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# The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 30, 2020- Day 426

Difficult Word	Contextual Meaning
Protracted	lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual
Precipitous	dangerously high or steep
Wariness	caution about possible dangers or problems
Bulwark	a defensive wall
Precarious	not securely held or in position
Inexplicably	in a way that cannot be explained or accounted for
Jettison	throw or drop (something) from an aircraft or ship
Correlation	a connection between two or more things, especially when one of them causes or influences the other
Ominous	giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen
Portent	a sign or warning that something, especially something momentous or calamitous, is likely to happen

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 27, 2020- Day 425

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Epic	Grand in scale
Overland	By land
Dump	deposit or dispose of (garbage, waste, or unwanted material), typically in a careless or hurried way
Deluge	a severe flood
Tropical	from or in the hottest parts of the world
Wrought	caused (something to happen)
Aftermath	the consequences or aftereffects of a significant unpleasant event
Alacrity	brisk and cheerful readiness
Exacerbating	make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse
Benign	gentle and kindly

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 26, 2020- Day 424

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Blighted	spoiling or having a very bad effect on something, often for a long time
Shed	(often used in newspapers) to get rid of something you do not need or want
Rust	to degenerate especially from inaction, lack of use, or passage of time
Linger	stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave
Gingerly	showing great care or caution
Find one's feet	to start to be comfortable in a new situation
Stature	quality or status gained by growth, development, or achievement
Allure	the quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating
Stirring	causing great excitement or strong emotion; rousing
Draw level	to move into a position where you are equal to someone else in a race, game, or competition

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 25, 2020- Day 423

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Barely	only just; almost not
Evoke	bring or recall to the conscious mind
Harmonise	make consistent or compatible
In the throes of	in the middle of doing or dealing with something very difficult or painful
Unequivocal	leaving no doubt
Ring-fencing	enclose (a piece of land) with a ring fence
Rationale	a group of reasons for a decision or belief
Caveat	an explanation or warning that should be remembered when you are doing or thinking about something
Bailout	an act of giving financial assistance to a failing business or economy to save it from collapse
At the altar of	be sacrificed on the altar of something means to be destroyed by an activity, system, or belief that is bad but more important or more powerful

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 24, 2020- Day 422

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Overbroad	characterized by a prohibition or chilling effect on constitutionally protected conduct
Abeyance	a state of temporary disuse or suspension
Obnoxious	extremely unpleasant
Abridge	curtail (a right or privilege)
Unbridled	uncontrolled; unconstrained
Disseminating	spread (something, especially information) widely
Take heed of	to pay attention to
Draconian	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe
Promulgate	put (a law or decree) into effect by official proclamation
Repugnant	in conflict or incompatible with

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 23, 2020- Day 421

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
resilience	the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties
sow	disseminate or introduce (something undesirable)
vibrant	full of energy and enthusiasm
strident	loud and harsh
posturing	behaviour that is intended to impress or mislead
profess	affirm one's faith in or allegiance to a set of beliefs
counterproductive	having the opposite of the desired effect
macabre	disturbing and horrifying because of involvement with or depiction of death and injury
snap	break or cause to break suddenly and completely, typically with a sharp cracking sound
freewheeling	characterized by a disregard for rules or conventions; unconstrained or uninhibited

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 20, 2020- Day 420

Difficult Word/ Meaning	Contextual Meaning
Pre-emptive	serving or intended to preempt or forestall something, especially to prevent attack by disabling the enemy
Imposition	the act of introducing something such as a new law or rule, or a new tax
Moratorium	a temporary prohibition of an activity
Flailing	beset by difficulties
orchestrated	plan or coordinate the elements of (a situation) to produce a desired effect, especially surreptitiously
Ward off	to prevent something from harming you
Bolster	support or strengthen
Legacy	a situation that has developed as a result of past actions and decisions
Contagion	the communication of disease from one person to another by close contact
Lurking around	To move or hang about (some place) in a suspicious, sneaking, or slinking manner.

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 19, 2020- Day 419

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Paradigm	a typical example of something
Decrepit	old and physically not strong
Inevitable	certain to happen
Densification	the act or process of making or becoming dense
Epidemiologist	someone who studies diseases and how they are found, spread, and controlled in groups of people
Herd immunity	resistance to the spread of an infectious disease within a population that is based on pre-existing immunity of a high proportion of individuals as a result of previous infection or vaccination
Business as usual	an ongoing and unchanging state of affairs despite difficulties or disturbances
Cornerstone	an important quality or feature on which a particular thing depends or is based
Tokenism	the fact of doing something only to show that you are following rules or doing what is expected or seen to be fair, and not because you really believe it is the right thing to do
Scourge	something that causes great trouble or suffering.

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 18, 2020- Day 418

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
fragile	easily broken or damaged
ceasefire	a temporary suspension of fighting, typically one during which peace talks take place
altering	change or cause to change in character or composition, typically in a comparatively small but significant way
enclave	a portion of territory within or surrounded by a larger territory whose inhabitants are culturally or ethnically distinct
proxies	somebody who acts as a substitute for another
triumph	a great victory or achievement
backlash	a strong and adverse reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development
snap election	in some countries, an election that is announced suddenly and unexpectedly
in its backyard	very close to one, where one lives, or where one is
signatory	a party that has signed an agreement, especially a state that has signed a treaty

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 17, 2020- Day 417

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
on the boil	if a situation is on the boil, it is very strong or a lot of people are talking about it
matrix	an environment in which something develops
shelling	the act of firing shells (containers full of explosives) at something
infiltrating	enter or gain access to a place surreptitiously and gradually, especially in order to acquire secret information
démarche	a course of action, especially a political one
raise the temperature of	to make people more angry about a situation
atop	on the top of
albeit	although
rake up	to revive, discover, or bring to light
stand-off	a deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 13, 2020- Day 416

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
one and all	everyone
dish out	distribute or provide (a service) to a number of people
strike a blow	to do something that supports or defends something
incarcerated	imprisoned
garrulous	excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters.
abet	encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular, to commit a crime or other offense
vendetta	a prolonged bitter quarrel with or campaign against someone
whataboutery	the technique or practice of responding to an accusation or difficult question by making a counteraccusation or raising a different issue
abdication	failure to fulfill a responsibility or duty
gladiatorial	intense, ruthless, and hard-fought

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 12, 2020- Day 415

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
slender	barely sufficient in amount or basis
disparate	essentially different in kind
diminish	cause to seem less valuable
batter	hurt by being repeatedly hit
queer someone's pitch	to spoil or ruin something planned, arranged, or attempted
flip	turn over with a sudden quick movement
keep someone on a tight leash	to control someone carefully and only allow them a small amount of freedom to do what they want
paradox	a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement
trailblazer	a person who begins or helps develop something new and prepares the way for others to follow
subordinate	lower in rank or position

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 11, 2020- Day 414

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning/ Definition
standoff	a stalemate or deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict
tabled	present formally for discussion or consideration at a meeting
upbeat	cheerful; optimistic
mop up	to gather as if by absorbing
garner	gather or collect (something, especially information or approval)
come on board	join some kind of group
conjure up	to present to the mind; evoke or imagine
loose ends	a detail that is not yet settled or explained
non-lapsable fund	funds allocated to certain schemes of the government, which have to be spent within the current fiscal year of allocation, if not then the fund will be evaporated and cannot be used in the next fiscal
tailspin	a situation in which something starts to fail or lose value and gets more and more out of control

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 10, 2020- Day 413

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
spur	give an incentive or encouragement to (someone)
concession	the act of allowing or giving up something
stipulation	a condition or requirement that is specified or demanded as part of an agreement
deteriorating	become progressively worse
primacy	the fact of being more important
incumbent	necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility
room	space available for something
particulate	relating to or in the form of minute separate particles
mortality	death, especially on a large scale
reliance	dependence on or trust in someone or something

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 9, 2020- Day 412

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
walk the talk	To back up one's boastful talk with meaningful actions
woo	seek the favour or support of
wont	one's customary behaviour
alliterative	relating to or marked by the use of words that begin with the same sound near one another
gamut	the complete range or scope of something
exhortations	an address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something
stretched	to go past the usual limit of something
cramp	restrict or inhibit the development of
apportion	divide and allocate
hamstrung	to damage or ruin the force or effectiveness of

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- November 2, 2020- Day 411

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
trajectory	a progress resembling a curve
complacency	a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements
pronounced	very noticeable
bear the brunt of	put up with the worst of some bad circumstance
play out	to develop in a particular way
topography	the arrangement of the natural and artificial physical features of an area
keep pace with	to go or make progress at the same speed as (someone or something else)
blip	an unexpected, minor, and typically temporary deviation from a general trend
partake	join in (an activity)
spur	give an incentive or encouragement to (someone)

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