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March 2019 Month Editorial Vocabulary

Editorial 01 – 03 – 2019

1) Escalation (Noun) -- वृद्धि

Definition: an increase in the intensity or seriousness of something; intensification.

Synonyms: Rise, Hike, Advance, Growth

Antonyms: Plunge, Relaxation

Usage: An escalation of violence

2) Obfuscation (Noun) – अस्पष्ट

Definition: The action of making something obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.

Synonyms: Becloud, Befog, Blur, Cloud

Antonyms: Simplify, Streamline and Disentangle

Usage: Pakistan must realise that the time for denial and **obfuscation** is over.

3) Parley (Noun) – बातचीतयाबैठक

Definition: A conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice.

Synonyms: Negotiation, Meeting, Conference

Usage: Mr.Zarif's public resignation was also a kind of a power play. He was missing in the parleys between Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his hosts in Tehran recently.

4) Bluff (Noun) – धोखा

Definition: An attempt to deceive someone into believing that one can or is going to do something.

Synonyms: Deception, Subterfuge, Pretence,

Antonyms: Diplomatic, Evasive

Usage: A big, bluff, hearty man

5) Dissuade (Verb) – रोकनायाविरतकरना

Definition: Persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action.

Synonyms: Discourage, Deter, Prevent,

Antonyms: Persuade, Encourage

Usage: To that extent, if the crisis doesn't escalate any further, Pakistan would have successfully **dissuaded** India from altering the status quo.

6) Proponent (Noun) -- प्रस्तावक

Definition: A person who advocates a theory, proposal, or course of action.

Synonyms: Advocate, Supporter

Antonyms: Adversary, Antagonist, Opponent

Usage: A vocal proponent of the use of electric-powered cars

7) Entail (Verb) – आवश्यकहोना

Definition: Involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

Synonyms: Necessitate, Make necessary, Require, Need, Demand

Antonyms: Carry, Comprehend, Contain

Usage: A lavish wedding entails extensive planning and often staggering expense

8) Reputation (Noun) -- प्रतिष्ठा

Definition: a widespread belief that someone or something has a particular characteristic.

Synonyms: Character, Repute, Standing, Stature, Status

Antonyms: Discredit, Disgrace, Dishonor

Usage: It meant clear and present **reputational** damage for the Imran Khan government as well as the Pakistan military.

9) Retaliate (Verb) -- प्रतिशोधलेना

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Definition: To punish in kind the wrongdoer responsible for

Synonyms: Avenge, Redress, Requite, Revenge

Antonyms: Absolve, Condone, Excuse

Usage: Their **retaliatory** strike against India was something they felt compelled to undertake.

10) Gesture (Noun) -- इशारा

Definition: An action performed to convey a feeling or intention.

Synonyms: Action, Deed, Act, Move

Usage: The captured IAF pilot, Abhinandan Varthaman, would be released "as a **gesture** of peace".

Editorial 03 – 03 – 2019

1) Manoeuvre (Noun) -- पैतरेबाज़ी

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

Synonyms: Operation, Exercise, Activity, Move

Usage: India's strikes on a target deep inside Pakistan were coupled with diplomatic **manoeuvres** that ensured no country censured India for the move.

2) Imminent (Adjective) – आसन्न

Definition: About to happen.

Synonyms: Impending, At hand, Close, Near, Approaching

Antonyms: Remote

Usage: In recognition of India's justification to act against an **imminent** terror threat from the Jaish-e-Mohammad.

3) Dossier (Noun) -- फ़ाइल

Definition: A collection of documents about a particular person, event, or subject.

Synonyms: File, Report, Case History, Case Study

Antonyms:

Usage: Pakistan announced it would study the **dossier** given by New Delhi on Azhar and the JeM.

4) Incumbent (Adjective) -- अवलंबी

Definition: Necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

Synonyms: Binding, Obligatory, Mandatory

Antonyms: Optional

Usage: At that level, growth would have slowed to a seven-quarter low, giving the **incumbent** NDA government its slowest pace of annual growth.

5) Deficient (Adjective) -- अपर्याप्त

Definition: Insufficient or inadequate.

Synonyms: Lacking, Wanting, Defective, Inadequate

Antonyms: Excessive, Perfect

Usage: With rabi sowing showing a shortfall across most crops after a **deficient** north-east monsoon.

6) Abiding (Adjective) -- स्थायी

Definition: (of a feeling or memory) lasting a long time; enduring.

Synonyms: Enduring, Lasting, Persisting, Long-lasting, Lifelong, Continuing

Antonyms: Short-lived, Ephemeral, Transitory

Usage: The **abiding** structural issues that have pushed a multitude of farmers into acute distress nowhere near resolution.

7) Becalm (Verb) – फंसेरहना

Definition: Leave (a sailing ship) unable to move through lack of wind

Synonyms: Stranded, Stuck, Marooned, Motionless

Antonyms: Aggravate, Heighten, Intensify

Usage: Most of the sectors comprising the broader services basket remain **becalmed** adds to the sense of disquiet.

8) Paradigmatic (Adjective) -- रूप-निदर्शनसंबंधी

Definition: Constituting, serving as, or worthy of being a pattern to be imitated

Synonyms: Definitive, Exemplary, Imitable

Antonyms: Bad, Low-grade, Poor, Substandard

Usage: A **paradigmatic** essay in which the writer presents his point of view clearly and engagingly.

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9) Provocation (Noun) -- उकसावा

Definition: Action or speech that makes someone angry, especially deliberately.

Synonyms: Incitement, Rousing, Stirring, Stimulation, Prompting, Inducement, Encouragement

Antonyms: Counterincentive, Disincentive

Usage: A patient man who gets angry only from the greatest of **provocations**.

10) Propel (Verb) -- प्रेरितकरना

Definition: Drive or push something forwards.

Synonyms: Spur, Drive, Prompt, Precipitate

Antonyms: Bridle, Check, Constrain, Contain

Usage: Playfully he **propelled** his rambunctious friend into the swimming pool to cool off

Editorial 04 – 03 – 2019

1) Faction (Noun) -- गुट

Definition: Dissension within an organization.

Synonyms: Infighting, Dissension, Dissent, Dispute

Antonyms: Harmony

Usage: The claim of the **faction** headed by V.K. Sasikala.

2) Malice (Noun) -- विद्वेष

Definition: The desire to harm someone; ill will.

Synonyms: Spite, Malevolence, Maliciousness, Animosity, Hostility

Antonyms: Benevolence

Usage: I bear no **malice** towards anybody.

3) Allusion (Noun) -- संकेत

Definition: An expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.

Synonyms: Reference to, Mention of,

Antonyms: Answer, Solution

Usage: 'People who live in India but are loyal to Pakistan', a fifth column that threatens the nation, has been a recurring **allusion** in SanghParivar politics.

4) Insinuation (Noun) -- आक्षेप

Definition: An unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad.

Synonyms: Implication, Inference, Suggestion, Hint, Intimation

Antonyms: Announce, Declare, Proclaim

Usage: If that **insinuation** is not self-explanatory, Mr.Modi went a step ahead in the 2017 Gujarat campaign.

5) Appendage (Noun) -- उपांग

Definition: A thing that is added or attached to something larger or more important.

Synonyms: Addition, Attachment, Adjunct, Addendum

Antonyms: Essential, Necessity, Requirement

Usage: Indian Muslims are often understood as an **appendage** of Pakistan.

6) Animosity (Noun) -- शत्रुता

Definition: Strong hostility.

Synonyms: Antipathy, Hostility, Friction, Antagonism

Antonyms: Goodwill, Friendship

Usage: compartmentalised and then tightly sealed the Hindu-Muslim **animosities**.

7) Disengage (Verb) -- पृथककरना

Definition: Separate or release (someone or something) from something to which they are attached or connected.

Synonyms: Remove, Detach, Disentangle, Extricate

Antonyms: Attach, Connect

Usage: Mr.Modi shut Pakistan out of the equation; **disengaged** with the separatist groups.

8) Appeasement (Noun) -- तुष्टीकरण

Definition: The action or process of appeasing.

Synonyms: Conciliation, Placation, Pacification, Propitiation,

Antonyms: Provocation, Aggression

Usage: The massive violence and dispossession faced by the Hindus in the Valley at the hands of jihadis validates the Hindutva notion that the community is a victim of **appeasement** of Muslims, which is otherwise impossible to establish.

9) Strife (Noun) -- कलह

Definition: Angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict.

Synonyms: Conflict, Friction, Discord, Disagreement

Antonyms: Harmony, Peace, Cooperation

Usage: To turn India into a cauldron of **strife** like Pakistan.

10) Traitor (Noun) -- गद्दार

Definition: A person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle.

Synonyms: Betrayer, Back-stabber

Antonyms: Loyalist, Patriot

Usage: He was a **traitor** to his own class.

Editorial 06 – 03 – 2019

1) Privilege (Noun) -- विशेषाधिकार

Definition: A special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group.

Synonyms: Advantage, Right, Benefit, Prerogative

Antonyms: Burden, Duty, Obligation

Usage: India must not underestimate the impact of the U.S. withdrawal of trade **privileges**.

2) Escalate (Verb) -- तेजीसेवृद्धिहोना

Definition: Increase rapidly.

Synonyms: Increase rapidly, Soar, Rocket

Antonyms: Plunge

Usage: India-U.S. trade tensions **escalated** last year when the U.S. took two consecutive decisions to increase import tariffs on steel and aluminium.

3) Retaliate (Verb) -- प्रतिशोधलेना

Definition: To punish in kind the wrongdoer responsible for

Synonyms: Avenge, Redress, Requite

Antonyms: Absolve, Condone, Excuse

Usage: Shortly after, India said it would impose **retaliatory** tariffs on imports from the U.S. and even notified the list of items on which these would apply.

4) Frustrate (Verb) -- निराशकरना

Definition: Prevent (a plan or attempted action) from progressing, succeeding, or being fulfilled.

Synonyms: Thwart, Defeat, Foil, Block, Stop,

Antonyms: Help, Facilitate

Usage: The rescue attempt was **frustrated** by bad weather.

5) Figurehead (Noun) -- कल्पितसरदार

Definition: A nominal leader or head without real power.

Synonyms: Frontman, Cipher, Token, Mouthpiece,

Usage: Islamist insurgents and the military, has remained a **figurehead** in recent years.

6) Thumping (Adjective) -- बहुतबड़ा

Definition: Of an impressive size, extent, or amount.

Synonyms: Extremely, Very, Really, Thoroughly,

Antonyms: Meagerly, Scantly

Usage: That, however, did not stop him from contesting the 2014 elections, which he won with a **thumping** majority, despite being out of action on the campaign trail.

7) Mockery (Noun) -- मज़ाक

Definition: A poor, insincere, or insulting imitation of something

Synonyms: Caricature, Cartoon, Farce

Antonyms: Applause, Approval, Commendation, Praise

Usage: The military could be making a **mockery** of the electoral process by insisting on

Mr. Bouteflika's candidacy, in effect undermining the highest elected office.

8) Imply (Verb) -- ध्वनितहोना

Definition: Indicate the truth or existence of (something) by suggestion rather than explicit reference.

Synonyms: Implicit, Indirect

Antonyms: Explicit, Direct

Usage: For the U.S., 'denuclearisation' is frontloaded, **implying** complete, verifiable and irreversible disarmament that requires North Korea to bring nuclear military activity to a halt.

9) Queer (Verb) -- बिगाड़नायाबर्बादकरना

Definition: Spoil or ruin (an agreement, event, or situation).

Synonyms: Spoil, Damage, Impair, Harm

Antonyms: Apathetic, Casual, Cool, Detached

Usage: The pitch was **queered** by intelligence reports surfacing that in addition to the principal nuclear facility (Yongbyon).

10) Vulnerable (Adjective) -- जोसहजमेंघायलहोसके

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

Synonyms: Endangered, Unsafe and Unprotected

Antonyms: Well protected, Invulnerable, Resilient

Usage: With economic troubles at home and hardliners in Seoul accusing him of being over-optimistic and naive, he is **vulnerable**.

Editorial 07 – 03 – 2019

1) Heinous (Adjective) -- जघन्य

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

Synonyms: Odious, Wicked, Evil and Atrocious

Antonyms: Admirable

Usage: It is possible that the **heinous** nature of the crime had influenced the outcome of the case.

2) Condign (Adjective) -- लायक

Definition: Being what is called for by accepted standards of right and wrong

Synonyms: Competent, Deserved, Due, Fair

Antonyms: Undeserved, Undue, Unfair, and Unjust

Usage: The belief that **condign** punishment is necessary for rendering complete justice could be behind courts brushing aside discrepancies or improvements in the evidence provided by witnesses.

3) Redound (Verb) – योगदानदेना

Definition: Contribute greatly to (a person's credit or honour)

Synonyms: Pan Out, Result

Antonyms: Backfire, Fizzle

Usage: His latest diplomatic effort will **redound** to his credit.

4) Discrepancy (Noun) -- विसंगति

Definition: An illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts.

Synonyms: Inconsistency, Difference, Disparity

Antonyms: Similarity, Correspondence

Usage: The belief that condign punishment is necessary for rendering complete justice could be behind courts brushing aside **discrepancies** or improvements in the evidence provided by witnesses.

5) Detached (Adjective) -- अलगायाहुआ

Definition: Separate or disconnected.

Synonyms: Disconnected, Disengaged

Antonyms: Connected

Usage: A detached collar

6) Heyday (Noun) -- उमंगकासमय

Definition: The period of a person's or thing's greatest success, popularity, activity, or vigour.

Synonyms: Prime, Peak, Height, High point

Antonyms: Low point

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Usage: In its **heyday**, the ruling political ideology in Tamil Nadu was dominated by anti-Delhi, anti-Brahmin, anti-Hindi sentiment.

7) Legatee (Noun) – लाभार्थी, निरीक्षक, वारिस

Definition: A person who receives a legacy.

Synonyms: Beneficiary, Inheritor, Heir

Usage: As the legatee of 'Periyar' E.V. Ramasamy and C.N. Annadurai, the late M. Karunanidhi, president of the DMK until his passing in August 2018.

8) Blunt (Verb) – सुस्तहोना

Definition: Weaken or reduce the force of (something).

Synonyms: Dull, Deaden, Dampen

Antonyms: Intensify, Sharpen

Usage: Nevertheless, the sharp edge of this socio-political movement was gradually blunted, especially during the final few decades of the 20th century.

9) Veritable (Adjective) -- विश्वसनीय

Definition: Used for emphasis, often to qualify a metaphor.

Synonyms: Authentic, Classic, Genuine and Real

Antonyms: Doubtful, Dubious and Equivocal

Usage: Under M.G. Ramachandran, and later Jayalalithaa, this party promoted a different style of patronage distribution, which has come to be recognised as "benevolent populism", driven by an all-powerful leader worshipped as a **veritable** political god.

10) Stitch (Verb) – एकसाथजोड़ना

Definition: Manipulate a situation so that someone is placed at a disadvantage or wrongly blamed for something.

Synonyms: Sew, Baste, Tack, Seam

Usage: The party also **stitched** together a broader inter-caste coalition as the base for its campaign strategies, and arguably that heralded its successes through the turn of the century and beyond.

Editorial 08 – 03 – 2019

1) Censor (Verb) -- आधिकारिकतौरपरजांचकरना

Definition: Examine (a book, film, etc.) officially and suppress unacceptable parts of it.

Synonyms: Blue-pencil, and Unpublished

Antonyms: Approve, Authorize, Sanction

Usage: The Official Secrets Act can't be an instrument to **censor** embarrassing media revelations.

2) Hazardous (Adjective) -- खतरनाक

Definition: Risky; Dangerous.

Synonyms: Dangerous, Risky, Unsafe, Perilous

Antonyms: Safe, Secure, Certain

Usage: Political will is **integral** to the tackling of India's hazardous air pollution.

3) Squander (Verb) -- अपव्ययकरना

Definition: Waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

Synonyms: Waste, Misspend, Misuse,

Antonyms: Manage, Save

Usage: The Supreme Court has **squandered** the chance to rein in an increasingly powerful Central executive.

4) Scrutiny (Noun) -- संवीक्षा

Definition: Critical observation or examination.

Synonyms: Inspection, Survey, Scan, Study

Antonyms: Glance, cursory look

Usage: Its Rafale and Central Bureau of Investigation judgments were subjected to intense **scrutiny**, and continue to be.

5) Consign (Verb) – प्रेषणकरना

Definition: Deliver (something) to a person's keeping.

Synonyms: Assign, Allocate, Place, Put

Antonyms: Acquire, Draw, Earn

Usage: **Consigned** the prisoner to the dungeon.

6) Crucial (Adjective) -- महत्वपूर्ण

Definition: Decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

Synonyms: Pivotal, Critical, Key, Climacteric

Antonyms: Unimportant

Usage: This affected a **crucial** element of our constitutional structure: bicameralism.

7) Deliberative (Adjective)--अधिकारहीन

Definition: A careful weighing of the reasons for or against something

Synonyms: Account, Advisement, Consideration

Antonyms: Short shrift

Usage: The basic idea is that law-making is a balanced and **deliberative** process, not an exercise in pure majoritarianism.

8) Gloss (Verb) -- छिपानेकीकोशिशकरना

Definition: Try to conceal or disguise (something unfavourable) by treating it briefly or representing it misleadingly.

Synonyms: Conceal, Cover up, Hide, Camouflage, Disguise

Antonyms: Disclose, Exaggerate

Usage: Raising concerns that may have been **glossed** over or evaded in the Lower House.

9) Defection (Noun) -- परित्याग

Definition: The desertion of one's country or cause in favour of an opposing one.

Synonyms: Desertion, Absconding, Decamping

Usage: It was decided that the only way to combat party **defections** was to disqualify members who voted against the whip, except under very tough conditions.

10) Persuade (Verb) -- राज़ीकरना

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

Synonyms: Coax, Convince, Make, Get

Antonyms: Dissuade, Discourage, Deter

Usage: The executive can effectively rule by decree, as it is in no threat of losing a vote if it fails to persuade its own party members.

Editorial 11 – 03 – 2019

1) Reiterate (Verb) -- बारम्बारदोहराना

Definition: say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity.

Synonyms: Repeat, Say Again, Restate, Retell, Recapitulate

Usage: She reiterated that the government would remain steadfast in its support.

2) Inclination (Noun) -- प्रवृत्ति

Definition: A person's natural tendency or urge to act or feel in a particular way; a disposition.

Synonyms: Tendency, Propensity, Proclivity,

Antonyms: Aversion, Disinclination

Usage: John was a scientist by training and **inclination**.

3) Bleak (Adjective) -- अप्रमाणिक

Definition: (of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome.

Synonyms: Unpromising, Unfavourable, Unpropitious, Inauspicious

Antonyms: Promising, Hopeful

Usage: He paints a bleak picture of a company that has lost its way he paints a bleak picture of a company that has lost its way.

4) Discerning (Adjective) – समझदार

Definition: Having or showing good judgement.

Synonyms: Discriminating, Selective, Judicious, Tasteful

Antonyms: Undiscerning, Indiscriminate

Usage: The brasserie attracts **discerning** customers.

5) Reinforce (Verb) -- सुदृढबनाना

Definition: Strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.

Synonyms: Strengthen, Fortify

Usage: The helmet has been **reinforced** with a double layer of cork.

6) Aura (Noun) -- आभा

Definition: The distinctive atmosphere or quality that seems to surround and be generated by a person, thing, or place.

Synonyms: Atmosphere, Air, Quality, Aspect, Character, Ambience

Usage: Mr.Modi's **aura** of invincibility.

7) Invincible (Adjective) -- अजेय

Definition: Incapable of being defeated, overcome, or subdued

Synonyms: Bulletproof, Impregnable, Indomitable

Antonyms: Defenseless, Helpless, Powerless, Weak

Usage: An invincible wrestler who has never lost a match.

8) Cumulative (Adjective) -- संचयी

Definition: Increasing or increased in quantity, degree, or force by successive additions.

Synonyms: Increasing, Accumulative

Antonyms: Decremental, Decrescent

Usage: The trigger for a series of developments that cumulatively pose a challenge to his bid for a second term at the Centre.

9) Shunned (Adjective) -- अनदेखाकरना

Definition: Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

Synonyms: Avoid, Evade, Eschew,

Antonyms: Accept, Seek, Welcome

Usage: Aspirants are being **shunned** by each party, resulting in a pool of disgruntled local actors now scurrying for shelter in other parties.

10) Granular (Adjective) -- दानेदार

Definition: Resembling or consisting of small grains or particles.

Synonyms: Powder, Powdered, Powdery, Grainy

Antonyms: Dusty, Fine, Floury, Powdery

Usage: Yet, there is uncertainty at the **granular** level.

Editorial 12 – 03 – 2019

1) Resolute (Adjective) -- कृत-निश्चय

Definition: Admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering.

Synonyms: Determined, Purposeful, Purposive

Antonyms: Irresolute, Half – hearted

Usage: The resolute trust that the founding fathers of the Republic put in the parliamentary democratic system has been substantially proven wise.

2) Fragility (Noun) -- भंगुरता

Definition: The quality of being easily broken or damaged.

Synonyms: Frailty, Flimsiness, Weakness, Delicacy

Antonyms: Robustness

Usage: India did make some dangerous turns and show signs of **fragility**, especially during the Emergency in the 1970s.

3) Devolution (Noun) -- विचलन

Definition: The transfer or delegation of power to a lower level, especially by central government to local or regional administration.

Synonyms: Decentralization, Delegation, Dispersal

Antonyms: Centralization

Usage: **Devolution** of power and redistribution of resources.

4) Afflict (Verb) – पीड़ितकरना

Definition: (of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely.

Synonyms: Trouble, Bother, Burden, Distress

Antonyms: Comfort

Usage: This is not to overlook the various maladies that have **afflicted** the country's democracy.

5) Corrode (Verb) -- खुरचना

Definition: Destroy or damage (metal, stone, or other materials) slowly by chemical action.

Synonyms: Erode, Abrade, Consume, Dissolve

Antonyms: Freshen, Recreate, Refresh

Usage: The **corroding** influence of money and muscle power in elections, and divisive majoritarian tendencies.

6) Sustenance (Noun) -- निर्वाह

Definition: Food and drink regarded as a source of strength; nourishment.

Synonyms: Nourishment, Food, Nutriment

Antonyms: Candy, Fluff, Pabulum

Usage: The Election Commission of India has over the decades evolved itself into a fine institution and plays a critical role in the **sustenance** of democracy.

7) Disregard (Verb) -- अवहेलनाकरना

Definition: Pay no attention to; ignore.

Synonyms: Ignore, Take no notice of, Take no account of

Antonyms: Heed, Pay attention to

Usage: The stakes are high for all contenders this year, and Indian politics has reached a level of competitiveness where ground rules of engagement are routinely **disregarded**.

8) 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

Antonyms: Irresolute

Usage: In fact, many have argued that the gradual but **persistent** raising of rates may be the reason behind the slowdown in U.S. growth and the lacklustre inflation numbers.

9) Lacklustre (Adjective) -- बिनाचमकका, उदासीन

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

Synonyms: Uninspired, Uninspiring, Unimaginative

Antonyms: Inspired, Brilliant

Usage: No excuses were made for the team's **lacklustre** performance.

10) Deteriorate (Verb) -- औरबिगड़जाना

Definition: Become progressively worse.

Synonyms: Worsen, Get worse, Decline

Antonyms: Improve

Usage: As economic conditions in Europe and Asia begin to **deteriorate**, central banks have been quick to turn more dovish.

Editorial 13 – 03 – 2019

1) Salient (Adjective) -- मुख्य

Definition: Most noticeable or important.

Synonyms: Important, Main, Principal, Major

Antonyms: Unimportant, Inconspicuous

Usage: It succinctly covered all the **salient** points of the case

2) Backlash (Noun) -- संघर्ष

Definition: A strong negative reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development.

Synonyms: Counterblast, Comeback, Recoil

Usage: A public **backlash** against racism

3) Bifurcation (Noun) -- द्विभाजन

Definition: A movement in different directions away from a common point

Synonyms: Divarication, Divergence, Divergency, Separation

Antonyms: Accord, Agreement, Likeness, Similarity

Usage: Andhra Pradesh has faced acute fiscal concerns after **bifurcation**.

4) Reassure (Verb) -- आश्वस्तकरना

Definition: Say or do something to remove the doubts or fears of (someone).

Synonyms: Encourage, Hearten

Antonyms: Alarm, Unnerve

Usage: The TDP government would be keen to **reassure** voters over concerns about the State's economy.

5) Straddle (Verb) – समानहोना

Definition: take up or maintain an equivocal position with regard to (a political issue).

Synonyms: be equivocal about, be undecided about, be non-committal about

Usage: The Islamic State, which at its peak controlled territories **straddling** the Iraq-Syria border of the size of Great Britain, is now fighting for half a square kilometre in eastern Syria.

6) Shattered (Adjective) – बहुतपरेशान

Definition: Very upset.

Synonyms: exhausted, tired out, worn out, weary, dog-tired, bone-tired

Antonyms: Fresh as a daisy, Raring to go

Usage: Victory in Baghouz will also mean the IS's territorial caliphate is **shattered**.

7) Forefront (Noun) -- सबसेआगे

Definition: The leading or most important position or place.

Synonyms: Vanguard, Van, Spearhead, Head, Lead,

Antonyms: Rear, Background

Usage: Syrian Kurdish rebels have been in the **forefront** of the war.

8) Insurgent (Noun) – विद्रोही

Definition: A person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary.

Synonyms: Rebel, Revolutionary, Revolutionist, Mutineer, Agitator

Antonyms: Loyalist

Usage: It is basically an **insurgent**-jihadist group.

9) Shrinking (Adjective) -- अनुबंध

Definition: Becoming smaller in size or amount.

Synonyms: Contract, Diminish, Lessen, Reduce

Antonyms: Expand, Increase

Usage: It has established cells, especially in Syria and Iraq, which have continued to carry out terror attacks even as IS territories kept **shrinking**.

10) Mindful (Adjective) -- सावधान

Definition: Conscious or aware of something

Synonyms: Aware of, Conscious of, Alive to, Sensible of

Antonyms: Heedless, Oblivious

Usage: The Syrian government and other stakeholders in the region should be **mindful** of the geopolitical and sectarian minefields.

Editorial 14 – 03 – 2019

1) Contempt (Noun) -- अवमान

Definition: The feeling that a person or a thing is worthless or beneath consideration.

Synonyms: Scorn, Disdain, Disrespect

Antonyms: Respect

Usage: The **contempt** law must not be used, or seen to be used, to stifle dissenting views.

2) Scandalize (Verb) -- आघातपहुँचाना

Definition: Shock or horrify (someone) by a real or imagined violation of propriety or morality.

Synonyms: Shock, Appal, Outrage, Horrify, Disgust

Antonyms: Impress

Usage: Their lack of manners **scandalized** their hosts

3) Outright (Adjective) -- एकमुश्त

Definition: Absolute, Complete, Utter, Downright, Sheer, Stark,

Synonyms: total; wholly and completely.

Antonyms: Partial

Usage: There is no legal provision for an **outright** ban on it.

4) Adverse (Adjective) -- विपरीत

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Definition: Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable.

Synonyms: Unfavourable, Disadvantageous and Inauspicious

Antonyms: Favourable, Beneficial, Positive and Friendly

Usage: Taxes are having an **adverse** effect on production.

5) Tendentious (Adjective) -- पूर्वाग्रह

Definition: Expressing or intending to promote a particular cause or point of view, especially a controversial one.

Synonyms: Bias, Favor, Non - objectivity, One-sidedness

Antonyms: Calm, Detachment, Dispassion

Usage: While there may be a need to curb **tendentious** criticism of the judiciary and self-serving comments on ongoing proceedings in mainstream and social media.

6) Stifle (Verb) -- दमघुटना

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

Synonyms: Suffocate, Choke, Asphyxiate

Antonyms: Cold, Chilly

Usage: There is a compelling case to use the contempt law sparingly, and avoid the impression that it is being used to **stifle** free speech or dissent.

7) Detached (Adjective) -- अलगायाहुआ

Definition: Separate or disconnected.

Synonyms: Unfastened, Disconnected, Disengaged,

Antonyms: Connected

Usage: **Lenience**, not anger, ought to be the primary response of a detached judiciary.

8) Lenience (Noun) -- उदारता

Definition: The fact or quality of being more merciful or tolerant than expected; clemency.

Synonyms: Charity, Clemency, Forbearance

Antonyms: Mercilessness, Pitilessness, Ruthlessness

Usage: A judge's reputation for **lenience** towards first-time criminals

9) Sparing (Adjective) -- मितव्ययी, किफ़ायती

Definition: Moderate; Economical.

Synonyms: Thrifty, Economical and Frugal

Antonyms: Extravagant, Lavish

Usage: Physicians advised **sparing** use of the ointment.

10) Umbrage (Noun) -- अपकार

Definition: The feeling of being offended or resentful after a slight or indignity

Synonyms: Dudgeon, Huff, Miff

Antonyms: Satisfaction, Appeasement

Usage: It is a moot question whether the court ought to have taken **umbrage** at this remark or ignored it

Editorial 15 – 03 – 2019

1) Persuasive (Adjective) -- प्रेरक

Definition: Good at persuading someone to do or believe something through reasoning or the use of temptation.

Synonyms: Convincing, Effective, Cogent,

Antonyms: Unconvincing, Weak

Usage: Its decision on MasoodAzhar is shocking – but India must keep up **persuasive** diplomacy

2) Dossier (Noun) -- फ़ाइल

Definition: A collection of documents about a particular person, event, or subject.

Synonyms: File, Report, Case History

Usage: It reached out to several governments, and shared a **dossier** on Azhar with each member of the Security Council, who are all members of the 1267 ISIL and al-Qaeda sanctions committee.

3) Foil (Verb) – विफलकरना

Definition: Frustrate the efforts or plans of.

Synonyms: Thwart, Frustrate, Counter, Oppose,

Antonyms: Assist

Usage: From 2016 to 2018, India's proposals to list Azhar, with evidence of JeM involvement in the Pathankot airbase attack, were also **foiled** by China.

4) Emanate (Verb) -- निर्गतहोना

Definition: originate from; be produced by

Synonyms: Emit, Evolve, Exhale, Expel, Expire

Antonyms: Absorb, Inhale,

Usage: China is unwilling to align itself with India on its concerns on cross-border terrorism **emanating** from Pakistan.

5) Regrettable (Adjective) -- पछतावाकरनेयोग्य

Definition: (of conduct or an event) giving rise to regret; undesirable; unwelcome.

Synonyms: Undesirable, Unfortunate, Unwelcome

Antonyms: Desirable, Welcome

Usage: China's stand is **regrettable** and condemnable, and it has been consistent on this issue.

6) Coercion (Noun) -- अवपीड़न

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

Synonyms: Force, Compulsion, Constraint

Antonyms: Persuasion

Usage: New Delhi must now consider whether it wishes to accept this as a fait accompli, or confront Beijing to try to persuade it to change its stand by means of incentives or **coercion**.

7) Concerted (Adjective) -- सम्मिलित

Definition: Jointly arranged or carried out; coordinated.

Synonyms: Joint, United,

Antonyms: Separate, Individual

Usage: This is a challenge, as any kind of **concerted** international pressure from the Western countries in this regard has in the past only served to be counterproductive.

8) Unravel (Verb) -- हलकरना

Definition: Investigate and solve or explain (something complicated or puzzling).

Synonyms: Solve, Resolve

Antonyms: Complicate

Usage: The agency must swiftly **unravel** the sexual assault and blackmail racket that has victimised a number of young women.

9) Piteous (Adjective) -- दयनीय

Definition: Deserving or arousing pity.

Synonyms: Sad, Pitiful, Pitiably, Pathetic, Distressing

Usage: Sourced from the phones of those who were arrested, it had a woman **piteously** pleading with her abusers to leave her alone.

10) Accentuate (Verb) -- प्रमुखबनाना

Definition: Make more noticeable or prominent.

Synonyms: Highlight, Spotlight, Foreground, Feature

Antonyms: Mask, Divert attention from

Usage: Given the timing, with the Lok Sabha polls and critical Assembly by-elections around the corner, the political glow on the case is likely to be **accentuated**.

Editorial 16 – 03 – 2019

1) Stark (Adjective) -- निरा

Definition: Unpleasantly or sharply clear.

Synonyms: Blunt, Bald, Bare, Simple

Antonyms: Disguised

Usage: The sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook from the UN Environment Programme has come as another stark warning.

2) Mortality (Noun) -- मृत्यु-दर

Definition: The state of being subject to death.

Synonyms: Impermanence, Temporality, Transience

Antonyms: Immortality

Usage: This causes ill-health and premature **mortality**, and affects the quality of life,

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particularly for those unable to insulate themselves from these effects.

3) Curb (Verb) -- नियंत्रितकरना

Definition: Restrain or keep in check.

Synonyms: Restrain, Repress, Suppress

Antonyms: Release

Usage: That would mean **curbing** the use of fossil fuels and toxic chemicals across the spectrum of economic activity.

4) Consensus (Noun) -- मतैक्य

Definition: A general agreement.

Synonyms: Agreement, Harmony, Concord

Antonyms: Disagreement, Minority view

Usage: Aggressive monitoring of air quality in cities through scaled-up facilities would bring about a **consensus** on cutting emissions of greenhouse gases.

5) Impetus (Noun) -- संवेग

Definition: The force or energy with which a body moves.

Synonyms: Momentum, Propulsion, Impulsion

Usage: Hit the booster coil before the flywheel loses all its impetus

6) Imperative (Adjective) -- आज्ञार्थक

Definition: of vital importance; crucial.

Synonyms: Indispensable, Exigent, Pressing, Urgent;

Antonyms: Unimportant, Optional

Usage: In the case of water, the imperative is to stop the contamination of surface supplies by chemicals, sewage and municipal waste.

7) Augment (Verb) – आगमकरना

Definition: Make (something) greater by adding to it; increase

Synonyms: Increase, Enlarge, Expand, Extend

Antonyms: Decrease

Usage: Water protection gets low priority, and State governments show no urgency in **augmenting** rainwater harvesting.

8) Perspective (Noun) -- परिप्रेक्ष्य

Definition: A view or prospect.

Synonyms: View, Vista, Panorama, Prospect

Usage: With the catastrophic consequences of a hard Brexit option thus foreclosed, from Britain's **perspective** at least.

9) Respite (Noun) -- राहत

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

Synonyms: Rest, Break, Breathing Space

Antonyms: Bustle, Commotion

Usage: The weekend provided a nice **respite** from the pressures of her job.

10) Delusion (Noun) -- झलतफ़हमी

Definition: A conception or image created by the imagination and having no objective reality

Synonyms: Misconception, Misunderstanding, Mistake

Antonyms: Actuality, Fact, Reality

Usage: Developments this week have dealt a huge blow to hardline eurosceptics in the U.K., whose narrow nationalist **delusions** have made them impervious to the economic cost of disengagement.

Editorial 18 – 03 – 2019

1) Irony (Noun) -- व्यंग्य

Definition: The expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect.

Synonyms: Sarcasm, Sardonicism, and Dryness, **Antonyms:** Sincerity

Usage: The pedestrian bridge that collapsed at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus underscores the **irony** of India's race to development on creaking urban infrastructure.

2) Ricketty (Adjective) -- अस्थिर

Definition: (of a structure or piece of equipment) poorly made and likely to collapse.

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Synonyms: Shaky, Unsteady, Unsound, and Unsafe

Antonyms: Brand-new, Fresh, and New

Usage: There was a stampede at Mumbai's Elphinstonebridge that left at least 23 people dead. An incident that officials blamed on heavy rain and overcrowding on the rickety structure.

3) Chronic (Adjective) -- चिरकारी

Definition: (of a problem) long-lasting.

Synonyms: Constant, Continuing, Continual, Ceaseless

Antonyms: Temporary, Mild

Usage: Beyond such acute disasters, there is the **chronic** toll of eight people, on average, dying every day on the city's railway tracks.

4) Mollify (Verb) -- शमनकरना

Definition: Reduce the severity of (something).

Synonyms: Allay, Assuage, Alleviate, Mitigate

Antonyms: Inflame, Aggravate

Usage: some civic body officials. Such steps may serve to **mollify** public anger, and no one would argue against efforts to fix accountability for lapses.

5) Prolonged (Adjective) -- दीर्घकालीन

Definition: Extend the duration of.

Synonyms: Lengthen, Make Longer, Extend

Antonyms: Shorten

Usage: It has also closed several busy footbridges, virtually confirming **prolonged** neglect of maintenance.

6) Distortion (Noun) -- विकृति

Definition: The action of distorting or the state of being distorted.

Synonyms: Warp, Twist, Contortion

Usage: **Distortions** in urban policymaking in recent years are all too evident, marked by support for loosely defined smart cities and personal vehicles.

7) Fatigue (Noun) -- थकान

Definition: Extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion or illness.

Synonyms: Tiredness, Weariness, Exhaustion

Antonyms: Energy, Vigour

Usage: The manifesto and the symbols he carried suggest that he was influenced by far-right terrorists and their anti-Muslim, anti-immigration and anti-Semite ideology. He came in military **fatigues**.

8) Fringe (Noun) -- सीमांत

Definition: The outer, marginal, or extreme part of an area, group, or sphere of activity.

Synonyms: Unconventional, Unorthodox, and Offbeat

Antonyms: Mainstream and Middle

Usage: Right-wing racist terror, which has largely been on the **fringes** in the post-War world, is emerging as a major political and security threat, especially in white-majority societies.

9) Rigorous (Adjective) -- कठिन

Definition: Extremely thorough and careful.

Synonyms: Meticulous, Punctilious, and Conscientious

Antonyms: Slapdash

Usage: The **rigorous** testing of consumer products.

10) Doughty (Adjective) -- हिम्मती

Definition: Brave and persistent.

Synonyms: Fearless, Dauntless, Determined, and Resolute

Antonyms: Timid

Usage: The Congress's **doughty** veteran and chief of the Delhi Congress, Sheila Dikshit.

Editorial 19 – 03 – 2019

1) Enact (Verb) -- अधिनियमबनाना

Definition: Make (a bill or other proposal) law

Synonyms: Pass, Approve, Ratify, Validate

Antonyms: Repeal

Usage: It was finally **enacted** as a law in 2013, and came into effect on January 16, 2014.

2) Stern (Adjective) -- निष्ठुर

Definition: (of an act or statement) strict and severe.

Synonyms: Strict, Severe, Stringent, Harsh, Drastic,

Antonyms: Lenient, Lax

Usage: Ultimately, it was the court's **stern** ultimatum to appoint a Lokpal within a timeframe that worked.

3) Verdict (Noun) – अधिमतयानिर्णय

Definition: A decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.

Synonyms: Judgement, Adjudication

Usage: In a verdict in April 2017, the Supreme Court rejected the excuse and said there was no legal bar on the selection committee moving ahead even if there was a vacancy.

4) Pertain (Verb) – सेसंबंधितहोना

Definition: Be appropriate, related, or applicable to.

Synonyms: Concern, Relate to

Antonyms: Irrelevant, Inappropriate

Usage: One amendment **pertained** to including the leader of the largest party in the Opposition in the selection committee.

5) Unrealistic (Adjective) -- अवास्तविक

Definition: Not realistic.

Synonyms: Impractical, Impracticable and Unworkable

Antonyms: Realistic, Pragmatic and Lifelike

Usage: It may be **unrealistic** to expect any dramatic impact on the lives of the common people.

6) Patchy (Adjective) -- खंडयुक्त

Definition: Not of the same quality throughout; inconsistent.

Synonyms: Fragmentary, Deficient and Inadequate

Antonyms: Complete and Comprehensive

Usage: The BJP is acutely aware that its presence has been **patchy** across regions and social groups, historically.

7) Sophistry (Noun) – कुतर्क, अडचन

Definition: The use of clever but false arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving.

Synonyms: Sophism, Casuistry, Quibbling, Equivocation

Usage: The Hindutva party's foray into the Northeast in the past often involved legal **sophistry** and manoeuvring.

8) Saturated (Adjective) -- संतृप्त

Definition: Holding as much water or moisture as can be absorbed; thoroughly soaked.

Synonyms: Soaked, soaking

Antonyms: Bone dry

Usage: With its strength **saturated** in its strongholds, the BJP has compulsions to look for fresh terrains to grow but its efforts in the Northeast are significant for more long-term reasons.

9) Strident (Adjective) – कठोर

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

Synonyms: Harsh, Raucous, Rough, Grating

Antonyms: Soft, Dulcet

Usage: In its efforts to woo the Northeast, here the party has soft-pedalled its **strident** cow protection agenda that has a sharp anti-minority edge.

10) Debate (Noun) -- बहस

Definition: Argue about (a subject), especially in a formal manner.

Synonyms: Ponder, Deliberate, Reflect, Contemplate

Antonyms: Short shrift

Usage: The fundamental contradiction between the ethnicity-oriented politics of the region and the

BJP's religion-inspired politics is visible in the **debate** on the Bill.

Editorial 22 – 03 – 2019

1) Acquittal (noun) -- दोषमुक्ति

Meaning: a judgment or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged.

Synonyms: absolution, clearing, exoneration

Antonyms: conviction

Usage: "the trial resulted in an acquittal"

2) Travesty (noun) – गलत बयानी

Meaning: a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.

Synonyms: misrepresentation, distortion, perversion, corruption

Antonyms: seriousness

Usage: "the absurdly lenient sentence is a travesty of justice"

3) Heinous (adjective) -- जघन्य

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

Synonyms: Odious, wicked, evil, atrocious, monstrous, disgraceful

Antonyms: delightful, Friendly, good

Usage: "a battery of heinous crimes"

4) Hostile (verb) -- शत्रुतापूर्ण

Meaning: showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.

Synonyms: antagonistic, aggressive, confrontational, belligerent

Antonyms: friendly, hospitable, nonantagonistic, nonhostile, sympathetic

Usage: "a hostile audience"

5) Detonators (noun) -- एक विस्फोट करने के लिए

इस्तेमाल किया जाने वाला उपकरण या छोटा संवेदनशील चार्ज
Meaning: a device or small sensitive charge used to detonate an explosive.

Synonyms: ball of fire, Fuse, human dynamo

Usage: Among these were one who removed a mobile phone from the body of Sunil Joshi, a prime accused in the case who was murdered in December 2007, and another who bought mobile phones and electric detonators.

6) Archipelago (noun) -- द्वीपसमूह

Meaning: an extensive group of islands.

Synonyms: sland, terra firma, Ground, Land, dry land.

Usage: "the Indonesian archipelago"

7) Grappling (verb) – मल्लयुद्ध करना

Meaning: engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons; wrestle.

Synonyms: wrestle, struggle, tussle;

Antonyms: concord, harmony, peace

Usage: "passers-by grappled with the man after the knife attack"

8) Plunge (verb) – डुबकी लगाना

Meaning: jump or dive quickly and energetically.

Synonyms: thrust, stick, ram, drive, jab, stab

Antonyms: jump, leap

Usage: "our little daughters whooped as they plunged into the sea"

9) Unwound (adjective) – उतारना

Meaning: (of a clock or watch) not wound or wound up.

Synonyms: loosen, Unfurl, unravel

Antonyms: twist, agitate

Usage: "Ella unwound the long woollen scarf from her neck"

10) Harmony (noun) -- समरसता

Meaning: the combination of simultaneously sounded musical notes to produce a pleasing effect.

Synonyms: euphony, polyphony, consonance

Antonyms: confusion, disorganization, dissonance

Usage: "the piece owes its air of tranquillity largely to the harmony"

Editorial 23 – 03 – 2019

1) Contender (noun) -- प्रतियोगी

Meaning: a person or group competing with others to achieve something.

Synonyms: applicant, applier, aspirant, campaigner, candidate, expectant, hopeful, prospect, seeker

Antonyms: noncandidate

Usage: "a presidential contender"

2) Ballast (verb) – संतुलन देना

Meaning: give stability to (a ship) by putting a heavy substance in its bilge.

Synonyms: equilibrium, balance, brace, bracket

Antonyms: instability

Usage: "the vessel has been ballasted to give the necessary floating stability"

3) vis-à-vis (preposition-- के संबंध में)

Meaning: in relation to; with regard to.

Synonyms: "many agencies now have a unit to deal with women's needs vis-à-vis employment"

Usage: "many agencies now have a unit to deal with women's needs vis-à-vis employment"

4) doomed (adjective) – बदकिस्मत

Meaning: likely to have an unfortunate and inescapable outcome; ill-fated.

Synonyms: ill-fated, wrecked, bedeviled

Antonyms: blessed, intact

Usage: "the moving story of their doomed love affair"

5) churn (noun) -- मथनी

Meaning: a machine for making butter by shaking milk or cream.

Synonyms: stir, agitate;

Antonyms: abate, calm, subside

Usage: "the fresh creamy milk sat in a churn in the kitchen"

6) woo – रिझाना

Meaning: seek the favour, support, or custom of.

Synonyms: seek the support of, seek the favour of, try to win

Antonyms: stay in place, linger

Usage: "the party wooed voters with promises of electoral reform"

7) Virulence (noun) -- गंभीरता या हानिकारकता

Meaning: the severity or harmfulness of a disease or poison

Synonyms: acidity, acidness, acridity

Antonyms: harmless, healthful

Usage: "the proportion of birds which die depends on the virulence of the virus"

8) Formidable (adjective) -- दुर्जेय

Meaning: inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

Synonyms: intimidating, forbidding, redoubtable

Antonyms: calming, comforting, consoling

Usage: "a formidable opponent"

9) Foe – दुश्मन या शत्रु

Meaning: an enemy or opponent.

Synonyms: enemy, adversary, opponent, rival

Antonyms: buddy, chum, compadre

Usage: "his work was praised by friends and foes alike"

10) Endemic (adjective) -- स्थानिक

Meaning: (of a disease or condition) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area.

Synonyms: aboriginal, autochthonous, born, domestic, indigenous, native

Antonyms: no indigenous, nonnative

Usage: "complacency is endemic in industry today"

Editorial 25 – 03 – 2019

1) Hooliganism (Noun) -- गुंडागर्दी

Meaning: Violent or rowdy behavior by young troublemakers, typically in a gang.

Synonyms: bully, gangbanger, gangsta

Usage: "the problems of football hooliganism"

2) Derail (verb) -- पटरी से उतरना

Meaning: cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally.

Synonyms: agitate, ail, alarm (also alarum), bother, concern

Antonyms: calm, compose, quiet, settle

Usage: "a train was derailed after it collided with a herd of cattle"

3) Hostile (adjective) -- शत्रुतापूर्ण

Meaning: showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.

Synonyms: antagonistic, aggressive, confrontational

Antonyms: friendly, hospitable, no antagonistic

Usage: "people are very hostile to the idea"

4) Gratify (Verb) -- कृतार्थ करना

Meaning: give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction.

Synonyms: please, gladden, give pleasure to, make happy

Antonyms: bridle, check, constrain

Usage: "she was gratified to see the shock in Jim's eyes"

5) Allegiance (Noun) -- निष्ठा

Meaning: loyalty or commitment to a superior or to a group or cause

Synonyms: loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, obedience

Antonyms: alienation, disaffection, estrangement, separation

Usage: "those wishing to receive citizenship must swear allegiance to the republic"

6) Fraternity (Noun) -- भ्रातृत्व

Meaning: a group of people sharing a common profession or interests.

Synonyms: brotherhood, fellowship, kinship

Usage: "members of the hunting fraternity"

7) Feud (verb) -- संघर्ष करना

Meaning: be engaged in a prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute.

Synonyms: quarrel, fight, argue, bicker, squabble

Antonyms: accord, agreement, calm

Usage: "Hoover feuded with the CIA for decades"

8) Assailants (noun) -- हमलावरों

Meaning: A person who physically attacks another.

Synonyms: attacker, mugger

Antonyms: ally, friend

Usage: "the police have no firm leads about the identity of his assailant"

9) Shied (Verb) -- लजाना

Meaning: nervous or timid in the company of other people.

Synonyms: avert, bypass, dodge, escape

Antonyms: face, meet

Usage: The High Court has noted that among the eye-witnesses who shied away from deposing in favour of the prosecution were Dinakaran's own reporters

10) Tamper (verb) -- हस्तक्षेप करना

Meaning: interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.

Synonyms: interfere, monkey around, meddle, tinker

Antonyms: improve, leave alone

Usage: "someone tampered with the brakes of my car"

Editorial 26 – 03 – 2019

1) Enact (verb) - -- अधिनियम बनाना

Meaning: make (a bill or other proposal) law/put into practice (an idea or suggestion).

Synonyms: execute, depict

Antonyms: fail, miss

Usage: "the pressure group's aim was to see the proposals enacted"

2) Underlie (verb) -- बुनियाद रखना

Meaning: (especially of a layer of rock or soil) lie or be situated under (something)/be the cause or basis of (something).

Synonyms: basic, elemental, hidden

Antonyms: secondary

Usage: "limestone underlies much of the site"

3) Incur (verb)-किया गया

Meaning: become subject to (something unwelcome or unpleasant) as a result of one's own behavior or actions.

Synonyms: acquire, Arouse, earn

Antonyms: forfeit, lose

Usage: "I will pay any expenses incurred"

4) Precision (noun)- -- परिशुद्धता

Meaning: the quality, condition, or fact of being exact and accurate.

Synonyms: exactness, exactitude, accuracy

Antonyms: carelessness, disregard

Usage: "the deal was planned and executed with military precision"

5) Bode (verb)-एक विशेष परिणाम का एक हिस्सा होना

Meaning: be a portent of a particular outcome.

Synonyms: augur, presage, portend, foretell

Usage: "their argument did not bode well for the future"

6) Lopsided (adjective) -- सममित

Meaning: with one side lower or smaller than the other.

Synonyms: asymmetrical, unsymmetrical, uneven

Usage: "a lopsided grin"

7) Incumbents (noun) -- अवलंबी

Meaning: the holder of an office or post.

Synonyms: holder, bearer, occupant

Antonyms: chosen, discretionary

Usage: "the present incumbent will soon be retiring"

8) Deter (verb)- -- हतोत्साह करना

Meaning: discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

Synonyms: put off, discourage, dissuade

Antonyms: encourage, persuade

Usage: "only a health problem would deter him from seeking re-election"

9) Diligently (adverb) -- परिश्रमपूर्वक

Meaning: in a way that shows care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties.

Synonyms: assiduous, attentive, careful

Antonyms: unenthusiastic, unscrupulous

Usage: "he spends his nights diligently working on his dissertation"

10) Predicament (noun)- -- कठिन परिस्थिति

Meaning: a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.

Synonyms: difficult situation, awkward situation, mess

Antonyms: advantage, agreement, benefit

Usage: "the club's financial predicament"

Editorial 27 – 03 – 2019

1) Gimmick (noun)-- नौटंकी

Meaning: a trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or trade.

Synonyms: publicity device, stunt, contrivance

Antonyms: frankness, honesty

Usage: "it is not so much a programme to improve services as a gimmick to gain votes"

2) Shore up (verb)--टेक लगाना

Meaning: to support (something) or keep (something) from falling by placing something under or against it

Synonyms: bear, bolster, brace, buttress

Antonyms: undercut, undermine, weaken

Usage: They shored up the roof

3) Spur (verb)-- प्रोत्साहित करना

Meaning: urge (a horse) forward by digging one's spurs into its sides/give an incentive or encouragement to (someone).

Synonyms: stimulate, give the incentive to, act as a stimulus/incentive to

Antonyms: counterincentive, disincentive

Usage: "her sons' passion for computer games spurred her on to set up a software business"

4) Disincentives (noun)-- हतोत्साहन

Meaning: a factor, especially a financial disadvantage that discourages a particular action.

Synonyms: deterrent, discouragement, dissuasion

Antonyms: advantage, aid

Usage: "spiralling house prices are beginning to act as a disincentive to development"

5) Inherent (adjective) -- अन्तर्निहित

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

Synonyms: intrinsic, innate, immanent, built-in

Antonyms: adventitious, extraneous, extrinsic

Usage: "any form of mountaineering has its inherent dangers"

6) Ameliorate (verb) -- सुधारना

Meaning: make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better.

Synonyms: improve, make better, better

Usage: "the reform did much to ameliorate living standards"

7) Agrarian (adjective) -- कृषि संबंधी

Meaning: relating to cultivated land or the cultivation of land.

Synonyms: agricultural, rural, countryside

Antonyms: nonagricultural

Usage: "Brazil is rapidly diversifying its agrarian economy"

8) Fillip (noun) -- प्रोत्साहन

Meaning: something which acts as a stimulus or boost to an activity.

Synonyms: stimulus, stimulation, stimulant, boost

Antonyms: damp, dampen, deaden, dull, kill

Usage: "the halving of car tax would provide a fillip to sales"

9) Dole (noun)-- बेकारी हितलाभ

Meaning: benefit paid by the state to the unemployed

Synonyms: unemployment benefit, state benefit

Antonyms: forfeit, hurt

Usage: "I was on the dole for three years"

10) Prudent (adjective) -- विवेकी

Meaning: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Synonyms: wise, well judged, judicious, sagacious

Antonyms: careless, heedless, incautious, rash

Usage: "no prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose"

Editorial 28 – 03 – 2019

1) Brink (noun)-- कगार

Meaning : the extreme edge of land before a steep slope or a body of water/a point at which something, typically something unwelcome, is about to happen; the verge.

Synonyms: verge, edge, threshold, point

Antonyms: middle

Usage: "the country was on the brink of a constitutional crisis"

2) Imperiling (verb)-- संकट में डालना

Meaning: put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed.

Synonyms: endanger, jeopardize, risk, put at risk

Antonyms: guard, protect, shelter

Usage: "they advised against tax increases for fear of imperilling the recovery"

3) Prod (verb)--उत्तेजित करना

Meaning: stimulate or persuade (someone who is reluctant or slow) to do something.

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Synonyms: spur, stimulate, stir, rouse, prompt
Antonyms: discourage
Usage: "they attempted to prod the central bank into cutting interest rates"

4) Nosedive (verb)—अचानक गिरावट होना

Meaning: a sudden extreme drop
Synonyms: descent, dip, dive, down, drop, fall, plunge
Antonyms: ascent, climb, rise, rising, soaring, upswing, upturn
Usage: stock prices took a nosedive

5) Truant (noun) --अनुपस्थित रहना

Meaning: a pupil who stays away from school without leave or explanation.
Synonyms: absentee, non-attender, awol
Antonyms: attentive
Usage: "if my daughter had been truanting from school I would have been informed"

6) Tentacles (noun)--स्पर्श-सूत्र

Meaning: a slender, flexible limb or appendage in an animal, especially around the mouth of an invertebrate, used for grasping or moving about, or bearing sense organs.
Usage: "trailing tentacles of vapour"

7) Fugitive (noun)--भगोड़ा

Meaning: a person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding.
Synonyms: escapee, escaper, runaway, deserter, refugee, renegade
Antonyms: permanent, long-lasting
Usage: "fugitives from justice"

8) Recalcitrant (adjective)--आज्ञा न माननेवाला

Meaning: having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline.
Synonyms: uncooperative, obstinately disobedient, intractable, unmanageable
Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, amiable, cooperative, deferential, obliging
Usage: "a class of recalcitrant fifteen-year-olds"

9) Sludge (noun)--कीचड़

Meaning: thick, soft, wet mud or a similar viscous mixture of liquid and solid components, especially the product of an industrial or refining process.
Synonyms: mud, muck, mire, ooze, silt
Antonyms: spotlessness
Usage: "the dumping of sewage sludge"

10) Perished (verb)—मारे गए

Meaning: die, especially in a violent or sudden way.
Synonyms: die, lose one's life, be killed, fall, expire
Antonyms: breathe, live
Usage: "a great part of his army perished of hunger and disease"

Editorial 29 – 03 – 2019

1) Blowing up (noun)-- उड़ते हुए

Meaning: the violent shattering or exploding of something.
Synonyms: flare (up), flip (out)
Antonyms: calm (down), simmer down
Usage: "the blowing-up of several apartment blocks"

2) Smithereens (noun)--छोटो-छोटे टुकड़े

Meaning: small pieces.
Synonyms: chip, flake, fragment
Antonyms: chunk, hunk, lump
Usage: "a grenade blew him to smithereens"

3) Accentuate (verb)--अधिक ध्यान देने योग्य या प्रमुख बनाना

Meaning: make more noticeable or prominent.
Synonyms: focus attention on, bring/call/draw attention to, point up
Antonyms: de-emphasize, play down
Usage: "his jacket unfortunately accentuated his paunch"

4) Deterrence (noun)—बाधा

Meaning: the action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

Synonyms: disincentive, hindrance

Antonyms: assistance, help.

Usage: "nuclear missiles remain the main deterrence against possible aggression"

5) Surmise (verb)--अंदाज़ा लगाना

Meaning: suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

Synonyms: guess, conjecture, suspect, deduce

Antonyms: demonstrate, document, establish

Usage: "he surmised that something must be wrong"

6) Dwell (verb)--ध्यान केन्द्रित करना

Meaning: think, speak, or write at length about (a particular subject, especially one that is a source of unhappiness, anxiety, or dissatisfaction).

Synonyms: linger over, mull over, muse on, brood about

Antonyms: bail, bail out, bug out, buzz (off)

Usage: "I've got better things to do than dwell on the past"

7) Goad (verb)--उकसाना या नाराज करना

Meaning: provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction.

Synonyms: provoke, spur, prick, sting, prod

Antonyms: counterincentive, disincentive

Usage: "he was trying to goad her into a fight"

8) Warmongering (adjective)--आक्रामकता की वकालत

Meaning: encouraging or advocating aggression towards other countries or groups.

Synonyms: hawk, jingo, jingoist, militarist, war hawk

Antonyms: dove, pacifist, peacenik

Usage: "a nation controlled by a bloodthirsty warmongering madman"

9) Amiss (adjective)--अनुचित

Meaning: not quite right; inappropriate or out of place.

Synonyms: wrong, awry, faulty, out of order, defective, unsatisfactory

Antonyms: appropriately, aptly, correctly

Usage: "an inspection revealed nothing amiss"

10) Plank (verb)--बलपूर्वक या अचानक नीचे रखना

Meaning: put or set (something) down forcefully or abruptly.

Synonyms: flop, flump, plop

Antonyms: untie, lower.

Usage: "Ned planked the glasses in front of him"

Editorial 30 – 03 – 2019

1) Hostage (noun) – बंदी

Meaning: a person seized or held as security for the fulfilment of a condition.

Synonyms: captive, prisoner, detainee, internee

Antonyms: captor

Usage: "they were held hostage by armed rebels"

2) Evidently (adverb) -- जाहिर तौर पर

Meaning: in a way that is clearly seen or understood; obviously.

Synonyms: obviously, clearly, plainly

Antonyms: improbably, unlikely

Usage: "a work so evidently laden with significance"

3) Coercion (noun) -- अवपीड़न

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

Synonyms: force, compulsion, constraint, duress

Antonyms: agreement, approval, consent

Usage: They used coercion to obtain the confession.

4) Intensive (adjective) -- गहन

Meaning: concentrated on a single subject or into a short time; very thorough or vigorous.



Synonyms: thorough, in-depth, concentrated, rigorous

Antonyms: light, moderate, soft

Usage: "she undertook an intensive Arabic course"

5) Grossly (adverb) -- स्थूल ढंग से

Meaning: in a very obvious and unacceptable manner; flagrantly.

Synonyms: extremely; excessively

Antonyms: clean, decent, G-rated, nonobscene, wholesome

Usage: "you have grossly insulted a member of the community"

6) Ramp up -- बढ़ाना

Meaning: A ramp up is an increase in the amount of products or services a company sells, usually by expansion into new markets or geographic regions.

Synonyms: accrue, accumulate, amass

Usage: Pratt faces some significant headwinds on this ramp-up.

7) Uninspiring (adjective) -- उबाऊ, नीरस,

Meaning: not producing excitement or interest.

Synonyms: boring, dull, dreary, drab, unexciting

Antonyms: amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome

Usage: "an uninspiring game that United scarcely deserved to win"

8) Vigorously (adverb) -- कर्मठता से

Meaning: in a way that involves physical strength, effort, or energy; strenuously.

Synonyms: strenuously, with great vigour, strongly

Antonyms: dull, lethargic, listless, sluggish, torpid

Usage: "she shook her head vigorously"

9) Inevitably (adverb) -- अनिवार्य रूप से

Meaning: as is certain to happen; unavoidably.

Synonyms: naturally, automatically, as a matter of course, necessarily

Antonyms: unnecessarily

Usage: "inevitably some details are already out of date"

10) Shunning (verb) -- बच निकलना

Meaning: persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

Synonyms: avoid, evade, eschew

Antonyms: accept, admire, allow

Usage: "he shunned fashionable society"



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