## February 2019 – Editorial Vocabulary

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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?

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

7) **Disruptive (Adjective)** -- विषटनकारी

**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)** -- फ़सलना

**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

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.
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.

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

**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.
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
Antonyms: Gentle, Kindly, Benevolent

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) – पूर्वाचारी

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) – चुप्चुप

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

**Synonyms:** Payback, Reprisal, Requital  
**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,  
**Antonyms:** Unaccountable, Unexplainable, Incomprehensible

**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 िहसाब करने में असमथर्थ

**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
Antonyms: Fortunate, Successful, Beneficial

Usage: A disastrous fire swept through the museum.

Editorial 05 – 02 – 2019

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

3) Impromptu (Adjective) -- योजनाबद्ध या पूर्वभ्यास 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) -- चिंचना

**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) – सहयाग 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
| **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, Convoluted, 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. |

| **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. |

| **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. |
| **3) Unequivocal (Adjective)** – असंदग्ध 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. |

| **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. |
| **4) Appeasement (Noun)** – तुल्दीकरण  |
| **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. |
6) **Superfluity (Noun)** – आिधक्य

**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*.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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10) **Rcede (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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**Editorial 12 – 02 – 2019**

1) **Incite (Verb)** -- उकसाना

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

**Synonyms:** Encourage, Inflame, Stimulate, Instigate, Provoke

**Antonyms:** Suppress, Dissuade, Deter

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

2) **Enamour (Verb)** -- आनंदित करना

**Meaning:** Be filled with love for.
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### 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) -- शाितर

**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) -- बिपथन

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

**Synonyms:** Anomaly, Deviation, Divergence, Abnormality
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) – स्थािपत करना

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

Synonyms: Establish, Settle, Ensconce, 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
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) -- शदृढ़

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) – सत्यवादता या सत्याई

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

**7) Coercion (Noun) – अवपीड़न**

**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 बसामान्य**

**Meaning:** very strange or unusual.

**Synonyms:** Strange, Peculiar, Odd, Funny, Curious

**Antonyms:** Ordinary, Normal

**Usage:** A **bizarre** situation.
3) **Rhetoric (Noun)** – अलंकार शाखा

**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)** – विरस्कार

**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
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) -- नदापूणर्
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 racketes.

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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) -- मजबूरियाँ
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) - चिरा 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) – सखापन
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, झगड़ा
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.
2) Stand-off (Noun) – गितरोध

**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) – प्रचल 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) – श्रद्धालुपूर्ण

**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, Butress

**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 बर्तमान 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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**Editorial 20 – 02 – 2019**

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) -- ढही

**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) -- चूज्ज

**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) -- विद्वोह

**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) -- वर्जर्त 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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**Editorial 23 – 02 – 2019**

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) -- हलालासाहित

**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.
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)** – **बनिश्चित**

**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)** – **िनष्फल नकारना**

**Definition:** Make ineffective; nullify.

**Synonyms:** Invalidate, Nullify

**Antonyms:** Confirm, Support, Validate

**Usage:** Alcohol negates the effects of the drug.

8) **Vulnerable (Adjective)** – **भे च**

**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.
9) **Tenable (Adjective) — ठिकने 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.

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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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**Editorial 25 – 02 – 2019**

1) **Condemn (Verb) — लिंदा करना**

**Definition**: Express complete disapproval of; censure.

**Synonyms**: Censure, Criticize, Castigate, Attack

**Antonyms**: Praise, Commend

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

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2) **Scrutiny (Noun) — संवीक्षण**

**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.

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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.

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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.

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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.
6) **Promulgate (Verb) -- प्रकाशन 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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**Editorial 26 – 02 – 2019**

1) **Dilemma (Noun) -- दुःखिया**

**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 कराना**

**Definition**: Restore friendly relations between.

**Synonyms**: Reunite
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) – अपारदशी
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 बबार्द 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) – पुनरावृत 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) – व्रथ अभिमानी
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.

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) – मुक 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) – िनवारक

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

Synonyms: Disincentive, Discouragement, Dissuasion

Antonyms: Incentive, Encouragement
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)** – ख़तरे 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)** – प्रस्फुटत 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) – अबािधत

**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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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) – धोंसिया

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) – खामोहक

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) – कूटलता

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) – भौचाला

Definition: Filled with fear or dread
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**Synonyms:** Affrighted, Afraid, Alarmed, Fearful

**Antonyms:** Adventuresome, Adventurous, 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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**Editorial 22 – 02 – 2019**

1) **Intimidation (Noun)** – अिभीस

**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)** – उपिस्थिति

**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
| Definition: Establish (an attitude, habit, or belief) so firmly that change is very difficult or unlikely. |
| Synonyms: Establish, Settle, Ensconce, 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) – रटने

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.

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) – दुबर्ल 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.

9) Uproar (Noun) – कोलाहल

Definition: A loud and impassioned noise or disturbance.

Synonyms: Turmoil, Disorder, Confusion, Chaos

Antonyms: Acquiescence

10) Adverse (Adjective) – विपरीत
**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.