonyms: Comply with, Obey, Observe, Follow, Keep to.

Antonyms: Flout, Reject.

Usage: "I said I would **abide** by their decision"

9) Federalism (noun)- संघवाद

Meaning: the federal principle or system of government.

Synonyms: Unionism, Unitarianism, Republicanism

Antonyms: Antifederalism

Usage: "Idealists who were committed to European **federalism**"

10) Inherent (Adjective) – निहित

Meaning: Existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute.

Synonyms: Intrinsic, Innate, Immanent, Built-In, Inborn, Ingrained

Antonyms: Adventitious, Extraneous, Extrinsic

Usage: "Any form of mountaineering has its **inherent** dangers"

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1) Conflict (Noun) -- विवाद, झगडा

Definition: A serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one.

Synonyms: Dispute, Quarrel, Squabble, Disagreement

Antonyms: Agreement

Usage: This round of **conflict** between Puducherry Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy and Lt. Governor Kiran Bedi has been more serious than those in the past.



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2) Stand-off (Noun) – गतिरोध

Definition: A deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict.

Synonyms: Deadlock, Stalemate, Impasse, Standstill

Usage: The trigger for the latest stand-off seems to have been Ms. Bedi's move to enforce the rule for two-wheeler riders to wear helmets.

3) Enhance (Verb) -- बेहतर बनाना

Definition: Intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of.

Synonyms: Increase, Add to, Intensify, Magnify, Amplify

Antonyms: Diminish, Mar

Usage: He lists the blocking of welfare schemes such as the free rice scheme and **enhanced** scholarship for Scheduled Caste students, among other actions of the L-G, as the real issues.

4) Prevail (Verb) – प्रबल होना

Definition: Prove more powerful or superior.

Synonyms: Conquer, Triumph, Win

Antonyms: Collapse, Fail, Flop

Usage: At the same time, any difference of opinion between them can be referred to the President, and in the meantime the Administrator's action **prevails** on any urgent matter.

5) Hostile (Adjective) -- शत्रुतापूर्ण

Definition: Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.

Synonyms: Antagonistic, Aggressive, Confrontational

Antonyms: Friendly, Mild

Usage: The L-G was cautioned against having a **hostile** attitude towards the Ministers.

6) Fragment (Verb) – टुकड़ा होना

Definition: Break or cause to break into fragments.

Synonyms: Broken, Busted, Fractured, Shattered

Antonyms: Unbroken, Fixed, Healed, Mended

Usage: The snap poll called for April 28 by Spain's minority Socialist Party government could deepen the fissures in the **fragmented** polity.

7) Prop (up) (Verb) – प्रचारित करना

Definition: To hold up or serve as a foundation for

Synonyms: Bear, Bolster, Brace, Buttress

Antonyms: Balk, Bar, Block, Constrain

Usage: It was **propped up** last June by Catalan separatist parties, which were bound to turn into a liability for Mr. Sánchez.

8) Integrity (Noun) -- अखंडता

Definition: The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

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Synonyms: Honesty, Uprightness, Probity, Rectitude

Antonyms: Dishonesty

Usage: For the governing Socialist Party has, no less than the conservative People's Party, consistently regarded the Catalan demand for separation as a violation of the **integrity** of the Spanish union.

9) Secessionist (Noun) -- अलगाववादि

Definition: a person who thinks that a nation, state, etc., should separate from another and become independent

Synonyms: Separationist, Separatist

Usage: Meanwhile, a recent government proposal to appoint a rapporteur to negotiate with the **secessionists** has been condemned as a betrayal by the conservatives.

10) Status quo (Noun) – यथास्थिति या वर्तमान स्थिति

Definition: The existing state of affairs, especially regarding social or political issues.

Synonyms: Normalcy, Normality

Antonyms: Irregularity, Uncommonness, Unusualness

Usage: The entry of the extreme right Vox party to the Andalusian legislature has unsettled that **status quo**.

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1) Strapped (Adjective) -- तंगी

Definition: Short of money.

Synonyms: Shortfall, scarcity, deficit, dept

Antonyms: Surplus, Profit.

Usage: For a government **strapped** for finances and struggling to meet the revised fiscal deficit target of 3.4% of GDP, the RBI's largesse will be handy.

2) Stubborn (Adjective) -- ज़िद्दी

Definition: Having or showing dogged determination not to change one's attitude or position on something, especially in spite of good arguments or reasons to do so.

Synonyms: Obstinate, Mulish, Headstrong, Wilful

Antonyms: Compliant, Docile

Usage: Custodial torture is global, old and **stubborn**.

3) Numb (Adjective) -- सुन्न

Definition: (of a part of the body) deprived of the power of physical sensation.

Synonyms: Desensitized, Insensible, Insensate, Senseless

Antonyms: Sensitive, Responsive

Usage: Ancient Japanese methods of torture **numb** the human imagination.

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4) Pinnacle (Noun) -- शिखर

Definition: The most successful point; the culmination.

Synonyms: Peak, Height, Apex, Vertex, Zenith, Apogee

Antonyms: Nadir, Trough

Usage: In Greece, the **pinnacle** of culture, Socrates was in 399 BCE sentenced to death by hemlock, which was known to act slowly, incapacitating the person in stages, climbing from the lower extremities limb by limb to the heart.

5) Scourge (Verb) -- चाबुक से पीटना

Definition: Whip (someone) as a punishment.

Synonyms: Flog, Whip, Beat, Horsewhip, Lash

Antonyms: Ransomer, Redeemer, Vindicator

Usage: After being stripped and **scourged**, the victim's palms, known in anatomy to be among the most sensitive of human limbs.

6) Ephemeral (Adjective) -- अल्पकालिक

Definition: Lasting for a very short time.

Synonyms: Transitory, Transient, Fleeting, Passing.

Antonyms: Long-lived, Permanent

Usage: Fashions are **ephemeral**: new ones regularly drive out the old.

7) Impunity (Noun) -- दण्ड मुक्ति

Definition: Exemption from punishment or freedom from the injurious consequences of an action.

Synonyms: Immunity, Indemnity

Antonyms: Liability, Responsibility

Usage: India has practised and continues to practise the 'third degree' with **impunity**. Let only him deny it who has cause to hide it.

8) Revulsion (Noun) – विद्रोह

Definition: Sense of disgust and loathing.

Synonyms: Disgust, Repulsion, Abhorrence, Repugnance, Nausea

Antonyms: Delight, Liking

Usage: If torture is real, human **revulsion** with torture is also real. And it has shape, definition. It has scope.

9) Forbid (verb) -- वर्जित करना

Definition: Refuse to allow (something).

Synonyms: Prohibit, Ban, Outlaw,

Antonyms: Permit

Usage: More specifically, it "required states to take effective measures to prevent torture and **forbade** them from transporting people to any country where there is reason to believe they will be tortured (refoulement)".

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10) Subterfuge (Noun) -- छल

Definition: Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal.

Synonyms: Trickery, Intrigue, Deviousness, Evasion, Deceit,

Antonyms: Honesty, Openness

Usage: He had to use **subterfuge** and bluff on many occasions.

Editorial 21 – 02 – 2019

1) Attune (Verb) -- ग्रहणशील या जागरूक बनाना

Definition: Make receptive or aware.

Synonyms: Accustom, Adjust, Adapt, Acclimatize

Antonyms: Confuse, Disarray, Disorder, Disorganize

Usage: **Attuned** as we have become to political grandstanding on the purpose of democracy, we may not have imagined that something so prosaic as statistics can alter our perception of how it is actually working for us.

2) Prosaic (Adjective) -- गद्यात्मक

Definition: Having or using the style or diction of prose as opposed to poetry; lacking imaginativeness or originality.

Synonyms: Unimaginative, Uninspired, Dull, Dry, Humdrum, Mundane

Antonyms: Imaginative, Inspired

Usage: **Prosaic** language can't convey the experience

3) Swerve (Verb) – बहकना

Definition: To depart abruptly from a straight line or course

Synonyms: Break, Cut, Sheer

Antonyms: Straighten

Usage: The government did not hesitate to **swerve** from the path of rectitude to finance an income support programme for farmers in an election year.

4) Rectitude (Noun) – ईसाफ

Definition: Morally correct behaviour or thinking; righteousness.

Synonyms: Righteousness, Goodness, Virtue

Antonyms: Infamy, Dishonesty

Usage: Mattie is a model of **rectitude**

5) Orchestrate (Verb) – व्यवस्थित करना

Definition: Plan or coordinate the elements of (a situation) to produce a desired effect, especially surreptitiously.

Synonyms: Organize, Arrange, Plan

Usage: Employment does not usually figure in the public discourse **orchestrated** by political parties, either at the Centre or in the States.

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6) Alacrity (Noun) -- तत्परता

Definition: Brisk and cheerful readiness.

Synonyms: Eagerness, Willingness, Readiness

Antonyms: Apathy

Usage: The consequent loss of long-run output for the economy, is the basis of the argument that public policy must respond with **alacrity** to growing unemployment.

7) Impervious (Adjective) -- अप्रवेश्य

Definition: Not allowing fluid to pass through.

Synonyms: Impermeable, Impenetrable, Impregnable

Antonyms: Permeable

Usage: The economic, as opposed to the political, message is that the recent history of unemployment has been **impervious** to the political formation governing India.

8) Incongruous (Adjective) -- बेमेल

Definition: Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something.

Synonyms: Inappropriate, Unsuitable, Unsited.

Antonyms: Appropriate, Harmonious

Usage: The duffel coat looked **incongruous** with the black dress she wore underneath.

9) Testify (Verb) -- प्रमाणित करना

Definition: Serve as evidence or proof that something exists or is the case.

Synonyms: Confirm, Evidence, Prove, Corroborate, Substantiate

Antonyms: Belie

Usage: The bleak lines **testify** to inner torment

10) Conducive (Adjective) -- अनुकूल

Definition: Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.

Synonyms: Good for, Helpful to, Instrumental in

Antonyms: Unfavourable

Usage: In a democracy, it is left to elected representatives whether to pursue macroeconomic policies **conducive** to the generation of employment.

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1) Clamour (Noun) -- कोलाहल

Definition: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.

Synonyms: Din, Racket, Loud noise, Uproar, Tumult and Babel

Antonyms: Silence

Usage: It is clear that in the **clamour** to send Pakistan what it perceives to be the right message, India has shot itself in the foot.

2) Dampener (Noun) -- हतोत्साहित

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Definition: A thing that has a restraining or subduing effect.

Synonyms: Complainer, Grouch, Moaner and Pessimist

Usage: The language on terrorism in the joint statement was something of a **dampener** for those who would have hoped there would be stronger condemnation of the terror attack in Pulwama.

3) Embrace (Verb) – स्वागत और स्वीकार करना

Definition: Accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.

Synonyms: Welcome and Accept

Antonyms: Reject

Usage: At the leadership level, Mr. Modi extended more than a personal touch to the visit by going to the airport and **embracing** the Crown Prince on landing.

4) Bolster (Verb) – बढ़ने लगा

Definition: Support or strengthen.

Synonyms: Strengthen, Support, and Reinforce.

Antonyms: Undermine

Usage: The fall in interest rates is starting to bolster confidence.

5) Precarious (Adjective) -- अनिश्चित

Definition: Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.

Synonyms: Uncertain, Insecure, Unreliable, and Unsure

Antonyms: Safe, Secure

Usage: He made a precarious living as a painter.

6) Claimant (Noun) -- दावेदार

Definition: A person making a claim, especially in a lawsuit or for a state benefit.

Synonyms: Applicant, Candidate

Usage: Obviously, a claim in the context of the above-mentioned Act is based on an assertion that a **claimant** has been in possession of a certain parcel of land located in the forest areas.

7) Negate (Noun) -- निष्फल नकारना

Definition: Make ineffective; nullify.

Synonyms: Invalidate, Nullify

Antonyms: Confirm, Support, Validate

Usage: Alcohol negates the effects of the drug.

8) Vulnerable (Adjective) -- भेद्य

Definition: Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

Synonyms: Endangered, Unsafe, and Unprotected

Antonyms: Invulnerable, Resilient

Usage: We were in a vulnerable position.

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9) Tenable (Adjective) – टिकने योग्य

Definition: Able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.

Synonyms: Defensible, Justifiable,

Antonyms: Indefensible, Untenable

Usage: Such a simplistic approach is no longer **tenable**.

10) Pertain (Verb) – से सम्बंधित

Definition: Be appropriate, related, or applicable to.

Synonyms: Concern, Relate to, be Related to

Usage: Developments **pertaining** to the economy.

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1) Condemn (Verb) -- निंदा करना

Definition: Express complete disapproval of; censure.

Synonyms: Censure, Criticize, Castigate, Attack

Antonyms: Praise, Commend

Usage: The global terror finance watchdog **condemned**.

2) Scrutiny (Noun) -- संवीक्षा

Definition: Critical observation or examination.

Synonyms: Inspection, Survey, Scan, Study

Antonyms: Glance, cursory look

Usage: A black-list would mean enhanced financial **scrutiny** of its government, possible sanctions against its central bank, and a downgrade of its financial and credit institutions.

3) Weaponry (Noun) -- हथियार

Definition: Weapons regarded collectively.

Synonyms: Ammunition, Arms, Defense

Usage: Terror entities do not travel out of the country, or have access to funding or **weaponry**.

4) Repercussion (Noun) – परिणाम या प्रतिक्रिया

Definition: An unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

Synonyms: Consequence, Result, Effect

Antonyms: powerlessness, weakness

Usage: The world community must make it clear to the Pakistan government the possible international and financial **repercussions** of ignoring the FATF's timeline.

5) Affluent (Adjective) – समृद्ध या धनी

Definition: (especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money; wealthy.

Synonyms: Wealthy, Rich, Prosperous, Opulent

Antonyms: Poor, Impoverished

Usage: The savings of low-income Indian households have traditionally remained unprotected by the government when compared to those of the more **affluent** economic groups.

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6) Promulgate (Verb) -- प्रख्यापन करना

Definition: Promote or make widely known (an idea or cause).

Synonyms: Publicize, Spread, Communicate, Propagate

Antonyms: Conceal, Hush (up), Silence, Suppress

Usage: President Ram Nath Kovind has promulgated the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Ordinance.

7) Miscreant (Noun) -- उपद्रवियों

Definition: A person who has done something wrong or unlawful.

Synonyms: Criminal, Culprit, Wrongdoer, Malefactor,

Antonyms: Innocent, Saint

Usage: These unregulated schemes have also been misused by some miscreants.

8) Swindle (Verb) -- छलना

Definition: Use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions.

Synonyms: Defraud, Cheat, Trick, Fleece

Antonyms: Frankness, Honesty, Openness

Usage: Some miscreants to **swindle** the money of depositors with the promise of unbelievably high returns in a short period of time.

9) Heinous (Adjective) -- जघन्य

Definition: (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

Synonyms: Odious, Wicked, Evil, Atrocious

Antonyms: Admirable

Usage: The Saradha chit fund scam in West Bengal is just one example of such a **heinous** financial crime against depositors.

10) Cahoots (Noun) -- बराबर भागों में

Definition: Colluding or conspiring together secretly.

Synonyms: Conniving, Collaborating

Antonyms: Divided, Separate, Uncoordinated

Usage: In fact, in the past there have been several cases of politicians acting in **cahoots** with the operators of fraudulent deposit schemes.

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1) Dilemma (Noun) -- दुविधा

Definition: A difficult situation or problem.

Synonyms: Quandary, Predicament, Difficulty

Antonyms: Breeze, Cinch, Duck soup, Snap

Usage: The insoluble dilemma of adolescence

2) Reconcile (Verb) -- मेल-मिलाप करना

Definition: Restore friendly relations between.

Synonyms: Reunite



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Antonyms: Estrange, Alienate

Usage: The dilemma of **reconciling** inalienable tribal rights with biodiversity conservation.

3) Inalienable (Adjective) -- अयोग्य

Definition: Not subject to being taken away from or given away by the possessor.

Synonyms: Inviolable, Absolute, Sacrosanct, and Unchallengeable

Usage: The shareholders have the inalienable right to dismiss directors

4) Envisage (Verb) -- परिकल्पना करना

Definition: Contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event.

Synonyms: Foresee, Predict, Forecast, Foretell,

Antonyms: Disregard, Ignore

Usage: In the ideal scheme, as the Forest Rights Act **envisages**, forested areas and their biodiversity will be protected by communities, with individuals taking forest produce only for sustenance and livelihood.

5) Opaque (adjective) -- अपारदर्शी

Definition: Not able to be seen through; not transparent.

Synonyms: Non-Transparent, Cloudy, Filmy, Blurred

Antonyms: Transparent, Translucent, Clear

Usage: Bottles filled with a pale opaque liquid.

6) Vigorous (Adjective) – मजबूत

Definition: Strong, healthy, and full of energy.

Synonyms: Robust, Healthy

Antonyms: Frail, Weak

Usage: State governments need to pursue such programmes in a humane and **vigorous** fashion.

7) Mar (Verb) – बिगाड़ना या बर्बाद करना

Definition: Impair the quality or appearance of; spoil.

Synonyms: Spoil, Ruin, Impair

Antonyms: Improve, Enhance

Usage: Among the country's largest employers in recent years, the realty sector has been **marred** by the debt overdose that has plagued much of corporate India.

8) Iterate (Verb) -- पुनरावृत्ति करना

Definition: Perform or utter repeatedly.

Synonyms: Repeat, Recapitulate

Usage: In the wake of the Pulwama attack on February 14, the government has **iterated** once again its plan for the “diplomatic isolation” of Pakistan.

9) Vainglorious (Adjective) -- ब्रथा अभिमानी

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Definition: Having too high an opinion of oneself

Synonyms: Assured, Bigheaded, Complacent, Conceited

Antonyms: Egoless, Humble, Modest, Uncomplacent

Usage: The truth is, in today's interconnected world, it is **vainglorious** to expect countries to join a unilateral plan for isolation.

10) Rectify (Verb) – सुधारना या ठीक करना

Definition: Put right; correct.

Synonyms: Correct, Right, Amend, and Revise

Antonyms: Damage, Harm, Hurt, Impair

Usage: Let me get the store manager, and he'll **rectify** the invoice for your order.

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1) Utterance (Noun) – कथन

Definition: A spoken word, statement, or vocal sound.

Synonyms: Remark, Comment, Word, Expression

Usage: The latter is manifest in New Delhi's diplomatic **utterances**.

2) Retaliate (Verb) -- प्रतिशोध लेना

Definition: To punish in kind the wrongdoer responsible for

Synonyms: Avenge, Redress, Requite

Antonyms: Absolve, Condone, Excuse

Usage: This strike was carried out in Pakistani territory, not in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, the theatre for **retaliatory** action in the past.

3) Convene (Verb) - बुलवाना

Definition: Come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble.

Synonyms: Summon, Call

Antonyms: Disperse

Usage: He has **convened** a meeting of the National Command Authority that oversees Pakistan's nuclear policy.

4) Obviate (Verb) -- मुक्त हो जाना

Definition: Remove (a need or difficulty).

Synonyms: Preclude, Prevent, Remove

Usage: It could continue to deny that the Indian strike caused any damage on the ground, and **obviate** the need for retaliatory strikes.

5) Deterrent (Noun) -- निवारक

Definition: A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

Synonyms: Disincentive, Discouragement, Dissuasion

Antonyms: Incentive, Encouragement

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Usage: In the long term, building strong counter-terror defences, partnering with its own citizens to gather intelligence, and creating **deterrents** will be key.

6) Jeopardize (Verb) -- खतरे में डालना

Definition: Put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.

Synonyms: Threaten, Endanger, Imperil, Menace, Risk

Antonyms: Safeguard

Usage Mauritius has made it clear that it does not intend to **jeopardise** the future of the military base.

7) Thrash (Verb) - ताड़ना

Definition: Beat (a person or animal) repeatedly and violently with a stick or whip.

Synonyms: Hit, Beat, Flog, Whip, Horsewhip

Usage: When it lost this, London questioned the court's jurisdiction and Mauritius's version of how the deal had been **thrashed** out.

8) Erupt (Verb) -- प्रस्फुटित होना

Definition: Break out suddenly and dramatically.

Synonyms: Break out, Flare up, Blow up, Boil over

Antonyms: Die down

Usage: Fierce fighting **erupted** between the army and guerrillas

9) Unperturbed (Adjective) - अबाधित

Definition: Not perturbed or concerned.

Synonyms: Untroubled, Undisturbed, Unworried, Unconcerned

Antonyms: Perturbed, Anxious

Usage: Many thought the old order rooted in "stability" (read: the decades-long **unperturbed** rule of single families or dictators) would be swept away by emerging democracies.

10) Topple (Verb) -- गिर पड़ना

Definition: Overbalance or cause to overbalance and fall.

Synonyms: Fall, Tumble, Overturn, Overbalance

Antonyms: Get up, Rise,

Usage: American invasion of Iraq **toppled** him and buried his regime.

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1) Dissent (Noun) – मतभेद या असहमति

Definition: The holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held.

Synonyms: Disagreement, Argument, Dispute, Demur

Antonyms: Agreement, Acceptance

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Usage: This essay is a piece of dissent at a time when dissent may not be welcome.

2) Unison (Noun) – एकसाथ

Definition: The state of being of one opinion about something.

Synonyms: Accord, Agreement, Concurrence, Concurrency

Antonyms: Discord, Dissension

Usage: Newspapers have in **unison** supported the government, and citizens, from actors to cricketers.

3) Bully (Noun) -- धौंसिया

Definition: A person who habitually seeks to harm or intimidate those whom they perceive as vulnerable.

Synonyms: Persecutor, Oppressor, Tyrant, Tormentor

Usage: He smiled sadly and said, "Churchill was a **bully**."

4) Paranoid (Adjective) – ब्यामोहक

Definition: Unreasonably or obsessively anxious, suspicious, or mistrustful.

Synonyms: Over-suspicious, Paranoiac, Suspicious, Mistrustful

Usage: People take loyalty literally and become **paranoid**.

5) Surreal (Adjective) – असली

Definition: Having the qualities of surrealism; bizarre.

Synonyms: unreal, Bizarre, Unusual, Weird

Antonyms: Commonsense, Sane, Sensible, Sober

Usage: There is a sense of solidarity with the ruling regime which is **surreal**.

6) Untarnished (Adjective) -- निष्कलंक

Definition: Not spoiled or damaged.

Synonyms: Unsullied, Unblemished, and Untainted

Antonyms: Tarnished

Usage: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was **encrusted** with doubts a week before, appears like an untarnished hero.

7) Cynicism (Noun) -- कुटिलता

Definition: An inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; scepticism.

Synonyms: Scepticism, Doubt, Distrust, Mistrust

Antonyms: Optimism

Usage: Even the **cynicism** around these attitudes is ignored.

8) Aghast (Adjective) -- भौचक्का

Definition: Filled with fear or dread

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Synonyms: Affrighted, Afraid, Alarmed, Fearful

Antonyms: Adventurous, Adventurously, Audacious

Usage: One watches **aghast** as India turns war into a feud, indifferent to a wider conflagration.

9) Hysterical (Adjective) – उन्माद

Definition: Affected by or deriving from wildly uncontrolled emotion.

Synonyms: Overwrought, Emotional, Uncontrolled, and Uncontrollable

Antonyms: Calm, Self – possessed

Usage: The whole country lives from event to event and TV becomes **hysterical**, not knowing the difference between war and cricket.

10) Brutality (Noun) -- पाशवता

Definition: Savage physical violence; great cruelty.

Synonyms: Savagery, Cruelty

Antonyms: Gentleness, Kindness

Usage: We can talk with ease about Pakistani belligerency, about militarism in Pakistan, but we refuse to reflect on our own **brutality** in Kashmir or Manipur.

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1) Intimidation (Noun) -- अभित्रास

Definition: The action of intimidating someone, or the state of being intimidated.

Synonyms: Frightening, Menacing, Terrifying,

Antonyms: Cheer, Comfort, Console

Usage: The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a petition seeking directions to educational institutions to protect Kashmiris in the face of harassment and **intimidation** in various parts of the country after the ghastly terror attack in Pulwama on February 14.

2) Semblance (Noun) -- उपस्थिति

Definition: The outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different.

Synonyms: Appearance, Approximation, Show, Air

Antonyms: Bluntness, Candidness, Candor

Usage: She tried to force her thoughts back into some **semblance** of order.

3) Infuse (Verb) – मन में बैठाना

Definition: To cause (as a person) to become filled or saturated with a certain quality or principle

Synonyms: Imbue, Inculcate, Ingrain

Antonyms: Deprive, Divest, Strip

Usage: Modi Cabinet have either been in denial or have **infused** ambiguity into their statements of reassurance.

4) Entrench (Verb) -- मोरचाबंदी करना

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Definition: Establish (an attitude, habit, or belief) so firmly that change is very difficult or unlikely.

Synonyms: Establish, Settle, Ensnare, Lodge

Antonyms: Dislodge, Superficial

Usage: The manifestation of this three-fold othering was seen in the political culture across India since 1990s in an **entrenched** way.

5) Claimant (Noun) -- दावेदार

Definition: A person making a claim, especially in a lawsuit or for a state benefit.

Synonyms: Applicant, Candidate

Usage: Congress does not seem to be the only claimant of the discourse of Congressism.

6) Trounce (Verb) -- रौंदने

Definition: Defeat heavily in a contest.

Synonyms: Crush, Overwhelm, Thrash, Beat, Whip, Flog

Usage: The party has seamlessly employed multiple modes of 'othering' simultaneously to **trounce** its political rivals.

9) Uproar (Noun) -- कोलाहल

Definition: A loud and impassioned noise or disturbance.

Synonyms: Turmoil, Disorder, Confusion, Chaos

Antonyms: Acquiescence

7) Incessant (Adjective) – निरंतर

Definition: (of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption.

Synonyms: Ceaseless, Unceasing, Constant,

Antonyms: Intermittent, Occasional

Usage: The BJP has single-handedly taken the politics of 'othering' from the episodic to **incessant** level wherein the everyday life of the people is systematically fused with the constitution of the 'other' and its perpetuation.

8) Languish (Verb) – दुर्बल होना

Definition: (of a person, animal, or plant) lose or lack vitality; grow weak.

Synonyms: Weaken, Grow weak, Deteriorate, Decline

Antonyms: Thrive, Flourish

Usage: Indian investments in Iran, including the Shahid Beheshti complex at Chabahar and the Farzad B gas field, have **languished** for years, reflecting the severe constraints on doing business with Iran.

Usage: After the **uproar** among start-up investors in the last few weeks, the Centre on Tuesday decided to ease the conditions under which investments in start-ups will be taxed by the government.

10) Adverse (Adjective) – विपरीत



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Definition: Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable.

Synonyms: Unfavourable, Disadvantageous, Inauspicious,

Antonyms: Favourable, Beneficial, Positive, Friendly

Usage: The adverse effect that it has had on investor confidence has forced the government to ease the stringent rules.

