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) -- सरक्षा

**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, Prophesy, 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) -- संसगर्म

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

**Synonyms:** Contamination, Infection, Disease, Illness, Infirmity

**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) -- दुर्भार्वनापूण

**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, Minuscule

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

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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 -- मायाबायी

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, Requital, 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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5) **Desecration (Noun)** -- अपिवेता

### 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.

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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".

1) Fuel (Verb) -- तीखना

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, Embraingle, Embroil

Antonyms: Emancipate, Free, Liberate, Release

Usage: Most governments are already deeply mired in debt
4) Revelation (Noun) -- रहस्योद्भावन

**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

**Antonyms:** Peaceful

**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

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

9) Culmination (Noun) -- परिणाति

**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) -- अपूर्वी

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

**Synonyms:** Wasteful, Extravagant, Spendthrift, Improvident

**Antonyms:** Thrifty, Frugal
Usage: **Profligate** consumers of energy

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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) -- षड़यंत्र**

**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) -- प्रसिद्ध**

**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) -- पुनर्जीवित 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) -- अपनाना 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.

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) – अक्षमापनीय
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.

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5) Reinstate (Verb) – पुनःस्थापित करना

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

**Synonyms:** Restore, Replace, Reinstitute, Rehabilitate

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

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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

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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.

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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.

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9) Exacerbate (Verb) – ख़राब करना

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

**Synonyms:** Aggravate, Make worse, Worsen, Inflame, Compound

**Antonyms:** Calm, Reduce

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

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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
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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) -- प्रतिच्छन्न

**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
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**Synonyms**: Ceasefire, Armistice

**Antonyms**: Fighting, Hostilities

**Usage**: The guerrillas called a three-day truce

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**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

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**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.

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**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

**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
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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**

**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 **couch**ed 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)**

**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) -- करक्ष

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.

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1) Demonstrate (Verb) -- व्याख्याहिरिक प्रदर्शनी और स्पीकरण 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 -- निघारण

**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

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4) Defer (Verb) -- आस्थिगत 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

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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.

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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
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

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**Usage**: Stringent guidelines on air pollution

4) Disrupt (Verb) – बाधित करना

**Definition**: Drastically alter or destroy the structure of.

**Synonyms**: Distort, Damage, Buckle, Warp

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

5) Assailant (Noun) -- हमलावर

**Definition**: a person who physically attacks another.

**Synonyms**: Attacker, Mugger

**Antonyms**: Ally, Friend

**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

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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
Antonyms: Liking, Affinity, Rapport
Usage: His fundamental antipathy to capitalism

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Definition: Care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing.
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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 आह 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) – प्रबुद्ध
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 विचिलत 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.
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) -- अनुक्रम
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) -- दिमाग़ 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

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
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) – कूरता
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.
Syonyms: 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)** -- गितरोध

**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 शाख

**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) **Imbroglio (Noun)** -- किल्लेदार 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.

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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) -- घूणर्न करना
Definition: Move in a twisting or spiralling pattern.
Synonyms: Whirl, Eddy, Billow, Spiral, Wind, Churn

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) -- आदशलोक

**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.

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1) Convergence (Noun) -- संिमलन

**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) -- अपयायी

**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) – चितित

**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 सूक्ष्मः

**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) -- उत्पदित

**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.

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1) Manoeuvre (Noun) -- निर्माण

**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) – सक्‌क्या ककर् श
**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) – आतंरिक

**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) – पुनजीवत

**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) -- दरियंद्र 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.

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**Editorial 26 – 01 – 2019**

1) **Plunge (Verb)** – अचानक नीचे िगरना

**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) -- बिहष्कार 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) -- द्रौपदुष्ट्या
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) -- अभारापूर्ण
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: Irreality, 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.
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) – आलगन 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 *decried* 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) -- फिरौती

**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.

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**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).
4) **Stymie (Verb) -- प्रतिबंधित 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) -- फिरफिरा**

**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) -- विशिष्टतावाला**

**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) – बीर 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.

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**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**
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<th>Appease the anger or anxiety of (someone).</th>
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<td>Usage:</td>
<td>It is to address this anxiety and <strong>mollify</strong> elements that are unhappy with the progress of the judicial process that the government wants the court to vacate its status quo order.</td>
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6) **Provocative (Adjective)** – उतेजक

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<th>Causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.</th>
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<td>Soothing, Calming</td>
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<td>Usage:</td>
<td>A trust dedicated to the cause of constructing a temple to Ram on the site where the demolished Babri Masjid stood, will be needlessly <strong>provocative</strong>.</td>
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7) **Demonstrable (Verb)** -- प्रदर्शित करना

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<td>Verifiable, Provable, Attestable, Evincible</td>
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<td>Usage:</td>
<td>The campaign to demolish the mosque, from the Kalyan Singh government, whose actions were <strong>demonstrably</strong> anti-secular.</td>
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8) **Vicinity (Noun)** – आस-पास की जगह

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<th>The area near or surrounding a particular place.</th>
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<td>Usage:</td>
<td>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 <strong>vicinity</strong> of the disputed site.</td>
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9) **Forefront (Noun)** -- सबसे आगे

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<td>Vanguard, Van, Spearhead, Head, Lead</td>
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<td>Rear, Background</td>
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<td>Usage:</td>
<td>The U.S. Federal Reserve has been at the <strong>forefront</strong> of the current tightening cycle.</td>
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10) **Slump (Verb)** – अचानक गिरावट होना

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<th>A sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something.</th>
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<td>Plunge, Drop, Collapse, Tumble, Plummet</td>
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<td>Usage:</td>
<td>This is typical of all commodities that see years of oversupply that lead to a price <strong>slump</strong> followed by years of under-supply that leads to a jump in prices.</td>
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