

JANUARY 2019 – Editorial

Editorial 02 – 01 – 2019

1) Turnaround (Noun) -- अप्रत्याशित परिवर्तन

Definition: An abrupt or unexpected change, especially one that results in a more favourable situation.

Synonyms: About-face, About-turn

Antonyms: Approval, Enactment, Validation

Usage: Signs of a **turnaround**: on RBI's Financial Stability Report

2) Vigil (Noun) -- सतर्कता

Definition: A changing from one policy or point of view to virtually its exact opposite

Synonyms: Observance, Patrol, Attention, Awareness

Antonyms: Disregard, Heedlessness, Ignorance, Indifference

Usage: Regulatory **vigil** should not ease after the half-yearly decline in banks' gross NPA ratio.

3) Shroud (Verb) -- कफ़नाना

Definition: Wrap or dress (a body) in a shroud for burial.

Synonyms: Cover, Envelop, Veil, Cloak, Curtain

Antonyms: Expose, Reveal, Uncover, Unveil

Usage: The fog of bad loans **shrouding** the banking sector appears to be lifting after a long period of sustained stress.

4) Prognosticate (Verb) -- शकुन बताना

Definition: Foretell or prophesy (a future event).

Synonyms: Forecast, Predict, Prophecy, Foretell

Antonyms: Describe, Narrate, Recite, Recount, Relate, Report, Tell

Usage: This prompted RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das to **prognosticate** that the sector “appears to be on course to recovery”.

5) Contagion (Noun) -- संसर्ग

Definition: The communication of disease from one person or organism to another by close contact.

Synonyms: Contamination, Infection, Disease, Illness, Infirmary

Antonyms: Purification, Advantage, Cleanliness

Usage: A **contagion** analysis that assumes there would be no sovereign guarantee provided for the 11 PSBs placed under the PCA curbs.

6) Mala fide (Adjective) -- दुर्भावनापूर्ण

Definition: In bad faith; with intent to deceive.

Synonyms: Ambidextrous, Backhanded, Deceitful.

Usage: Close to 95% of the frauds reported in the six months ended September were credit-related, with PSBs again bearing the brunt of **mala fide** intent on the part of borrowers.

7) Plucky (Adjective) -- हिम्मती

Definition: Having or showing determined courage in the face of difficulties.

Synonyms: Brave, Courageous, Bold, Daring, Fearless

Antonyms: Cowardly, Timid, Timorous

Usage: Ruth Bader Ginsburg is the Supreme Court's eldest and **pluckiest** member.

8) Diminutive (Adjective) -- अल्पार्थक

Definition: Extremely or unusually small.

Synonyms: Tiny, Small, Little, Petite, Minute, Miniature, Mini, Minuscul

Antonyms: Enormous

Usage: The sharp words that earned the **diminutive** justice the moniker "Notorious RBG" in recent years were penned in dissent.

9) Exemplary (Adjective) -- अनुकरणीय

Definition: Serving as a desirable model; very good.

Synonyms: Perfect, Ideal, Model, Faultless

Antonyms: Deplorable, Unworthy

Usage: An **exemplary** relationship of talented, loving equals that bears out the film's arc.

10) Trajectory (noun) -- प्रक्षेपवक्र

Definition: The path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces.

Synonyms: Course, Route, Path, Track, Line, Orbit

Usage: The missile's trajectory was preset

Editorial 03 – 01 – 2019

1) Recalibrate (Verb) – संशोधन करना

Definition: Calibrate (something) again or differently.

Synonyms: Amend, Fix, Improve, Redress, Remedy

Antonyms: Corrupt, Arm, Hurt, Injure

Usage: As the tax collections remain below target, it may be time to **recalibrate** expectations.

2) Fervour (Noun) – जोश

Definition: Intense and passionate feeling.

Synonyms: Passion, Ardour, Intensity, Zeal,

Antonyms: Apathy

Usage: Yet, the higher compliance and the festive **fervour** translated into collections lower than the average monthly receipts for the year till date.

3) Elusive -- मायावी

Definition: Hard to find, capture, or isolate

Synonyms: Ephemeral, Evanescent, Fleeting, Impermanent

Antonyms: Accessible, Approachable, Attainable, Available

Usage: A consumption-led investment revival to take the economy to an 8% growth path seems **elusive** again.

4) Forbearance (Noun) -- सहनशीलता

Definition: Patient self-control; restraint and tolerance

Synonyms: Tolerance, Toleration, Patience, Resignation

Antonyms: Impatience

Usage: His unfailing courtesy and forbearance under great provocation.

5) Detriment (Noun) – क्षति

Definition: The state of being harmed or damaged.

Synonyms: Harm, Damage, Injury, Hurt, Impairment

Antonyms: Benefit, Good

Usage: The diplomatic row between Beijing and Ottawa over the detention and treatment of Canadian nationals in China continues to escalate, to the **detriment** of bilateral relations.

6) Standoff (Adjective) – असामाजिक,अलग

Definition: Having or showing a lack of friendliness or interest in others

Synonyms: Aloof, Antisocial, Asocial, Buttoned-up

Antonyms: Communicative, Expansive, Garrulous, Talkative

Usage: But more serious could be the implications of the **standoff** for the ongoing trade war between China and the U.S.

7) Detention (Noun) – नजरबंदी

Definition: The action of detaining someone or the state of being detained in official custody.

Synonyms: Custody, Imprisonment, Confinement, Incarceration

Antonyms: Emancipation, Freedom, Liberation

Usage: The spat goes back to the **detention** on December 1 of a top Chinese telecom executive in Vancouver.

8) Retribution (Noun) -- प्रतिशोध

Definition: The act or an instance of responding to an injury with an injury.

Synonyms: Payback, Reprisal, Requit, Retaliation

Antonyms: Clemency, Grace, Leniency, Lenity

Usage: There is concern that Canadian residents in China may face **retribution** for Ms. Meng's detention.

9) Lenient (Adjective) – दयालु

Definition: (of a punishment or person in authority) more merciful or tolerant than expected.

Synonyms: Merciful, Clement, Sparing, Forgiving

Antonyms: Merciless, Severe, Strict

Usage: A Chinese court last week ruled as too **lenient** the 15-year sentence against a Canadian convicted of drug-related offences.

10) Dispel (Verb) – दूर करना

Definition: Make (a doubt, feeling, or belief) disappear.

Synonyms: Banish, Eliminate, Dismiss

Antonyms: Engender

Usage: Given the climate of mistrust between the U.S. and China, it is hard to **dispel** the perception that Canada has got caught in the crossfire.

Editorial 04 – 01 – 2019

1) Stealth (Noun) -- गुप्तता

Definition: Cautious and surreptitious action or movement.

Synonyms: Furtiveness, Secretiveness, Secrecy, Surreptitiousness

Antonyms: Openness

Usage: In facilitating the entry of two women, albeit in **stealth** and under the cover of darkness.

2) Blockade (Noun) -- नाकाबंदी

Definition: An act or means of sealing off a place to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving.

Synonyms: Siege, Beleaguerment, Encirclement

Antonyms: Reopen, Unblock, Unbolt

Usage: The Kerala government has displayed some resolve in breaking the illegal blockade imposed by some devotees.

3) Upsurge (Noun) -- चढ़ाव

Definition: An upward surge in the strength or quantity of something; an increase.

Synonyms: Boom, Improvement, Recovery, Upswing

Antonyms: Downturn

Usage: Under some pressure to demonstrate that it had not gone soft as a result of the **upsurge** of protests against the Supreme Court's order.

4) Orchestrate (Verb) – व्यवस्था करना

Definition: Arrange or score (music) for orchestral performance.

Synonyms: Arrange, Adapt, Score

Antonyms: Disperse, Divide

Usage: Unfortunately, but not entirely unpredictably, news of their visit has resulted in a cycle of violent and politically **orchestrated** protests, clashes, and mass arrests.

5) Desecration (Noun) – अपवित्रता

Definition: The action of desecrating something.

Synonyms: Violation, Profanation, Sacrilege

Antonyms: Veneration, Sanctification

Usage: The decision of the temple authorities to close the *sanctum sanctorum* and perform purification rituals has invoked old and regressive notions of purity and pollution, of defilement and **desecration**.

6) Gush (Noun) -- यकायक बहाव

Definition: A flowing or going out

Synonyms: Exodus, Outflow, Outpour, Outpouring

Antonyms: Flux, Inflow, Influx, Inrush

Usage: The dam burst with a stupendous **gush** of water

7) Bombard (Verb) -- बौछार करना

Definition: Attack (a place or person) continuously with bombs, shells, or other missiles.

Synonyms: Shell, Torpedo, Pound, Blitz, Strafe, Pepper,

Antonyms: Leave alone

Usage: The city was **bombarded** by federal forces

8) Emanate (Verb) – निकलना

Definition: To throw or give off

Synonyms: Cast, Discharge, Emit, Evolve

Antonyms: Absorb, Inhale, Soak (Up), Sponge

Usage: Honeysuckle **emanating** such a sweet scent.

9) Dichotomy (Noun) -- दो भागों में विभाजन

Definition: a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different.

Synonyms: Division, Separation, Divorce, Split

Antonyms: Agreement, Likeness, Sameness

Usage: A rigid **dichotomy** between science and mysticism.

10) Haven (Noun) -- शरण, निवृत्ति, आश्रय

Definition: A place of safety or refuge.

Synonyms: Refuge, Retreat, Shelter, Sanctuary, Asylum,

Antonyms: Dock, Harbor, Haven, Port

Usage: "a **haven** for wildlife".

Editorial 05 – 01 – 2019

1) Fuel (Verb) -- तीव्र करना

Definition: Cause (a fire) to burn more intensely.

Synonyms: Stimulate, Boost, Encourage, Intensify,

Antonyms: Dampen

Usage: Petrol may have been used to **fuel** the fire.

2) Falter (Verb)-- लड़खड़ाना

Definition: To show uncertainty about the right course of action

Synonyms: Balance, Dither, Halt, Hang Back, Hesitate

Antonyms: Decide, Budge, Stir, Advance, Continue

Usage: The music **faltered**, stopped, and started up again.

3) Mire (Verb) – डूबना

Definition: to place in conflict or difficulties

Synonyms: Broil, Embrangle, Embroil

Antonyms: Emancipate, Free, Liberate, Release

Usage: Most governments are already deeply **mired** in debt

4) Revelation (Noun) -- रहस्योद्घाटन

Definition: A surprising and previously unknown fact that has been disclosed to others.

Synonyms: Disclosure, Surprising Fact, Divulgence, Declaration

Antonyms: Keeping, Covering up

Usage: Child care institutions in India have been trapped in an administrative blind spot, as **revelations** of the sexual abuse of inmates.

5) Predation (Noun) – शिकार

Definition: The action of attacking or plundering.

Synonyms: Predacity, Predation, Predatism, Rapaciousness, Rapacity

Usage: A home meant to protect girls rescued from exploitation itself turned into a den of **predation**.

6) Lacuna (Noun) – कमी

Definition: A falling short of an essential or desirable amount or number.

Synonyms: Crunch, Dearth, Deficiency, Deficit

Antonyms: Abundance, Adequacy, Amplitude, Opulence

Usage: Only an emergency measure to address the serious **lacunae** can bring some semblance of order to these faceless shelters.

7) Doom (Verb) -- विनाश की निंदा करना

Definition: Condemn to certain death or destruction.

Synonyms: Destine, Fate, Predestine, Ordain, Preordain

Antonyms: Happy, Lucky, Promising

Usage: The new currency, brought into being on January 1st 1999, has defied early critics, who thought it **doomed** to failure.

8) Turbulent (Adjective) – अशांत

Definition: Characterized by conflict, disorder, or confusion; not stable or calm.

Synonyms: Tempestuous, Stormy, Unstable, Unsettled

Antonyms: Peaceful

Usage: The country's **turbulent** history

9) Culmination (Noun) -- परिणति

Definition: The highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time.

Synonyms: Climax, Pinnacle, Peak, High point

Antonyms: Nadir

Usage: The deal marked the **culmination** of years of negotiation

10) Profligate (Adjective) -- अपव्ययी

Definition: Recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resources.

Synonyms: Wasteful, Extravagant, Spendthrift, Improvident

Antonyms: Thrifty, Frugal

Usage: Profligate consumers of energy

Editorial 07 – 01 – 2019

1) Sinister (Adjective) -- भयावह

Definition: Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen.

Synonyms: Menacing, Threatening, Ominous.

Antonyms: Unthreatening, Auspicious.

Usage: The philosopher Karl Popper argued that conspiracy theories are often premised on the notion that events are manipulated by **sinister** groups.

2) Yearning (Noun) -- तड़प

Definition: A strong wish for something.

Synonyms: Appetency, Appetite, Craving, Desire

Antonyms: Abhorrence, Abomination, Allergy.

Usage: Shaped by a distrust of the notion of randomness and a **yearning** to explain phenomena in terms of an underlying or intentional order.

3) Conspiracy (Noun) -- षड्यंत्र

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

Synonyms: Collusion, Complicity, Connivance.

Antonyms: Faithfulness, Honesty, Ignorance.

Usage: The death of famous people has provided a breeding ground for **conspiracy** theories.

4) Eminent (Adjective) -- प्रख्यात

Definition: Standing above others in rank, importance, or achievement.

Synonyms: Astral, Bright, Distinguished, Illustrious.

Antonyms: Insignificant, Minor, Unimportant.

Usage: Many **eminent** surgeons are on the hospital's staff.

5) Resurrect (Verb) -- पुनर्निर्माण करना

Definition: To bring back to life, practice, or activity.

Synonyms: Reanimate, Recharge, Regenerate, Rejuvenate.

Antonyms: Extinguish, Kill, Quench, Suppress.

Usage: Attempts are being made to **resurrect** the stalled arms negotiations

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

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

Synonyms: Adopt, Embrace, Take up, Take to.

Antonyms: Reject, Oppose.

Usage: The left has **espoused** the causes of sexual and racial equality.

7) Curtail (Verb) -- घटाना

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

Synonyms: Reduce, Cut, Cut down, Cut back, Decrease, Lessen.

Antonyms: Increase, Lengthen.

Usage: Civil liberties were further **curtailed**.

8) Harass (Verb) – परेशान करना

Definition: Subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation.

Synonyms: Pester, Badger, Hound, Harry, Plague.

Antonyms: Leave in peace.

Usage: If someone is being **harassed** at work because of their sexuality they should contact the police.

9) Obscene (Adjective) -- अश्लील

Definition: (of the portrayal or description of sexual matters) offensive or disgusting by accepted standards of morality and decency.

Synonyms: Pornographic, Indecent, Salacious, Smutty.

Antonyms: Pure, Decent.

Usage: **Obscene** jokes.

10) Dilute (Verb) -- जलमिश्रित करना

Definition: Make (something) weaker in force, content, or value by modification or the addition of other elements.

Synonyms: Diminish, Reduce, Decrease, Lessen, Attenuate.

Antonyms: Intensify.

Usage: The reforms have been **diluted**.

Editorial 09 – 01 – 2019

1) Rattled (Verb) – परेशान करना

Definition: Make (someone) nervous, worried, or irritated.

Synonyms: Unnerve, Disconcert, Disturb, Fluster

Antonyms: Appease, Placate, Soothe

Usage: **Rattled** by the erosion in upper caste votes in the recent Assembly elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

2) Scrutiny (Noun) -- संवीक्षा

Definition: Critical observation or examination.

Synonyms: Inspection, Survey, Scan, Study

Antonyms: Glance, cursory look

Usage: It is doubtful if it will stand judicial **scrutiny**.

3) Unapologetic (Adjective) – अक्षमाप्रार्थी

Definition: not acknowledging or expressing regret.

Synonyms: Impenitent, Remorseless, Unmerciful

Antonyms: Apologetic, Contrite, Penitent

Usage: The BJP government has attempted to recover this traditional vote base through an **unapologetic** political manoeuvre.

4) Drum up (Verb) – बढ़ाना

Definition: To create or think of by clever use of the imagination

Synonyms: Concoct, Construct, Contrive

Antonyms: Clone, Copy, Copycat, Duplicate

Usage: The 124th Constitution Amendment Bill will have to be passed by two-thirds of the MPs present and voting and the challenge will be to **drum up** the numbers in both Houses.

5) Reinstate (Verb) -- पुनः स्थापित करना

Definition: Restore (someone or something) to their former position or state.

Synonyms: Restore, Replace, Reconstitute, Rehabilitate

Usage: **Reinstated**, conditionally: on CBI Director's return

6) Contention (Noun) -- विवाद

Definition: Heated disagreement.

Synonyms: Disagreement, Dispute, Disputation

Antonyms: Agreement

Usage: Supreme Court rejects the Centre's **contention** in the CBI Director's case, but softens the blow

7) Insulated (Verb) – अछूता

Definition: to set or keep apart from others.

Synonyms: Cut off, Isolate, Seclude, Segregate

Antonyms: Desegregate, Integrate, Reintegrate

Usage: The Supreme Court has strengthened the principle that the head of the agency should be **insulated** against any form of interference.

8) Bulldoze (Verb) – ध्वस्त करना

Definition: clear (ground) or destroy

Synonyms: Demolish, Knock down, Tear down, Pull down, Flatten

Antonyms: Construct

Usage: The architect, tasked with redesigning the city's Olympic stadium, argues that new developments need not **bulldoze** the past.

9) Exacerbate (Verb) -- खराब करना

Definition: Make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Synonyms: Aggravate, Make worse, Worsen, Inflammate, Compound

Antonyms: Calm, Reduce

Usage: The **exorbitant** cost of land in urban areas only exacerbated the problem

10) Flagrant (Adjective) – प्रमुख

Definition: (of an action considered wrong or immoral) conspicuously or obviously offensive.

Synonyms: Blatant, Glaring, Obvious, Overt, Evident, Conspicuous

Antonyms: Unobtrusive, Slight

Usage: A **flagrant** violation of the law

Editorial 10 – 01 – 2019

1) Ploy (Noun) -- चालाक योजना

Definition: A cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage.

Synonyms: Ruse, Tactic, Move, Device, Stratagem, Scheme

Usage: The Bill, contentious in itself for its exclusion of Muslims, is seen by many as a **ploy** to legitimize the presence of Hindu Bengalis who had reached the Northeast in the aftermath of the birth of Bangladesh in 1971.

2) Persecuted (Verb) – सताया हुआ

Definition: Subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their race or political or religious beliefs.

Synonyms: Oppress, Abuse, Victimize, Ill-treat, mistreat, maltreat

Antonyms:

Usage: The Bill seeks to confer Indian citizenship to **persecuted** migrants from the Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Parsi, Christian and Buddhist communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who came to India before 2014.

3) Contentious (Adjective) -- विवादास्पद

Definition: Causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.

Synonyms: Controversial, Disputable, Debatable

Antonyms: Uncontroversial

Usage: The Bill, **contentious** in itself for its exclusion of Muslims.

4) Thaw (Verb) -- पिघलना

Definition: Become liquid or soft as a result of warming up.

Synonyms: Defrost

Antonyms: Freeze, Solidify

Usage: It is evidence of the continuing calm in the Korean peninsula for nearly a year since the **thaw** between Pyongyang and Washington.

5) Resonate (Verb) -- प्रतिध्वनि

Definition: To continue or be repeated in a series of reflected sound waves.

Synonyms: Echo, Reverberate, Vibrate, Oscillate

Antonyms: Damp, Dampen, Deaden, Dull, Quiet

Usage: U.S. President Donald Trump will be equally eager that his peace deal continues to **resonate** in the region and beyond.

6) Nicety (Noun) -- नुकताचीनी

Definition: A single piece of information

Synonyms: Article, Item, Component, Constituent

Antonyms: Error, Fallacy, Falsehood, Inaccuracy

Usage: Knows all the niceties of diplomatic protocol

7) Truce (Noun) -- युद्धविराम संधि

Definition: An agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.

Synonyms: Ceasefire, Armistice

Antonyms: Fighting, Hostilities

Usage: The guerrillas called a three-day truce

8) Exemplify (Verb) -- मिसाल देना

Definition: Illustrate or clarify by giving an example.

Synonyms: Typify, Epitomize, Illustrate

Antonyms: Becloud, Blur, Cloud, Darken

Usage: In your review you don't really **exemplify** your points with specific examples from the novel

9) Respite (Noun) – मोहलत

Definition: A short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

Synonyms: Rest, Break, Breathing Space, Interval

Antonyms: Continuation, Advance, Beginning

Usage: The refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering.

10) Stockpile (Noun) -- भंडार

Definition: A large accumulated stock of goods or materials, especially one held in reserve for use at a time of shortage or other emergency.

Synonyms: Stock, Store, Supply, Accumulation, Collection

Usage: Washington is impatient for information on the North Korean weapons **stockpile**.

Editorial 11 – 01 – 2019

1) Rebuff (Verb) – अस्वीकृत करना

Definition: Reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.

Synonyms: Reject, Turn Down, Spurn, Refuse, Decline

Antonyms: Accept, Welcome

Usage: As Turkey **rebuffs** its plea to protect Syrian Kurds, the U.S. must evaluate its next move.

2) Ostensible (Adjective) -- ख्याली

Definition: Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so.

Synonyms: Apparent, Seeming, Outward, Surface, Superficial

Antonyms: : Real, Genuine

Usage: This has **ostensibly** angered Turkey, which considers the Syrian Democratic Forces.

3) Pivotal (Adjective) -- केंद्रीय

Definition: Of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else.

Synonyms: Central, Crucial, Vital, Critical, Focal, Essential

Antonyms: Inconsequential, Insignificant, Minor

Usage: The report was missing a **pivotal** piece of information

4) Hamstrung (Verb) – पंगु करना

Definition: Cripple (a person or animal) by cutting their hamstrings.

Synonyms: Cripple, Lame, Hock, Disable

Antonyms: Help

Usage: In the event, the abrupt announcement has become a concession to Turkey, which was **hamstrung** by U.S. presence in the Kurdish-populated region in pursuing its own military options.

5) Conflict (Noun) -- विवाद, झगड़ा

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

Synonyms: Dispute, Quarrel, Squabble, Disagreement

Antonyms: Agreement, Peace

Usage: This is unlikely given his aversion to keeping troops indefinitely in Syria (and other West Asian **conflict** zones).

6) Ail (Verb) -- सताना

Definition: Trouble or afflict (someone) in mind or body.

Synonyms: Trouble, Afflict, Pain, Bedevil

Usage: On the brighter side, investment spending, which has **ailed** the economy for long, is expected to pick up finally.

7) Regime (Noun) – शासन

Definition: A government, especially an authoritarian one.

Synonyms: Government, Reign, Dominion, Sovereignty

Usage: **Regime** uncertainty associated with the election may put a halt to the nascent pick-up witnessed in investments as corporations might decide to hold back on big ticket investments until things clear up.

8) Opine (Verb) – सुझाव देना

Definition: Hold and state as one's opinion.

Synonyms: Suggest, Submit, Advance, Propose, Venture

Antonyms: Calculate, Disbelieve, Know

Usage: The Hon'ble Supreme Court has **opined** that the word 'misconduct' has no precise meaning.

9) Ambit (Noun) – सीमा

Definition: The scope, extent, or bounds of something.

Synonyms: Scope, Extent

Antonyms: Angle, Area, Center

Usage: A full discussion of this complex issue was beyond the **ambit** of one book.

10) Disrepute (Noun) – बदनामी

Definition: The state of being held in low esteem by the public.

Synonyms: Disgrace, Shame, Dishonour, Infamy, Notoriety

Antonyms: Honour

Usage: One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into **disrepute**.

Editorial 12 – 01 – 2019

1) Echelons (Noun) – स्तर

Definition: A level or rank in an organization, a profession, or society.

Synonyms: Level, Rank, Grade, Step, Rung, Tier, Stratum

Antonyms: Unemployment

Usage: The unseemly tussle in the CBI's top **echelons** reaches an unsatisfactory end.

2) Denouement – परिणाम

Definition: The final part of a play, film, or narrative in which the strands of the plot are drawn together and matters are explained or resolved.

Synonyms: Outcome, Upshot, Consequence, Result

Antonyms: Origin

Usage: The removal of Alok Verma as Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation is a disconcerting **denouement** to an unseemly episode.

3) Couch (Verb) – अभिव्यक्त करना

Definition: Express (something) in language of a specified style.

Synonyms: Express, Phrase, Word, Frame

Usage: Director Rakesh Asthana has ended with the former's removal, although it is **couched** as a transfer.

4) Convene (Verb) – बुलाना या इकट्ठा होना

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

Synonyms: Summon, Call

Antonyms: Disperse

Usage: The government quickly **convened** a meeting, which was attended by Justice A.K. Sikri, as the nominee of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi.

5) Untenable (Adjective) -- अस्थिर, असमर्थनीय

Definition: (especially of a position or view) not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.

Synonyms: Indefensible, Undefendable, Unarguable

Antonyms: Tenable, Defensible

Usage: Even if this position is not strictly **untenable** from a legal standpoint, it has serious implications for the CBI's independence.

6) Stratagem (Noun) – युक्ति या योजना

Definition: A plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end.

Synonyms: Plan, Scheme, Tactic, Manoeuvre, Move

Antonyms: Frankness, Honesty, Honor, Inactivity

Usage: An important learning from the entire episode is that the bipartisan appointment process for the post with the presence of a high judicial functionary as envisaged by the 2003 amendments may not be enough to thwart political **stratagems**.

7) Morass (Noun) -- उलझी हुई स्थिति

Definition: A complicated or confused situation.

Synonyms: Confusion, Chaos, Muddle, Tangle

Antonyms: Order, Organization

Usage: the border wall with Mexico has become a **morass** of partisan bickering that has stalemated the U.S. federal government into a three-week-long shutdown.

8) Strident (Adjective) – कर्कश

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

Synonyms: Harsh, Raucous, Rough, Grating, Rasping

Antonyms: Soft, Dulcet

Usage: Mr. Trump has steadily contributed to the **strident** and crude anti-migrant rhetoric.

9) Veracity (Noun) -- यथार्थता

Definition: Conformity to facts; accuracy.

Synonyms: Truthfulness, Truth, Accuracy

Antonyms: Falsity

Usage: There are disquieting questions about the **veracity** of some of Mr. Trump's claims.

10) Blatant (Adjective) -- बेखौफ

Definition: (of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly.

Synonyms: Flagrant, Glaring, Obvious, Undisguised, Unconcealed

Antonyms: Inconspicuous, Subtle

Usage: Then there is the more **blatantly** flawed reasoning touted by the President that “Mexico will pay” for the wall.

Editorial 14 – 01 – 2019

1) Demonstrate (Verb) -- व्यावहारिक प्रदर्शनी और स्पष्टीकरण करना

Definition: give a practical exhibition and explanation of (how a machine, skill, or craft works or is performed).

Synonyms: Reveal, Bespeak, Indicate, Signify

Antonyms: Hide

Usage: Computerized design methods will be **demonstrated**

2) Alienate (Verb) -- पराया करना

Definition: Make (someone) feel isolated or estranged.

Synonyms: Estrange, Turn away

Antonyms: Unite

Usage: An urban environment which would **alienate** its inhabitants

3) Determine -- निर्धारण

Definition: To give an opinion about (something at issue or in dispute)

Synonyms: Adjudge, Adjudicate, Arbitrate,

Antonyms: Equivocate, Hedge, Pussyfoot, Skirt

Usage: A three-member panel will **determine** the case

4) Defer (Verb) -- आस्थगित करना

Definition: Put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone.

Synonyms: Postpone, Put off, Adjourn

Antonyms: Stand up to, Disobey

Usage: They **deferred** the decision until February

5) Impend (Verb) -- समीप आ जाना

Definition: Be about to happen.

Synonyms: Imminent, At hand, close, Close at hand

Antonyms: Abate, Decline

Usage: For confirmed pessimists some disaster always seems to be **impending**.

6) Suspicion (Noun) – शक या संदेह

Definition: A feeling or thought that something is possible, likely, or true.

Synonyms: Intuition, Feeling, Impression, Inkling

Antonyms: Certainty

Usage: She had a sneaking **suspicion** that he was laughing at her

7) Romp (Verb) -- कोलाहल करते हुए खेलना

Definition: (especially of a child or animal) play roughly and energetically.

Synonyms: Play, Frolic, Frisk, Gambol

Usage: The noisy pack of children **romped** around the gardens

8) Intense (Adjective) -- गहन

Definition: (of an action) highly concentrated.

Synonyms: Great, Acute, Enormous, Fierce, Severe

Antonyms: Mild, apathetic

Usage: The job demands **intense** concentration

9) Deceased (Adjective) -- मृतक

Definition: recently dead.

Synonyms: Dead, Expired, Departed, Gone

Antonyms: Alive

Usage: The judge inferred that the **deceased** was confused as to the extent of his assets

10) Exert (Verb) – बल लगाना

Definition: Apply or bring to bear (a force, influence, or quality).

Synonyms: Bring to bear, Apply, Bring into play, Exercise, Employ

Usage: The moon **exerts** a force on the Earth

Editorial 17 – 01 – 2019

1) Contrarian (Adjective) – विरोधी

Definition: opposing or rejecting popular opinion or current practice.

Synonyms: Antagonist, Adversary, Debater

Usage: The charge-sheeting of JNU students is a move to criminalize **contrarian** opinion

2) Radicalize (Verb) – कट्टरपंथी करना

Definition: cause (someone) to adopt radical positions on political or social issues.

Synonyms: Profound, Basal, Bottom, Cardinal

Antonyms: Inessential, Minor, Secondary, Unimportant

Usage: some of those involved had been **radicalized** by the Vietnam War

3) Stringent (Adjective) -- कड़ी से कड़ी

Definition: (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting.

Synonyms: Strict, Firm, Rigid, Rigorous, Severe

Antonyms: Lenient, Flexible

Usage: **Stringent** guidelines on air pollution

4) Disrupt (Verb) – बाधित करना

Definition: Drastically alter or destroy the structure of.

Synonyms: Distort, Damage, Buckle, Warp

Antonyms: Organize, Arrange

Usage: Alcohol can **disrupt** the chromosomes of an unfertilized egg

5) Assailant (Noun) -- हमलावर

Definition: a person who physically attacks another.

Synonyms: Attacker, Mugger

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Usage: She escaped from her **assailant** after kicking him

6) Pernicious (Adjective) – खतरनाक

Definition: Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

Synonyms: Harmful, Damaging, Destructive, Injurious, Hurtful

Antonyms: Beneficial, Benign, Favourable

Usage: The **pernicious** influences of the mass media

7) Tendency (Noun) -- प्रवृत्ति

Definition: An inclination towards a particular characteristic or type of behaviour.

Synonyms: Propensity, Proclivity, Proneness, Aptness, Likelihood

Antonyms: Allergy, Averseness, Aversion, Disfavor

Usage: For students, there is a **tendency** to socialize in the evenings

8) Foment (Verb) -- भड़काना

Definition: Instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Synonyms: Instigate, Incite, Provoke, Agitate, Excite

Antonyms: Bridle, Check, Constrain, Curb

Usage: They accused him of **fomenting** political unrest

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Definition: A deep-seated feeling of aversion.

Synonyms: Hostility, Antagonism, Animosity, Aversion

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Usage: His fundamental **antipathy** to capitalism

10) Nurture (Verb) -- पालन - पोषण करना

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Editorial 19 – 01 – 2019

1) Nudge (Verb) -- मनाने की कोशिश करना

Definition: To try to persuade (someone) through earnest appeals to follow a course of action.

Synonyms: Drive, Propel, Spur, Stimulate.

Antonyms: Deter, Discourage, Dissuade.

Usage: The car salesman **nudged** me into taking a test-drive, even though I had said that I was just looking.

2) Admonish (Verb) -- सलाह या आग्रह करना

Definition: Advise or urge (someone) earnestly.

Synonyms: Advise, Recommend, Urge, Caution.

Antonyms: Discourage.

Usage: In the past too, the court has **admonished** the Centre for the delay in creating the institution.

3) Aggrieve (Adjective) – नाराजगी

Definition: Feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated.

Synonyms: Resentful, Affronted, Indignant, Disgruntled.

Antonyms: Pleased.

Usage: He has been skipping meetings, as he is **aggrieved** that the government has not made him a full member, and has roped him in as a 'special invitee'.

4) Transition (Noun) – परिवर्तन

Definition: The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.

Synonyms: Change, Move, Passage, Transformation, Conversion.

Antonyms: Decline, Decrease, Idleness.

Usage: China's capacity to manage its economic **transition** has implications the world over.

5) Juggernaut (Noun) – दर

Definition: A huge, powerful, and overwhelming force.

Synonyms: Bandwagon, Blitz, Campaign, Cause.

Usage: The Chinese growth **juggernaut** is slowing down.

6) Ample (Adjective) -- प्रचुर

Definition: Enough or more than enough; plentiful.

Synonyms: Enough, Sufficient, Adequate.

Antonyms: Insufficient, Meagre.

Usage: There is **ample** time for discussion.

7) Derail (Verb) – मन विचलित होना

Definition: To trouble the mind of; to make uneasy.

Synonyms: Agitate, Ail, Alarm, Bother, Concern, Discomfort.

Antonyms: Allay, Alleviate, Assuage.

Usage: According to police, the suspect had been **derailed** in recent months by mounting financial problems.

8) Aftermath (Noun) – परिणाम

Definition: A condition or occurrence traceable to a cause.

Synonyms: Aftereffect, Backwash, Child, Conclusion, Consequence, Corollary.

Antonyms: Consideration, Determinant, Factor.

Usage: The surgery was successful, but she now had to deal with its **aftermath**: a huge bill.

9) Stimulus (Noun) -- प्रोत्साहन

Definition: A thing that arouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur or incentive.

Synonyms: Spur, Stimulant, Encouragement, Impetus, Boost.

Antonyms: Deterrent, Discouragement.

Usage: If the tax were abolished, it would act as a **stimulus** to exports.

10) Falter (Verb) -- लड़खड़ाना

Definition: To show uncertainty about the right course of action

Synonyms: Balance, Dither, Halt, Hang Back

Antonyms: Dive (in), Plunge (in)

Usage: William Lloyd Garrison never once **faltered** in his demand that slavery be unconditionally abolished.

Editorial 21 – 01 – 2019

1) Cohesive (Adjective) -- जोड़नेवाला

Definition: characterized by or causing cohesion.

Synonyms: United, Adhesive, Tenacious

Antonyms: Detached, Divided, Loose, Separated

Usage: Opposition parties need a **cohesive** framework to be a viable alternative to the BJP

2) Commonality (Adjective) – समानता

Definition: the state of sharing features or attributes.

Synonyms: Common, Commonalty, Commoner, Pleb

Antonyms: Extraordinary, Infrequent, Rare, Seldom

Usage: Opposition parties that came together at the Kolkata rally hosted by Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee had a **commonality** of purpose — defeating the Bharatiya Janata Party.

3) Tandem (Noun) -- अग्रानुक्रम

Definition: An arrangement of two or more objects or persons one behind another

Synonyms: Lineup, Arrangement, Bunch

Antonyms: Individual, One, Single, Teammate

Usage: To share a dais and hold hands is one thing; to share seats and work in **tandem** is quite another.

4) Brainchild (Noun) -- दिमाग की उपज

Definition: An idea or invention which is considered to be a particular person's creation.

Synonyms: Coinage, Concoction, Contrivance, Creation, Innovation

Antonyms: Duplicate, Duplication, Facsimile, Imitation

Usage: The federal front was essentially the **brainchild** of the TRS founder K. Chandrasekhar Rao.

5) Impulse (Noun) -- आवेग

Definition: A sudden strong and unreflective urge or desire to act.

Synonyms: Spontaneity, Impetuosity, Wildness, Recklessness, Irresponsibility

Antonyms: Premeditation, Carefulness

Usage: At the same time, it seems to have imparted a fresh **impulse** to the efforts to put together a viable, if not entirely cohesive, alternative to the BJP.

6) Hitherto (Adverb) – अब तक

Definition: Until now or until the point in time under discussion.

Synonyms: Heretofore, Theretofore, Yet

Antonyms: Henceforth, Henceforward, Hereafter, Thenceforth

Usage: There is also no telling how an alliance between the Congress and the TDP, bitter rivals **hitherto**, will work on the ground.

7) Navigate (Verb) – संचालित या नियंत्रित करना

Definition: To operate or control the course of

Synonyms: Course, Cover, Perambulate, Peregrinate,

Usage: Seat-sharing is likely to be akin to **navigating** a minefield.

8) Accommodate (Verb) – समायोजित करना

Definition: Fit in with the wishes or needs of.

Synonyms: Help, Assist, aid, Oblige

Antonyms: Hinder

Usage: The SP and the BSP have agreed on seat-sharing but have not **accommodated** the Congress; also, negotiations with another ally, the RLD, are yet to conclude.

9) Manifesto (Noun) -- घोषणापत्र

Definition: A public declaration of policy and aims, especially one issued before an election by a political party or candidate.

Synonyms: Platform, Programme, Declaration, Proclamation

Antonyms: Ambiguous, Clouded, Cryptic, Dark, Enigmatic

Usage: There is still the issue of reaching agreements at the State level, and arriving at a consensus on a common **manifesto** of policies and programmes.

10) Akin (Adjective) -- समान प्रकृतिवाला

Definition: of similar character.

Synonyms: Similar, Related, Close, Near, Corresponding

Antonyms: Unlike

Usage: Something **akin** to gratitude overwhelmed her

Editorial 22 – 01 – 2019

1) Intrinsic (Adjective) – आंतरिक

Definition: Belonging naturally; essential.

Synonyms: Inherent, Innate, Inborn, Inbred, Congenital

Antonyms: Extrinsic, Acquired

Usage: Tighter regulations cannot eliminate the element of danger **intrinsic** to jallikattu.

2) Cruelty (Noun) -- क्रूरता

Definition: Cruel behaviour or attitudes.

Synonyms: Brutality, Savagery, Savageness, Inhumanity, Barbarism

Antonyms: Compassion, Mercy

Usage: Jallikattu may have drawn the attention of animal rights activists for the innumerable accounts of **cruelty** to bulls, but the deaths fall mostly on the human side of the ledger.

3) Rampage (Verb) -- हिंसात्मक व्यवहार

Definition: (especially of a large group of people) move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner.

Synonyms: Rage, Tear

Antonyms: Be calm

Usage: Whatever the precautions taken, and there were many, one cannot prepare for the behaviour of a **rampaging** bull.

4) Rein (Verb) – लगाम रखना

Definition: Keep under control; restrain.

Synonyms: Restrain, Check, Curb, Constrain

Antonyms: Impotence, Impotency, Powerlessness

Usage: An owner trying to **rein** in his bull was gored to death by another behind him.

5) Pierced (Verb) – छेद करना

Definition: (of a sharp pointed object) go into or through (something).

Synonyms: Incise, Intrude, Perforate

Antonyms: Leave, Mend, Sew

Usage: A spectator who wandered out of the protective cover at the scene of action bled to death on being **pierced** in the abdomen.

6) Persistent (Adjective) -- दृढ़

Definition: Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Synonyms: Tenacious, Persevering, Determined, Resolute

Antonyms: Irresolute

Usage: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's **persistent** efforts since the Singapore meeting have come to nought.

7) Curx (Noun) -- किसी चीज का केंद्रीय भाग या पहलू

Definition: The central part or aspect of something under consideration.

Synonyms: Bottom Line, Bull's-Eye, Centerpiece, Core, Essence

Usage: The concept of “complete denuclearisation” of the Korean Peninsula that formed the **crux** of the Singapore declaration has become a subject of conflicting interpretations.

8) Impasse (Noun) -- गतिरोध

Definition: a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock.

Synonyms: Deadlock, Dead End, Stalemate, Checkmate

Antonyms: Solution, Boon, Agreement, Breakthrough

Usage: The stalemate is at best a case of Mr. Trump’s diplomatic gambit having gone awry and at worst, an **impasse** that allows Pyongyang to prevaricate and give nothing away.

9) Rhetoric (Noun) -- अलंकार शास्त्र

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

Synonyms: Bombast, Fustian, Gas, Grandiloquence

Antonyms: Inarticulateness

Usage: Toning down his **rhetoric**, President Trump has displayed a readiness to wait and watch.

10) Imbroglia (Noun) -- क्लिष्ट स्थिति

Definition: An extremely confused, complicated, or embarrassing situation.

Synonyms: Complication, Complexity, Problem, Difficulty, Predicament

Antonyms: Agreement, Ease, Harmony, Peace

Usage: Moon Jae-in, South Korea’s President, favours rapprochement with the neighbour, and a lasting resolution of the Washington-Pyongyang nuclear **imbroglio**, advocating dialogue.

Editorial 23 – 01 – 2019

1) Conundrum (Noun) -- पहेली

Definition: a confusing and difficult problem or question.

Synonyms: Riddle, Puzzle, Word Game, Anagram

Antonyms: Answer, Axiom, Explanation, Proposition, Solution

Usage: Inflation **conundrum**

2) Persuade (Verb) -- राज़ी करना

Definition: Induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.

Synonyms: Coax, Convince, Make, Ge

Antonyms: Dissuade, Discourage, Deter

Usage: A weak performance and low inflation may **persuade** the RBI to go for an interest rate cut.

3) Divergent (Adjective) -- विभिन्न

Definition: Tending to be different or develop in different directions.

Synonyms: Differing, Varying, Different, Dissimilar, Unlike

Antonyms: Similar

Usage: The inflation data have also thrown a curveball at policymakers in that their different components show **divergent** trends.

4) Entrant (Noun) -- प्रवेशी

Definition: A person or group that enters or takes part in something.

Synonyms: Beginner, Newcomer, Fresher, Freshman, Recruit

Antonyms: Veteran

Usage: A further eight **potential** entrants sitting on the fence.

5) Accumulate (Verb) -- संचय करना

Definition: Gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity of.

Synonyms: Gather, Collect, Assemble

Antonyms: Dissipate

Usage: Ms. Harris enters this crowded arena with the heft of her star power, having **accumulated** considerable political capital through her tough questioning of President Donald Trump.

6) Swirl (Verb) -- घूर्णन करना

Definition: Move in a twisting or spiralling pattern.

Synonyms: Whirl, Eddy, Billow, Spiral, Wind, Churn

Antonyms: Straighten

Usage: First, whoever wins the nomination will inherit the burden — and benefits — of the considerable anti-Trump sentiment that is **swirling** across diverse pockets of the country.

7) Overshadow (Verb) -- अधिक प्रभावशाली या सफल होना

Definition: Be more impressive or successful than (another person).

Synonyms: Outshine, Eclipse

Antonyms:

Usage: President Vladimir Putin's visit to Serbia was **overshadowed** by ongoing protests against the country's president, Aleksandar Vucic.

8) Revive (Verb) -- पुनरजीवित करना

Definition: Give new strength or energy to

Synonyms: Reinvigorate, Revitalize, Refresh, Energize

Antonyms: Torpefy

Usage: He needs to **revive** the manufacturing sector and emulate other Asian countries by becoming part of the global supply chain.

9) Abstract (Adjective) -- सार

Definition: Existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence.

Synonyms: Theoretical, Conceptual, Notional, Intellectual

Antonyms: Actual, Concrete

Usage: Robert Saunders of Queen Mary University of London explains how the vote in 2016 reduced a complex question to an **abstract** proposition onto which voters could project incompatible versions of Brexit.

10) Utopia (Noun) -- आदर्शलोक

Definition: An imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect.

Synonyms: Paradise, Heaven,

Antonyms: Hell on earth

Usage: A vote on a concrete proposition, he says, would focus debate on the strengths and weaknesses of a specific policy, not on the **utopias** (and dystopias) that predominated before.

Editorial 24 – 01 – 2019

1) Convergence (Noun) -- संमिलन

Definition: The coming together of two or more things to the same point

Synonyms: Confluence, Conjunction, Convergency, Meeting

Antonyms: Divergence

Usage: Economic convergence within the country remains a distant dream as poorer States continue to lag behind the richer ones in economic growth.

2) Burgeon (Verb) -- तेजी से वृद्धि होना

Definition: Begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish.

Synonyms: Boom, Mushroom, Proliferate, Snowball, Multiply

Antonyms: Shrink

Usage: The report suggests that, at least during fiscal year 2018, government spending may be what boosted gross domestic product growth in the top-performing States, particularly in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh whose double-digit growth rates have come along with a **burgeoning** fiscal deficit.

3) Profligate (Noun) -- अपव्ययी

Definition: A licentious, dissolute person.

Synonyms: Libertine, debauchee, degenerate, reprobate

Antonyms: Conserving, Economical, Economizing, Frugal,

Usage: Punjab and Kerala, which are at the bottom of the growth table, are ranked as **profligates** by the report.

4) Fraught (Adjective) – चिंतित

Definition: Causing or affected by anxiety or stress.

Synonyms: Anxious, Worried, Upset, Distraught, Overwrought.

Antonyms: Calm

Usage: Editing the ‘human germline’ is an exercise **fraught** with unknown risks.

5) Condemn (Verb) -- निंदा करना

Definition: Express complete disapproval of; censure.

Synonyms: Censure, Criticize, Castigate, Attack, Denounce, Deplore, Decry

Antonyms: Praise, Commend

Usage: Chinese authorities have since **condemned** the researcher, He Jiankui, with a government report this week saying he violated both ethics and laws.

6) Outrage (Noun) – क्रोध

Definition: An extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation.

Synonyms: Indignation, Fury, Anger, Rage, Disapproval

Antonyms: Delight, Pleasure

Usage: Mr. He's actions drew international **outrage**, they weren't revolutionary in technological terms.

7) Fiddling (adjective) -- तुच्छ

Definition: Annoyingly trivial or petty.

Synonyms: Trivial, Petty, Trifling, Insignificant, Unimportant

Antonyms: Important, Large

Usage: In doing so, he violated the widely held ethical consensus that it is too early for germline editing, for we simply don't know enough yet about the risks of such **fiddling**.

8) Precise (Adjective) -- ठीक-ठीक सूक्ष्म:

Definition: Marked by exactness and accuracy of expression or detail.

Synonyms: Exact, Accurate, Correct, Error-free, Pinpoint, Specific

Antonyms: Imprecise, Inaccurate

Usage: One pitfall of embryo gene-editing is that it is not as **precise** as we need it to be today.

9) Mutations (Noun) -- उत्परिवर्तन

Definition: A distinct form resulting from genetic mutation.

Synonyms: Mutant, Variant, Variation, Freak

Antonyms: Sameness

Usage: Studies have shown that the technology can result in unintended **mutations**, which in turn can cause cancers.

10) Susceptible (Adjective) -- अतिसंवेदनशील

Definition: (of a person) easily influenced by feelings or emotions; sensitive.

Synonyms: Impressionable, Credulous, Gullible, Innocent, Ingenuous

Antonyms: Sceptical, Streetwise

Usage: The problem is that while protecting against HIV, a deactivated CCR5 gene can also make people more **susceptible** to West-Nile Fever.

Editorial 25 – 01 – 2019

1) Manoeuvre (Noun) -- पैतरेबाज़ी

Definition: A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.

Synonyms: Operation, Exercise, Activity, Move

Antonyms: Mishandle, Muff, Scamp

Usage: The high-stakes **manoeuvre** could lift the profile of the Congress as a serious contender in the general election.

2) Turnaround (Noun) – बदलाव

Definition: An abrupt or unexpected change, especially one that results in a more favourable situation.

Synonyms: About-face, About-turn

Antonyms: Approval, Enactment, Validation

Usage: In Uttar Pradesh, where it has been left high and dry in the seat-sharing deal between the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party, it sorely needs a dramatic **turnaround** in political fortunes.

3) Concerted (Adjective) -- सम्मिलित

Definition: Jointly arranged or carried out; coordinated.

Synonyms: Joint, United, Collaborative, Collective,

Antonyms: Separate, Individual

Usage: A **concerted** public health push is required to tackle periodic outbreaks of influenza

4) Spurt (Verb) – तेजी से आना

Definition: Gush out in a sudden and forceful stream.

Synonyms: Squirt, Shoot, Spray, Fountain, Jet, Erupt

Antonyms: Calm, Doldrums, Slump

Usage: The **spurt** in infections during the first two weeks of 2019 cries out for an effective plan to contain it.

5) Depute (Verb) -- प्रतिनियुक्त करना

Definition: Appoint or instruct (someone) to perform a task for which one is responsible.

Synonyms: Appoint, Designate, Nominate, Assign, Commission

Antonyms: Abrogate, Abdicate

Usage: Last year, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare **deputed** teams to assist Rajasthan in containing the outbreak.

6) Etiquette (Noun) -- शिष्टाचार

Definition: The customary code of polite behaviour in society or among members of a particular profession or group.

Synonyms: Protocol, Polite behaviour, Good manners

Antonyms: Bad manners, Discourtesy, Immorality, Impoliteness

Usage: Campaigns to educate the public through mass media ahead of the season, especially on respiratory **etiquette** and risk reduction, can help cut transmission.

7) Raucous (Adjective) – सक्क या कर्कश

Definition: Making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

Synonyms: Harsh, Strident, Screeching, Squawky

Antonyms: Soft, Dulcet, Peaceful, Quiet, Restrained

Usage: National demonstration against the disastrous regime of Nicolás Maduro, now deemed a usurper, let out a **raucous** cheer.

8) Internecine (Adjective) – आंतरिक

Definition: Destructive to both sides in a conflict.

Synonyms: Bloody, Sanguinary, Sanguine

Antonyms: Beneficial, Restorative, Salubrious, Salutary

Usage: few enemies to suspend the **internecine** disputes within the opposition.

9) Revitalize (Verb) – पुनर्जीवित करना

Definition: Imbue (something) with new life and vitality.

Synonyms: Reinvigorate, Re-Energize, Brace, Fortify, Strengthen

Antonyms: Depress

Usage: **Revitalise** the hopes of all those who want to see the end of Mr Maduro's rule.

10) Pauperize (Verb) -- दरिद्र करना

Definition: Make very poor; impoverish.

Synonyms: Beggar

Antonyms: Rich

Usage: Mr Maduro's incompetence has **pauperised** Venezuelans, forcing around a tenth of the population to emigrate.

Editorial 26 – 01 – 2019

1) Plunge (Verb) – अचानक नीचे गिरना

Definition: Fall suddenly and uncontrollably.

Synonyms: Crash, Plummet, Pitch, Drop, Fall

Antonyms: Ascent, Climb, Rise, Rising

Usage: Venezuela **plunges** from one catastrophic crisis to another.

2) Grapple (Verb) – पकड़ना

Definition: Seize hold of (someone).

Synonyms: Seize, Grab, Grip, Hold, Grasp, Clasp, Clench

Antonyms: Release

Usage: Venezuela has **grappled** with an economic and political crisis of its own making for almost two years now.

3) Brute (Adjective) -- अत्याचारी

Definition: having or showing the desire to inflict severe pain and suffering on others.

Synonyms: Atrocious, Barbaric, Barbarous, Brutal

Antonyms: Merciful, Pitying, Pacific, Peaceable, Peaceful

Usage: The government used **brute** force to suppress them, while the economic situation deteriorated.

4) Boycott (verb) -- बहिष्कार करना

Definition: Withdraw from commercial or social relations with (a country, organization, or person) as a punishment or protest.

Synonyms: Spurn, Snub

Antonyms: Support, Approve of

Usage: The main opposition **boycotted** last year's presidential election, which Mr. Maduro won with 67.8% vote.

5) Anoint (Verb) -- तेल लगाना

Definition: To rub an oily or sticky substance over

Synonyms: Bedaub, Besmear, Daub, Smear

Usage: Mr. Guaidó may have hoped that by **anointing** himself a rebel President with backing from the U.S.

6) Treachery (Noun) -- द्रक्ह

Definition: Betrayal of trust.

Synonyms: Betrayal, Disloyalty, Perfidy

Antonyms: Loyalty, Faithfulness

Usage: We are one step before a historic event," said Alexis Tsipras, the embattled Greek prime minister, who has been accused of **treachery** by the opposition.

7) Upend (Verb) – सीधा करना

Definition: to fix in an upright position

Synonyms: Erect, Pitch, Put Up, Raise

Antonyms: Demolish, Flatten, Knock Down

Usage: E-commerce has **upended** this arrangement.

8) Unencumbered (Adjective) -- अभारग्रस्त

Definition: Not having any burden or impediment.

Synonyms: Burdenless, Unburdened

Antonyms: Encumbered, Burdened

Usage: Now they often travel by different routes, **unencumbered** by shopping bags.

9) Realism (Noun) -- यथार्थवाद

Definition: Realistic depiction in art and literature

Synonyms: Literalism, Naturalism, Representationalism

Antonyms: Irrreality, Unreality

Usage: Since October a new type of outlet has brought in some Lewis Carroll-like magical **realism**.

10) Devote (Verb) – समर्पित करना

Definition: To keep or intend for a special purpose

Synonyms: Address, Apply, Bend, Buckle, Give

Antonyms: Dally, Dawdle, Dillydally

Usage: That is where ikea is **devoting** lots of attention.

Editorial 28 – 01 – 2019

1) Propensity (Noun) -- प्रवृत्ति

Definition: An inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.

Synonyms: Tendency, Inclination, Predisposition, Proneness

Antonyms: Disinclination, Dislike, Hate, Hatred

Usage: It is in the nature of our polity to use any opportunity possible for political signalling, and the Bharat Ratna, the nation's highest civilian honour, has not been spared from this **propensity**.

2) Bemuse (Verb) -- स्तब्ध करना

Definition: Puzzle, confuse, or bewilder (someone).

Synonyms: Bewildered, Confused, Puzzled, Perplexed

Antonyms: Clearheaded

Usage: He agreed to speak at an RSS event last year to the **bemused** disapproval of the Congress party was held out as a reason.

3) Embrace (Verb) – अलिंगन करना

Definition: Hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.

Synonyms: Clutch, Seize, Grab

Antonyms: Reject

Usage: The award has been a part of the BJP's strategy of **embracing** old Congress leaders such as

Vallabhbhai Patel to highlight that its real opposition is to the Nehru-Gandhi family.

4) Thwart (Verb) – विरोध करना

Definition: Oppose (a plan, attempt, or ambition) successfully.

Synonyms: Foil, Frustrate, Balk

Antonyms: Assist, Facilitate

Usage: It is no secret that Mr. Mukherjee's political ambitions were **thwarted** at one point by his inability to break the hold of dynastic politics in the Congress.

5) Decry (Verb) - सार्वजनिक रूप से निंदा करना

Definition: Publicly denounce.

Synonyms: Denounce, Condemn, Criticize, Censure

Antonyms: Praise, Overrate

Usage: The FBI Director, a Trump appointee, was among the senior functionaries who **decided** the governmental dysfunction.

6) Prolong (Verb) – लंबा करना

Definition: Extend the duration of.

Synonyms: Lengthen, Elongate

Antonyms: Shorten

Usage: If the Trump team had hoped a **prolonged** government shutdown would break the Democratic Party's rank and file, it didn't happen.

7) Ransom (Noun) -- फिरोती

Definition: A sum of money demanded or paid for the release of a captive.

Synonyms: Pay-off, Payment, Price

Usage: Mr. Trump will be better off if he realises that holding the government to **ransom** to extract compromises from Congress is not a sound tactic for a President.

8) Confrontational (Adjective) -- टकराव

Definition: Tending to deal with situations in an aggressive way; hostile or argumentative.

Synonyms: Battle, Combat, Competition

Antonyms: Concord, Harmony, Peace

Usage: He could adopt a less **confrontational** approach towards Democrats and hold talks with them with an open mind on immigration and border security.

9) Empirical (Adjective) -- अनुभवजन्य

Definition: Based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic.

Synonyms: Observed, Seen, Factual, Actual, Real

Antonyms: Theoretical

Usage: The implementation or evaluation of any policy decision must consider not just abstract reasoning but base it on **empirical** and historical evidence.

10) Futility (Noun) -- निरर्थकता

Definition: Pointlessness or uselessness.

Synonyms: Fruitlessness, Vanity, Pointlessness

Antonyms: Usefulness, Fruitfulness

Usage: Much has been said by commentators and political party representatives about the **futility** of using the EVM because of the possibility of electoral fraud by manipulating the technology that drives the machine.

Editorial 29 – 01 – 2019

1) Fledgling (Noun) --- अनुभवहीन मनुष्य

Definition: A person or organization that is immature, inexperienced, or underdeveloped.

Synonyms: Emerging, Emergent

Antonyms: Declining, Mature

Usage: The **fledgling** IBC has been severely tested in the two years since its enactment.

2) Stifled (Verb) -- गला घोटना

Definition: Make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate.

Synonyms: Suffocate, Choke, Asphyxiate

Antonyms: Cold, Chilly

Usage: One of its better economic initiatives being **stifled** by vested interests.

3) Mount (Verb) -- चढ़ना

Definition: Climb up (stairs, a hill, or other rising surface).

Synonyms: Go up, Ascend, Climb, Climb up, Scale,

Antonyms: Descend

Usage: One of the major challenges **mounted** against the IBC was by operational creditors, who are owed money by the company in the normal course of operations for supply of goods and services.

4) Stymie (Verb) -- प्रतिबाधित करना

Definition: Prevent or hinder the progress of.

Synonyms: Impede, Interfere with, Hamper, Hinder, Obstruct

Antonyms: Assist, Help

Usage: With the Supreme Court now ruling that there are “intelligible differentia” between operational and financial creditors, an avenue that defaulters used to **stymie** proceedings has been closed.

5) Recalcitrant (Adjective) -- आज्ञा न माननेवाला

Definition: Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline

Synonyms: Uncooperative, Intractable, Unmanageable, Ungovernable, Refractory, and Insubordinate

Antonyms: Amenable, Docile, Compliant

Usage: This constitutes a clear signal of its backing for the IBC which, despite all the challenges that it has faced, has been successful in sending a message to **recalcitrant** defaulters that there can be no more business-as-usual when they default.

6) Enervate (Verb) – कमज़ोर बनाना

Definition: Make (someone) feel drained of energy or vitality.

Synonyms: Exhaust, Tire, Fatigue, Weary

Antonyms: Invigorate

Usage: Novak Djokovic, at his absolute best, can make even the most fiercely competitive of draws appear **enervated**.

7) Gritty (Adjective) -- किरकिरा

Definition: Showing courage and resolve.

Synonyms: Courageous, Brave, Plucky, Mettlesome

Usage: To be sure, Djokovic had lost in each of the three tournaments before the Australian Open — to rising youngsters in Karen Khachanov and Alexander Zverev, and the **gritty** Roberto Bautista Agut

8) Astonish (Verb) -- चकित करना

Definition: Surprise or impress (someone) greatly.

Synonyms: Amaze, Astound, Stagger, Surprise

Antonyms:

Usage: First in 25 finals for the Spaniard, proved that the 31-year-old had lost none of his **astonishing** powers of recovery.

9) Elite (Noun) -- अभिजात वर्ग

Definition: 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

Antonyms: Dregs

Usage: The tournament seemed open to further upsets, but the business end demonstrated that the **elite** can never be written off.

10) Gallant (Adjective) – वीर या बहादूर

Definition: (of a person or their behaviour) brave; heroic.

Synonyms: Brave, Courageous, Valiant, Valorous, Bold

Antonyms: Cowardly

Usage: On the women's side, this clash has seemed heightened in recent years, and Naomi Osaka, with her **gallant** three-set win over Petra Kvitova in the final, firmly established herself as the next big thing.

Editorial 31 – 01 – 2019

1) Acquire (Verb) – प्राप्त करना

Definition: Buy or obtain (an asset or object) for oneself.

Synonyms: Obtain, Come by, Come to have, Get, Receive, Gain, Earn, Win

Antonyms: Lose, Part with

Usage: The Centre's request to the Supreme Court to allow it to return the "superfluous land" it had **acquired** around the disputed site in Ayodhya in 1993 is not innocuous.

2) Demolition (Noun) – विनाश

Definition: The action or process of demolishing or being demolished.

Synonyms: Destruction, Knocking down,

Antonyms: Construction, Confirmation

Usage: The court had ordered that the status quo be maintained on the entire extent of 67.7 acres acquired in the aftermath of the **demolition** of the Babri Masjid.

3) Conceal (Verb) -- छिपाना

Definition: Not allow to be seen; hide.

Synonyms: Hide, Keep out of sight, Keep hidden, Secrete

Antonyms: Reveal, Expose

Usage: Behind the apparently equitable argument that an extent of land not in dispute can be given back to its original owners is a barely **concealed** political motive.

4) Palpable (Adjective) -- बोधगम्य

Definition: (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.

Synonyms: Perceptible, Perceivable, Visible, Noticeable

Antonyms: Intangible, Imperceptible

Usage: The sense of anxiety among the supporters of the Mandir cause over the delay in the adjudicatory process is **palpable**.

5) Mollify (Verb) – शांत करना

Definition: Appease the anger or anxiety of (someone).

Synonyms: Appease, Placate, Pacify, Conciliate,

Antonyms: Enrage

Usage: It is to address this anxiety and **mollify** elements that are unhappy with the progress of the judicial process that the government wants the court to vacate its status quo order.

6) Provocative (Adjective) – उत्तेजक

Definition: Causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.

Synonyms: Annoying, Irritating, Exasperating, Infuriating

Antonyms: Soothing, Calming

Usage: A trust dedicated to the cause of constructing a temple to Ram on the site where the demolished Babri Masjid stood, will be needlessly **provocative**.

7) Demonstrable (Verb) -- प्रदर्शित करना

Definition: Clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved.

Synonyms: Verifiable, Provable, Attestable, Evincible

Antonyms: Unverifiable

Usage: The campaign to demolish the mosque, from the Kalyan Singh government, whose actions were **demonstrably** anti-secular.

8) Vicinity (Noun) – आस-पास की जगह

Definition: The area near or surrounding a particular place.

Synonyms: Neighbourhood, Locality, Locale

Antonyms: Foreign

Usage: There is a case for reconsidering the lease, but nothing at all for this organisation to be given the opportunity to gather its resources in the **vicinity** of the disputed site.

9) Forefront (Noun) – सबसे आगे

Definition: The leading or most important position or place.

Synonyms: Vanguard, Van, Spearhead, Head, Lead

Antonyms: Rear, Background

Usage: The U.S. Federal Reserve has been at the **forefront** of the current tightening cycle.

10) Slump (Verb) – अचानक गिरावट होना

Definition: A sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something.

Synonyms: Plunge, Drop, Collapse, Tumble, Plummet

Antonyms: Rise, Boom, Upturn

Usage: This is typical of all commodities that see years of oversupply that lead to a price **slump** followed by years of under-supply that leads to a jump in prices.