

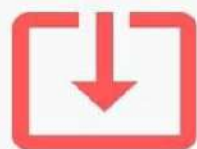
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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 31, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
amply	enough
rolling out	a new service being made available for the first time
mega-stimulus packages	packages of economic measures put together by a government to stimulate a floundering economy
acknowledge	to accept or admit something
relook	re-consideration of something
ambitious	something that needs great amount of effort and skill to be successful
non-tax revenues	government revenue not generated from taxes
freezing	to fix it at a particular level and not allow any increases
imperative	extremely important
outlays	amount of money you spent on something as a first investment
MGNREGA	a social security scheme that attempts to provide employment and livelihood to rural labourers
alarming	causing worry or fear
glaring	obvious
futility	fact of having no effect or of achieving nothing
hawkish	in favour of using force rather than diplomacy
cavil	an unreasonable complaint

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
unquantifiable	not able to be measured
deployed	to use something in an effective way
arsenal	an array of resources available for a certain purpose
fallouts	adverse results of a situation or action
reverse repo rate	interest rate at which the RBI borrows money from banks for the short term
Cash Reserve Ratio	the percentage of cash required to be kept in reserves, vis-a-vis a bank's total deposits
augment	to increase the value of something
proviso	something that must be done before something else happens or is agreed
logjam	a situation in which no progress can be made because an agreement cannot be reached
moratorium	stopping of an activity for an agreed period of time
tardy	late
frugal	careful in spending money
sanguine	hopeful
catastrophe	sudden situation that causes great trouble

afflicting	affecting adversely
unprecedented	never having happened in the past

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
penal	of or relating to punishment given by law
murky	dark & dirty
heaved a sigh of relief	to experience an intense feeling of happiness or relief
savvier	knowledgeable
compliant	something that obeys a particular rule or law
inherently	exists as a basic part of something
loss-absorbency	the ability of a bank to suffer losses without falling below regulatory minima of capital and requiring re-capitalisation or resolution
intervention	becoming intentionally involved in a difficult situation
rosy	something that gives hope
viability	ability to work as intended
festering	becoming worse or more intense, especially through long-term neglect or indifference
grave	seriously bad
diligence	quality of working carefully and with great effort
deep-rooted	strongly felt or believed
fiduciary	responsibility to take care of someone else's money in a suitable way
one-off instance	single time

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
preceded	come before in time
stimulus	something that causes growth
fallouts	unpleasant results or effects
pandemic	a dangerous disease that infects many people at one time
lockdown	situation where people are not allowed to leave a place freely because of an emergency
contemplating	to spend time considering a possible future action
Hobson's choice	a choice of taking what is available or nothing at all
creaking	moving slowly
swamped	more people arrive that can be easily dealt with
grim	worrying without hope
prospect	possibility of something good happening in future
draconian	extremely severe
evident	easily understood or seen
hindsight	ability to understand an event or situation only after it has happened
crippling	severe problem
under-whelming	fail to make a positive impact
deferral	postponement of an action or event
insolvency	condition of not having enough money to pay debts

forbearance	patience
seizing up	to stop working in a normal way
pledged	serious or formal promise
proactive	taking action by causing change

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
convened	bring together a group of people for a meeting
impair	to make it weaker
epicentre	the central point of a difficult situation
escalation	rising
post-haste	with great speed or immediacy
soft loans	a loan with a low interest rate offered by the government
paltry	very small amount
biometric 聽 identification	the automatic identification of living individuals by using their physiological and behavioral characteristics
forbearance	tolerance
lenient	not as severe or strong in judgement
disinfectants	substances that contain chemicals that kill bacteria
adherence	fact of someone behaving exactly according to rules
unprecedented	never existed in the past

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 24, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
deadly blow	a forcible stroke
destined	a particular fate
battered	damaged
spared	to not hurt or destroy something
ignominious	embarrassing because of being a complete failure
deploy	to put something into use in an effective way
disenchanted	no longer believing in the value of something
jarring	wrong
abrogation	act of formally ending a law or an agreement
fielding	to place in competition
noteworthy	deserving attention because it is important
hand-wringing	excessive display of concern or distress
desertion	act of leaving someone in a difficult situation
decipher	to discover the meaning of something
dilettantism	somebody who is interested in a subject, but who is not involved with it in a serious and determined way
biennial	happening once every two years
undeniably	in a way that is certainly true
agrarian	relating to farming land

distress

mental and physical suffering

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
adequate	satisfactory
disruptive	causing trouble
risk-aversion	choosing the preservation of capital over the potential for a higher-than-average return
pandemic	a disease prevalent over a whole country or the world
zipped	move at high speed
crumbling	to become weaker in strength
robust	strong and healthy
turbulence	a state of confusion without any order
nullified	to cause something to have no value or effect
relentless	continuing in a determined way without any interruption
forex market	foreign exchange market in which foreign currencies of the world are traded
real effective exchange rate	the weighted average of a country's currency in relation to an index or basket of other major currencies
moot point	debatable
ample	more than enough

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
ratified	to make an agreement official by signing a written agreement
moratorium	stopping an activity for an agreed time period
repercussions	usually a bad effect that an event has on something
hoarse	sounding weak and not very well controlled
Incumbent	a business that holds a particular position in an industry, etc. at the present time
intervene	to intentionally get involved in a difficult situation
democratisation	to make something accessible to everyone
hallmarks	a typical attitude, quality of characteristic of a thing
hitherto	until a particular time

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Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
rocky road	experiencing a difficult period
behemoths	large organizations
subdued	lowered in intensity
whimsical	unusual
fancied	expected or thought likely to succeed
cold feet	suddenly become too frightened to do something you had planned to do
diligent	careful
fair-weather friend	something that cannot be relied on in times of difficulty
inevitably	in a way that cannot be avoided

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 16, 2020

Word	Contextual Meaning/Definition
stimulus	something that causes activity
volatility	quality or state of being likely to change suddenly
prudently	carefully
contagion	spreading of a disease
inflict	to experience something unpleasant
jeopardy	in danger of being destroyed
unprecedented	never having happened or existed in the past
tailspin	a sudden fall that cannot be controlled
congregation	gathering
impending	about to happen
fritter 聽 away	to spend or use in a slow manner
inexplicable	unable to be explained
MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium enterprises
ultra-cheap	extraordinarily cheap
liquidity-surplus	when cashflow persistently exceed withdrawals of liquidity
repos	act of buying back shares, bonds etc that you have already sold
pragmatic	solving problems in a practical way rather than obeying fixed theories
forbearance	tolerance

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Word/Phrase/Term	Contextual Meaning/Definition
AT-1 bonds	a type of unsecured, perpetual bond that banks issue to shore up their core capital base to meet the Basel-III norms
write-off	to regard or concede to be lost
ruins	a situation in which a company has lost all their money
reeling from the shock	feel extremely upset
saddle somebody with something	to give someone a responsibility or problem that they do not want and that will cause them a lot of work or difficulty
abounds	exists in large numbers
disclosure	the action of making secret information known
crack down	to take strong action to stop something
diktat	an order imposed by someone in power without popular consent
mis-selling	a sales practice in which a product or service is deliberately misrepresented or a customer is misled about its suitability

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 12, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
supervisory	role of observing & directing an activity
lapses	temporary failure
casualty	something that is badly affected by an event
divergence	two things becoming different
catastrophic	sudden harm/destruction
custodian	an organization that is responsible for protecting, caring for, or maintaining something
disastrous	extremely bad
unscathed	without any damage
dragged its feet	be deliberately slow or reluctant to act
charade	an act or event that is obviously false, although represented as true
turbulence	state of confusion
murky	morally questionable
salvage	to try to make a bad situation better

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 11, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
bellwether	something leading/indicating a trend
plunge	dive quickly
proximate	closest
headlong	in a rush
turn bearish	expecting prices on a financial market to go down
muster	collect
ominous	giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen
fair winds	favourable conditions
downturn	a decline in economic & business activities
first flush	the start of something
in lockstep with	progressing at exactly the same speed and in the same direction

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 6, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
quashing	reject as invalid
cryptocurrencies	type of digital or virtual money
bitcoin	A cryptocurrency which is a decentralized digital currency
asset	a valuable possession
meltdown	a situation in which an industry, economy, etc. is badly affected by a lot of problems within a short period of time
apprehension	anxiety/worrying about future
embracing	accept something willingly and enthusiastically
harness	to control something
money laundering	the concealment of the origins of illegally obtained money, typically by means of transfers involving foreign banks or legitimate businesses
drug trafficking	illegal trade which involves cultivation, manufacturing, distribution & sale of substances subject to drug prohibition laws
illegitimate	not legal
quasi-legal	permitted by law
shady	illegal
debunked	expose the hollowness of
blockchain	list of records called blocks, that are linked using cryptography
mavens	an expert on a particular subject
'when in doubt, cut it out'	if you are not sure of something then don't do it
cautious	being careful/avoiding risks

The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 4, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
empower	give someone power to do something
entitlements	a benefit that you have the right to have
confer	grant a benefit
boon	something good
credentials	documents that state the experience and abilities of a person showing he or she is qualified for a particular activity
interoperability	to be used together
digitisation	Information converted into digital format
legitimate	allowed by law
Exclusion errors	when one being poor is excluded from the policy

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 3, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
nowcasting	prediction of the present, the very near future and the very recent past in economics
imperative	important/urgent
tone up	shape up
cues	signals
bottomed out	to reach the lowest point in a changing situation
confounded	caused surprise
pegging	stabilizing a country's currency by fixing its exchange rate to that of another country
tumble	to fall without control
pandemic	disease that infects many people at one time
premature	happening before the natural time
'green shoots'	first signs of improvement
back-tested	seeing how well a strategy or model would have done ex-post
deceleration	to become slower
guidepost	anything serving as a guide
proxies	a figure that can be used to represent the value of something
efficacy	quality of being effective

The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- March 2, 2020

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
unchartered	without regulation
crippled	to cause serious damage to something, making it not effective
convulsed	to agitate violently
recession	a period of temporary economic decline
big money	large amounts of money
refuge	a place providing protection
sovereign guarantee	a promise by the Government to discharge the liability of a third person in case of his default
exposures	experiencing something because of being in a particular situation
bail-outs	the process of saving something from failing by providing lots of money
tentative	not certain
sanguine	optimistic
hold back	to not do something, often because of fear or because you do not want to make a bad situation worse

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