



## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 29, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Transition	A change from one state to another
Uncalled for	not called for or needed
Incongruous	Lacking in harmony, compatibility or appropriateness
Repercussion	A remote or indirect consequence of some action
Vulnerable	Susceptible to attack
Convergence	The act of coming closer
Avert	Prevent the occurrence of
Earmark	Give or assign a resource to a particular person or cause
Mitigate	Make less severe or harsh
Seize the moment	To take full advantage of life's opportunities whenever and wherever they present themselves

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 28, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Surveillance	Close observation of a person or group (usually by the police)
Stern	Severe and unremitting in making demands
Rebuff	A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval)
Bogey	something that causes fear, often without reason
Brazen out	to continue in a confident way without showing shame or embarrassment
Blanket	affecting everyone or everything
Enunciation	the act of saying or pronouncing words clearly
Omnibus	of, relating to, or providing for many things at once
Spectre	the idea of something unpleasant that might happen in the future
Chilling effect	a discouraging or deterring effect, esp. one resulting from a restrictive law or regulation

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 27, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Apprehension	Fearful expectation or anticipation
Reservoir	Lake used to store water for community use
Spell	A period of indeterminate length (usually short) marked by some action or condition
Draw	Remove (a commodity) from (a supply source)
Ordinarily	Most of the time; in most cases
Catchment	A structure in which water is collected (especially a natural drainage area)
Camaraderie	a feeling of good friendship among the people in a group
Chauvinism	Fanatical patriotism
Recurrent	happening or appearing again and again
Prejudicial	Tending to favour preconceived ideas

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 26, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Impasse	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible
Prolong	Lengthen or extend in duration
Curtail	Place restrictions on
Lay down	formulate and enforce or insist on a rule or principle
Interminable	Tiresomely long
Implicit	Being without doubt or reserve
Unsavoury	Morally offensive
Deadlock	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible
Repeal	an official or legal cancellation
Decriminalise	Make legal

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 25, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Convene	to come together or to bring people together for a meeting, etc.
Greenhouse gas	any gas that has the property of absorbing infrared radiation (net heat energy) emitted from Earth's surface and reradiating it back to Earth's surface, thus contributing to the greenhouse effect
In line with	in alignment or accordance with
Concerted	Involving the joint activity of two or more
Commemorate	Celebrate by some ceremony or observation
Emissary	Someone sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else
Coax	Influence or urge by gentle urging
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
Abate	Become less in amount or intensity
Emitter	something that emits (= sends out) gas carbon dioxide

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 22, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Script	To write
Lose sight of	fail to consider
Rollout	officially launch or introduce a new product or service
Foresight	Seeing ahead
Indigenous	Produced in a particular region
Leap	A sudden and decisive increase
Bask in glory	to enjoy the attention one is getting (because of one's success at something)
Imperative	Requiring attention or action
Ramp up	increase the level or amount of something sharply
Obligation	promise

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 21, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Assuage	gain the goodwill of
Uproar	an angry discussion about something
Genetically modified	(used about food, plants, etc.) that has been grown from cells whose genes have been changed artificially
Contamination	the act of making something impure or unsuitable by contact with something unclean, bad, etc.
Recall	A request by the manufacturer of a defective product to return the product (as for replacement or repair)
Allege	Make an accusation or assertion without any proof
Commission	Place an order for
Cultivar	A variety of a plant developed from a natural species and maintained under cultivation
Fractious	likely to be troublesome
Casualty	something that suffers as a result of something else

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 20, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Bloc	A group of countries in special alliance
Manifestation	A clear appearance
Counterpart	A person or thing having the same function or characteristics as another
Free trade agreement	a pact between two or more nations to reduce barriers to imports and exports among them
Transcend	Be greater in scope or size than some standard
Bilateralism	The property of being symmetrical about a vertical plane
Under the tutelage of	used to say who a person is taught something by
Footprint	range of operation (as of a service)
Pivot	the central or most important person or thing
Emanate	to come out from a source

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 19, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Rebound	A reaction to a crisis, setback or frustration
Ebb	Fall away or decline
Spur	Incite or stimulate
Insipid	Lacking significance or impact
Uptick	A small increase
Outlay	The act of spending or disbursing money
Nudge	to push someone gently
Spell out	to write or print in letters and in full
Lest	For fear that
Ring in	to celebrate the beginning of (something)

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 18, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Foul	Highly offensive
Sectarian	relating to religious or political sects and the differences between them
Spotlight	A focus of public attention
Apprehend	Fully understood or grasped
Blatant	completely obvious
Nonchalance	a casual lack of concern
Bring to justice	to cause to come before a court for trial or to receive punishment for one's misdeeds
Perpetrator	a person who commits a crime or does something that is wrong or evil
Bring somebody to book	to punish someone and make that person explain their behaviour
Agglomeration	A jumbled collection or mass

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 14, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Looming	Appear very large or occupy a commanding position
Unhindered	Not slowed, blocked or interfered with
Dire	Causing fear, dread or terror
Way off	a long distance away
Stark	Very plain, appearing grim and minimally functional
Starvation	A state of extreme hunger resulting from lack of essential nutrients over a prolonged period
Liberalise	to make (something) less strict
Fortified	enriched (as with vitamins or minerals) so that nutritional value is improved
Imperative	Some duty that is essential and urgent
Stave off	avert or delay something bad or dangerous

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 13, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Jab	Taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease
Immunogenicity	relating to or producing an immune response
Nod	A sign of assent
Realm	an area of activity
Regimens	(medicine) a systematic plan for therapy (often including diet)
Size down	to gradate or arrange from larger to smaller
Physiological	Of or consistent with an organism's normal functioning
Empirical	Derived from experiment and observation rather than theory
Cohort	a group of individuals having a statistical factor (such as age or class membership) in common in a demographic study
Cornerstone	The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun, developed, calculated or explained

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 12, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Rein in	to limit or control (someone or something)
Unanimously	without dissent
Benchmark interest rate	Also called base interest rate, it is the minimum interest rate investors will demand for investing in a non-Treasury security
Demur	to politely refuse to accept a request or suggestion
Posit	to suggest (something, such as an idea or theory) especially in order to start a discussion
Mixed bag	a diverse assortment of things
Ameliorate	To make better
Calibrate	carefully assessed, set, or adjusted
Concede	Admit (to a wrongdoing)
Wind down	to gradually end

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 11, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Probe	An inquiry into unfamiliar or questionable activities
Prod	cause to act
Impel	constrain or motivate
Take cognisance	to notice or give attention to (something)
Impetus	something that encourages something else to happen
Apprehend	Take into custody
Obfuscation	Confusion resulting from failure to understand
Blow up	make bigger
Plough through	(of a vehicle) to run uncontrollably into something in its path
Retaliatory	intended to harm somebody because they harmed you first

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 8, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Chill	a sudden feeling of fear
Triumph	A successful ending of a struggle or contest
Grapple	succeed in doing, achieving, or producing (something) with the limited or inadequate means available
Pilot programme	a small-scale experiment or set of observations undertaken to decide how and whether to launch a full-scale project
Flagging	becoming weaker
Anew	Again but in a new or different way
Retard	Slow the growth or development of
Pathogen	Any disease-producing agent (especially a virus, bacterium or other microorganism)
Stalk	recur constantly and spontaneously to
Breakthrough	Making an important discovery

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 7, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Mutation	any event that changes genetic structure
Seminal	Containing seeds of later development
Perceive	To become aware of through the senses
Noxious	Injurious to physical or mental health
Chronic	Of long duration
Go awry	off the correct or expected course
Receptor	A cellular structure that is postulated to exist in order to mediate between a chemical agent that acts on nervous tissue and the physiological response
Threshold	The starting point for a new state or experience
Inhibition	the process whereby nerves can retard or prevent the functioning of an organ or part
Proprioception	The ability to sense the position and location and orientation and movement of the body and its parts

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 6, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Kin	people related by blood or marriage
Plight	a very bad or difficult situation
Modality	the particular way in which something is done
Ex gratia	As a favour
Caveat	A warning against certain acts
Wariness	The trait of being cautious and watchful
Spell	a period of bodily or mental distress or disorder
Buttress	Make stronger or defensible
ambit	the range or limits of the influence of something
Succour	Assistance in time of difficulty

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 5, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Deficit	a lack or impairment in an ability
Mow down	to kill or knock down (a person or many people) in a sudden and violent way
Convoy	A procession of land vehicles travelling together
Agitator	a person who tries to persuade people to take part in political protest
Rapprochement	The reestablishing of cordial relations
Headway	Forward movement
Abeyance	a state of temporary disuse or suspension
Budge	Move very slightly
Maximalist	(especially in politics) a person who holds extreme views and is not prepared to compromise
Prone	Having a tendency (to)

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 4, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Bearing	Have an effect upon
Parse	to examine in a minute way : analyze critically
Gleaning	to obtain information, knowledge, etc., sometimes with difficulty and often from various different places
Coincide	Happen simultaneously
Sluggish	Moving slowly
Lackadaisical	Lacking spirit or liveliness
Burglary	the crime of illegally entering a building and stealing things
Promulgate	State or announce
Stringent	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures
Stricture	Severe criticism

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Oct 1, 2021

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Stunt	Check the growth or development of
Anaemia	A deficiency of red blood cells
Slippage	Decline from a standard level of performance or achievement
Scourge	Cause extensive destruction
Deprive	Keep from having, keeping, or obtaining
Hinge	to depend on (something)
Amelioration	The act of relieving ills and changing for the better
Amalgamate	To bring or combine together or with something else
Crèche	A hospital where foundlings (infant children of unknown parents) are taken in and cared for
Adolescent	In the state of development between puberty and maturity

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