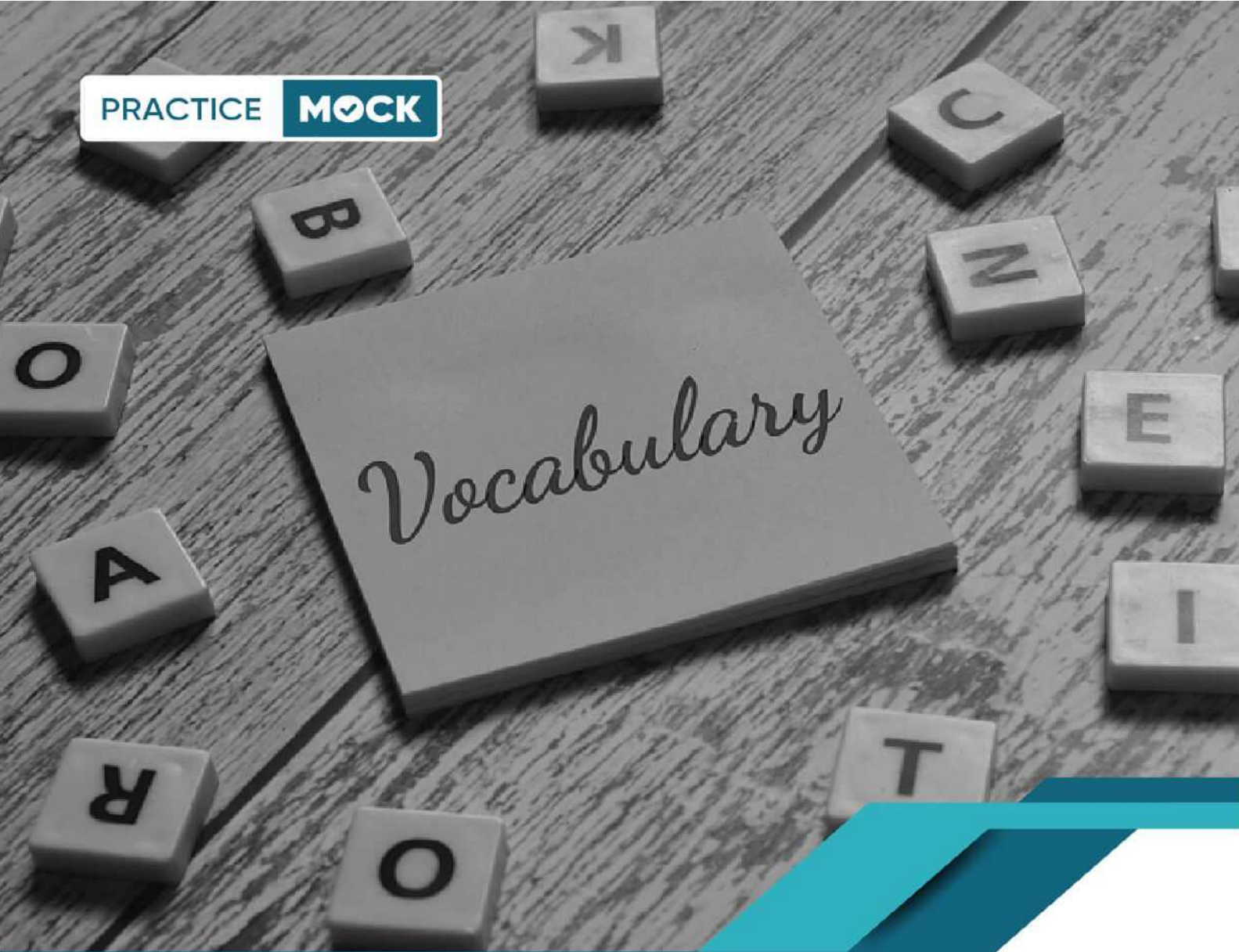


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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 30, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Salient                   | Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention                                                         |
| Repository                | one that contains or stores something nonmaterial                                                           |
| Haul around               | To carry or transport something from place to place, especially that which is awkward, heavy, or burdensome |
| Snazzy                    | Flashily stylish                                                                                            |
| Insurmountable            | impossible to solve or get control of : impossible to overcome                                              |
| Manifold                  | having many features or forms                                                                               |
| Grave                     | Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm                                                           |
| Sheen                     | a smooth shine or brightness:                                                                               |
| Mammoth                   | Exceedingly large, extensive or important                                                                   |
| Fix up                    | to set right                                                                                                |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 29, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                 |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Insurgency             | an attempt to take control of a country by force                 |
| Potency                | The power or right to give orders or make decisions              |
| Pocket                 | A small isolated group of people                                 |
| Proscribe              | Command against                                                  |
| Discontent             | A longing for something better than the present situation        |
| Repression             | the state of being controlled by force                           |
| Adherent               | Someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another |
| Insurrection           | a usually violent attempt to take control of a government        |
| Budge                  | Move very slightly                                               |
| Skirmish               | A minor short-term fight                                         |

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| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                         |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Deed                      | Something that people do or cause to happen                                                              |
| Outlook                   | Belief about (or mental picture of) the future                                                           |
| Green technology          | technology whose use is intended to mitigate or reverse the effects of human activity on the environment |
| Alleviation               | The act of reducing something unpleasant                                                                 |
| Enumerate                 | Determine the number or amount of                                                                        |
| Partisan                  | Devoted to a cause or party                                                                              |
| Out of place              | not suitable for a particular situation                                                                  |
| Veiled                    | Muted or unclear                                                                                         |
| Flagging                  | Droop, sink, or settle from or as if from pressure or loss of tautness                                   |
| Lynching                  | Putting a person to death by mob action without due process of law                                       |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 27, 2021

| Difficult word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Row                       | An angry dispute                                                                   |
| Memorandum                | a written message in business or diplomacy                                         |
| Void                      | lacking any legal or binding force                                                 |
| Nullify                   | Show to be invalid                                                                 |
| Deter                     | Try to prevent                                                                     |
| Solemnize                 | Perform (the wedding ceremony) with proper ceremonies                              |
| Evidentiary               | Serving as or based on evidence                                                    |
| Wedlock                   | The state of being a married couple voluntarily joined for life (or until divorce) |
| Fallout                   | Any adverse and unwanted secondary effect                                          |
| Prohibition               | A decree that prohibits something                                                  |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 23, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Introspect                | Reflect on one's own thoughts and feelings                                                                                      |
| Deliberation              | discussion of all sides of a question                                                                                           |
| Flurry                    | an occasion when there is a lot of activity, interest, excitement, etc. within a short period of time                           |
| Extinct                   | No longer in existence                                                                                                          |
| Tweak                     | a minor change made to something in order to improve the way it works                                                           |
| Eclectic                  | deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources                                                       |
| Plague                    | to cause someone or something difficulty or suffering, esp. repeatedly or continually                                           |
| Semblance                 | a situation in which something seems to exist although this may not, in fact, be the case                                       |
| Fine print                | text in a formal agreement that is printed smaller than the rest of the text, sometimes in the hope that it will not be noticed |
| shelve                    | Hold back to a later time                                                                                                       |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 22, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                 |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ramp up                | strengthen                                                       |
| Kick off               | Commence officially                                              |
| Frontline              | the most responsible, or visible position in a field or activity |
| Hoard                  | Save up as for future use                                        |
| Inequity               | an instance of somebody being treated unfairly                   |
| Pledge                 | Promise solemnly and formally                                    |
| Immunise               | perform vaccinations                                             |
| Deprive                | Keep from having, keeping, or obtaining                          |
| Counterproductive      | not helpful                                                      |
| Commendable            | that people think is good                                        |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 21, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Woe                       | the troubles and problems that somebody has                                                                                                                                |
| Sovereign guarantee       | A guarantee by the government that all obligations will be satisfied when and if the primary obligor goes into default                                                     |
| Toxic                     | very likely to yield a large loss                                                                                                                                          |
| Upfront                   | (paying money) in advance                                                                                                                                                  |
| Rope in                   | to persuade someone to do something that they do not really want to do                                                                                                     |
| Invoke                    | Cite as an authority; resort to                                                                                                                                            |
| Nudge                     | A slight push or shake                                                                                                                                                     |
| Dither                    | to be uncertain or indecisive                                                                                                                                              |
| Expeditious               | Marked by speed and efficiency                                                                                                                                             |
| Legacy loan               | A legacy asset is an asset that has remained on a company's balance sheet for a long period time and has since become obsolete or has lost nearly all of its initial value |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 20, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spike                     | A sharp rise followed by a sharp decline                                       |
| Ebullient                 | Joyously unrestrained                                                          |
| Inoculate                 | perform vaccinations                                                           |
| Nudge                     | something that encourages or persuades someone to do something in a gentle way |
| Commensurate              | Corresponding in size, degree or extent                                        |
| Downswing                 | A worsening of business or economic activity                                   |
| Catastrophic              | Extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin                         |
| Wash over                 | occur all around someone without greatly affecting them                        |
| Swathes                   | a large part of something that includes several different things               |
| Waning                    | Become smaller                                                                 |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 17, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Trilateral                | Involving three parties                                                                                                                                    |
| AUKUS                     | an acronym for "Australia, United Kingdom, United States", is a trilateral security pact between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States      |
| Enduring                  | Lasting a long time                                                                                                                                        |
| Fleet                     | a number of aircraft, buses, cars, or other vehicles under the control of one company or organization                                                      |
| Ratify                    | prove and express assent, responsibility, or obligation                                                                                                    |
| Tenet                     | A key principle, belief or assumption (or a theory, model, etc)                                                                                            |
| Go to great lengths       | If you say that someone goes to great lengths to achieve something, you mean that they try very hard and perhaps do extreme things in order to achieve it) |
| Kerfuffle                 | unnecessary excitement or activity                                                                                                                         |
| Hegemonic                 | control by one country, organization, etc. over other countries, etc. within a particular group                                                            |
| Latticed                  | Structured                                                                                                                                                 |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 16, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Magic wand                | used in reference to the finding of a simple solution to an difficult problem    |
| Status quo                | The existing state of affairs                                                    |
| Tangible                  | Capable of being treated as fact                                                 |
| Perceive                  | Become conscious of                                                              |
| Erstwhile                 | Belonging to some prior time                                                     |
| Moot                      | (law) of no legal significance (as having been previously decided)               |
| Crystallise               | Cause to take on a definite and clear shape                                      |
| Dispassionate             | Unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice                                        |
| Price out                 | to make someone unable to buy or pay for something because the price is too high |
| Rampant                   | Unrestrained and violent                                                         |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 15, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mitigate                  | Lessen                                                                                                                                                         |
| Carbon emission           | The release of carbon into the atmosphere                                                                                                                      |
| Irrefutable               | Impossible to deny or disprove                                                                                                                                 |
| Manoeuvre                 | Act in order to achieve a certain goal                                                                                                                         |
| Calamitous                | having extremely unfortunate consequences                                                                                                                      |
| Net zero                  | 'Net zero emissions' refers to achieving an overall balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and greenhouse gas emissions taken out of the atmosphere |
| Disquiet                  | A feeling of mild anxiety about possible developments                                                                                                          |
| Conundrum                 | A difficult problem                                                                                                                                            |
| Bilateral                 | Affecting or undertaken by two parties                                                                                                                         |
| Resilience                | An occurrence of rebounding or springing back                                                                                                                  |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 14, 2021

| Difficult Words/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Free fall                  | the process of failing or losing value or strength quickly and continuously                                                     |
| Trade war                  | a situation in which countries try to damage each other's trade, typically by the imposition of tariffs or quota restrictions.  |
| Rancour                    | feelings of hate and a desire to hurt other people, especially because you think that somebody has done something unfair to you |
| Perilous                   | full of danger                                                                                                                  |
| Veer into                  | To turn or swerve very suddenly and forcefully into someone or something, especially in a reckless manner.                      |
| Contentious                | causing or likely to cause an argument                                                                                          |
| Thorny                     | very difficult or complicated                                                                                                   |
| Oasis                      | a pleasant place that is surrounded by something unpleasant                                                                     |
| Insulate                   | to prevent (someone or something) from dealing with or experiencing something                                                   |
| Unfathomable               | Incapable of being fully understood                                                                                             |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 13, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Foreclosure               | An act or instance of ruling out or preventing (a course of action)                                                                           |
| Lucrative                 | Producing a sizeable profit                                                                                                                   |
| Touch-down                | landing                                                                                                                                       |
| Dish out                  | to give something, often to a lot of people or in large amounts                                                                               |
| Riveting                  | having the power to fix the attention                                                                                                         |
| Make amend                | to do something to correct a mistake that one has made or a bad situation that one has caused                                                 |
| Long shadow               | If something or someone casts a long shadow over something or someone, they have a great, long-lasting influence over them, usually a bad one |
| Precipitate               | to make something, especially something bad, happen suddenly or sooner than it should                                                         |
| No-show                   | failure to show up                                                                                                                            |
| Patient zero              | used to refer to the person identified as the first carrier of a communicable disease in an outbreak of related cases                         |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 10, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ethnically                | according to the ethnic group (= a group of people that share a cultural tradition) that somebody belongs to                                                                 |
| Diverse                   | Distinctly dissimilar or unlike                                                                                                                                              |
| Blacklist                 | a list of companies, organizations, or people that have a bad reputation or have done something illegal and that other organizations do not do business with because of this |
| Reclusive                 | Keeping away from society                                                                                                                                                    |
| Avatar                    | a variant phase or version of a continuing basic entity                                                                                                                      |
| Holdout                   | a person, organization, or country that continues to do something, despite other people trying to force them not to                                                          |
| Overrun                   | Seize the position of and defeat                                                                                                                                             |
| Gloss over                | Treat hurriedly or avoid dealing with properly                                                                                                                               |
| Rebel                     | A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority (especially in the hope of improving conditions)                                             |
| Crackdown                 | Severely repressive actions                                                                                                                                                  |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 9, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jab                       | Taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease                                    |
| Discrimination            | the ability to judge the quality of something based on its difference from other, similar things: |
| Mandatory                 | Required by rule                                                                                  |
| Point out                 | Make or write a comment on                                                                        |
| Countenance               | give permission                                                                                   |
| Contingency               | A possible event, occurrence or result                                                            |
| Refrain                   | Restrain oneself from doing something                                                             |
| Impinge on                | to have a clear and definite effect on something/somebody, especially a bad one                   |
| Efficacy                  | Capacity or power to produce a desired effect                                                     |
| Prevalence                | accepted, done, or happening often or over a large area at a particular time                      |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 8, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monopolise             | Have and control fully and exclusively                              |
| Emulate                | Strive to equal or match, especially by imitating                   |
| Exorbitant             | Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation                    |
| Ubiquitous             | Being present everywhere at once                                    |
| Imperative             | Some duty that is essential and urgent                              |
| Off the block          | quick or slow to do something                                       |
| Ambit                  | An area in which something acts or operates or has power or control |
| Backdrop               | the general situation in which particular events happen             |
| On the back foot       | at a disadvantage                                                   |
| Angst                  | a strong feeling of being worried or nervous                        |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 7, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Militia                   | civilians trained as soldiers but not part of the regular army                                                         |
| Factionalism              | Conflict between factions                                                                                              |
| Heir apparent             | a person who is first in an order of succession and cannot be displaced from inheriting by the birth of another person |
| Topple                    | to remove (a government or a leader) from power                                                                        |
| Demise                    | a person's death                                                                                                       |
| Slide                     | to go into a worse state, often through lack of control or care                                                        |
| Renegade                  | Having deserted a cause or principle                                                                                   |
| Prop up                   | Support, help or boost something that would otherwise be weak or fail                                                  |
| Pressing                  | Persistently insisting                                                                                                 |
| Rump                      | a small or unimportant remnant of something originally larger                                                          |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 6, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase                  | Contextual Sense                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mettle                                  | The courage to carry on                                                                           |
| On the heels of                         | following closely after                                                                           |
| Quadrennial                             | Occurring once in four years, or at the end of every four years                                   |
| Exemplary                               | extremely good and deserving to be admired and copied                                             |
| Eclipse                                 | Be greater in significance than                                                                   |
| be sacrificed on the altar of something | to be destroyed by an activity, system, or belief that is bad but more important or more powerful |
| Sheer                                   | used to emphasize the size, degree, or amount of something                                        |
| Scepticism                              | Doubt about the truth of something                                                                |
| Mind-boggling                           | Intellectually or emotionally overwhelming                                                        |
| Vicissitude                             | one of the many changes and problems in a situation or in your life, that you have to deal with   |

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| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tactic                    | an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end                                                          |
| Evacuation                | the process of moving people from a place of danger to a safer place                                                       |
| Regime                    | a government, especially an authoritarian one                                                                              |
| Something has teeth       | said to mean that something, such as an organization or a law, has the necessary authority or power to make people obey it |
| Punitive                  | intended as punishment                                                                                                     |
| Water down                | to reduce or temper the force or effectiveness of                                                                          |
| Abstain                   | Restrain oneself from consuming or doing something                                                                         |
| Recourse                  | a source of help in a difficult situation                                                                                  |
| Lever                     | something you use, often unfairly, to try to persuade someone to do what you want                                          |
| Embark                    | begin (a course of action)                                                                                                 |

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| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bona fide                 | made in good faith without fraud or deceit                                                                                  |
| Weed out                  | remove an inferior or unwanted component of a group or collection                                                           |
| Clothe                    | to endow especially with power or a quality                                                                                 |
| Malady                    | a serious problem                                                                                                           |
| Imposter                  | a person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others, especially for fraudulent gain                         |
| Masquerade                | pretend to be someone one is not                                                                                            |
| Obscure                   | Not famous or acclaimed; not drawing attention                                                                              |
| Wangle                    | manage to obtain (something) by persuading or cleverly manipulating someone                                                 |
| Vested interests          | a personal stake or involvement in an undertaking or state of affairs, especially one with an expectation of financial gain |
| Accreditation             | Something to do with being officially recognized, accepted, or approved of                                                  |

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Sep 1, 2021

| Difficult Word/<br>Phrase | Contextual Sense                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pyrrhic                   | a victory that is not worth winning because the winner has suffered or lost so much in winning it |
| Leverage                  | power to influence people and get the results you want                                            |
| Ceasefire                 | a temporary suspension of fighting, typically one during which peace talks take place             |
| Calculus                  | calculation                                                                                       |
| Insurgency                | an active revolt or uprising                                                                      |
| Resurgence                | an increase or revival after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence               |
| Embolden                  | give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something or to behave in a certain way            |
| Remnant                   | a small surviving group                                                                           |
| Tactically                | in a way that relates to actions carefully planned to gain a specific end                         |
| Haven                     | a place of safety or refuge                                                                       |

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