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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Abstain	Refrain from voting
Thwart	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of
Censure	Harsh criticism or disapproval
Abstention	The trait of abstaining
Set much store	To have much faith, confidence, or belief in someone or something
Cripple	Deprive of strength
Foregone	Well in the past
Peril	A state of danger involving risk
Ambivalence	Mixed feelings or emotions
Transgression	the violation of a law or a duty or moral principle

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Incursion	The act of entering some territory or domain (often in large numbers)
Build-up	a slow increase in something
Ripple effect	The effect of an event setting off other events in an unexpected way, or in unexpected areas
Invasion	the act of entering a place in large numbers especially in a way that is harmful or unwanted
Overlay	lie on top of
Cut off	cease
Backlash	An adverse reaction to some political or social occurrence
Intractability	The trait of being hard to influence or control
Palpable	Clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment
Devastating	Wreaking or capable of wreaking complete destruction

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Trade wind	winds that reliably blow east to west just north and south of the equator
Accord	A written agreement between two states or sovereigns
Pact	A written agreement between two states or sovereigns
Tacit	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements
Reflexive	without conscious control
Rebound	Return to a former condition
Backdrop	The context and environment in which something is set
Testimony	Something that serves as evidence
Leverage	to get as much advantage or profit as possible from something that you have
Spell out	specify in detail

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Patronage	(politics) granting favours or giving contracts or making appointments to office in return for political support
Give up	Put an end to a state or an activity
Hornet's nest	a very difficult or unpleasant situation, especially in which a lot of people get very angry and complain
Retrospective	(used about laws, decisions, payments, etc.) intended to take effect from a date in the past
Cohort	A company of companions or supporters
Flagrant	(used about an action) shocking because it is done in a very obvious way and shows no respect for people, laws, etc.
Heed	Pay close attention to
Cavalry	the armoured element of a modern army
To the fore	become important or popular
Nepotism	Favouritism shown to relatives or close friends by those in power (as by giving them jobs)

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Fragmented	Having been divided; having the unity destroyed
Depress	Cause to drop or sink
Anti-incumbency	A sentiment in favor of voting out incumbent politicians
Spurt	a sudden and short period of increased activity
Erstwhile	Belonging to some prior time
Agitation	Disturbance usually in protest
Viable	that can be done; that will be successful
Infighting	Conflict between members of the same organization (usually concealed from outsiders)
Resentment	A feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will
Dampen	Suppress or constrain so as to lessen in intensity

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Remiss	Failing in what duty requires
Fiasco	A disastrous or embarrassing failure
Tardiness	The quality or habit of not adhering to a correct or usual or expected time
Adjudicate	Bring to an end; come to a final conclusion
Inexplicably	In a manner differing from the usual or expected
Ostensibly	as appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently
Vault	to move someone suddenly to a much higher or more important position
Hamstrung	Make ineffective or powerless
Dilatory	Causing delay
Missive	A written message addressed to a person or organization

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Bravado	confident or brave talk or behavior that is intended to impress other people
Lower your guard	to relax when you should be careful or alert, often with unpleasant consequences
Hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of
Peak	attain maximum intensity
Soar	Rise rapidly
Complacency	The feeling you have when you are satisfied with yourself
Fag	A tedious or tiring task
Waning	A gradual decrease in magnitude or extent
Notion	A vague idea in which some confidence is placed
Reek of	If an event or situation reeks of an unpleasant quality, it seems to be caused by or connected to that quality

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Feb 17, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Tenuous	Lacking substance or significance
Tack	An approach or course of action, esp. a new one
Recalibrate	Adjust something again so that it can be used in an accurate and exact way
Merit	to deserve something
Hinterland	A remote and undeveloped area
Bear the brunt	Put up with the worst of some bad circumstance
Sprint	to move at full speed, especially for a short distance
Base effect	the effect that choosing a different reference point for a comparison between two data points can have on the result of the comparison
Unravel	Become undone
Mite	A slight but appreciable amount

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Militate	Have force or influence; bring about an effect or change
Scrutiny	The act of examining something closely
Invalidate	Declare invalid
Paternalistic	the attitude or actions of a person, organization, etc., that protects people and gives them what they need but does not give them any responsibility or freedom of choice
Laudable	Worthy of high praise
Proscription	to make (something) illegal
Menace	Something that is a source of danger
Curb	Lessen the intensity of; temper; hold in restraint; hold or keep within limits
Wager	Stake money or something else of value on the outcome of an unpredictable event
Conjure up	Summon into action or bring into existence, often as if by magic

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Polemic	A controversy (especially over a belief or dogma)
Nascent	Being born or beginning
Amplify	Sufficiently; more than adequately
Fray	to show signs of strain
Arbiter	Someone chosen to judge and decide a disputed issue
Berate	Censure severely or angrily
Upheaval	A state of violent disturbance and disorder (as in politics or social conditions generally)
Turf	Range of jurisdiction or influence
Tacit	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements
Acquiescence	Acceptance without protest

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Quad	The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD, also known as the Quad) is an informal strategic dialogue between the United States, Japan, Australia and India that is maintained by talks between member countries
Condemnation	An expression of strong disapproval; pronouncing as wrong or morally culpable
Bonhomie	A disposition to be friendly and approachable (easy to talk to)
Coercion	The act of compelling by force of authority
Precept	a general rule intended to regulate behavior or thought
Sanction	Formal and explicit approval
Imminent	Close in time; about to occur
Evacuate	Move out of an unsafe location into safety
Amass	Collect in one place, esp. growing to a large number or quantity
Subtle	Able to make fine distinctions

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Bogey	something that causes fear, often without reason
Jurisprudence	The collection of rules imposed by authority
Proportionality	In the test of Proportionality the "courts will quash exercise of discretionary powers in which there is no reasonable relation between the objective which is sought to be achieved and the means used to that end, or where punishments imposed by administrative bodies or inferior courts are wholly out of proportion to the relevant misconduct"
Disseminate	to cause (something, such as information) to go to many people
Astounding	Bewildering or striking dumb with wonder
Pretext	Something serving to conceal plans
Spectre	the idea of something unpleasant that might happen in the future
Germane	Relevant and appropriate
Curtail	Place restrictions on
Derided	Treat or speak of with contempt

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Shuttle diplomacy	negotiations conducted by a mediator who travels between two or more parties that are reluctant to hold direct discussions
Convene	Meet formally
Separatist	Having separated or advocating separation from another entity or policy or attitude
Sweeping	wide in range
Roll back	The act of forcing the enemy to withdraw
Flank	The side of a military or naval formation
Lay bare	Make known to the public information that was previously known only to a few people or that was meant to be kept a secret
Bloc	A group of countries in special alliance
Assertion	A declaration that is made emphatically (as if no supporting evidence were necessary)
Appetite	a desire or liking for something

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Feb 9, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Assent	Agreement with a statement or proposal to do something
Ball is in your court	If you say that the ball is in someone's court, you mean that it is his or her responsibility to take the next action or decision in a situation
Tenability	capable of being defended against attack or criticism
Throw down the gauntlet	issue a challenge
Speculation	ideas or guesses about something that is not known
Discretion	Freedom to act or judge on one's own
Match wits (with one)	To engage one in a clash or competition of intelligence or shrewd resourcefulness
Embody	to represent an idea or quality exactly
Pass muster	be accepted as adequate or satisfactory
Barrier	Any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Feb 8, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Reticent	Reluctant to draw attention to yourself
Entrenched	Established firmly and securely
Unravelling	Becoming known
Audacious	showing a willingness to take risks
Ripple effects	The effect of an event setting off other events in an unexpected way, or in unexpected areas
Homogeneous	made up of parts that are all of the same type
Clustered	(of a group of similar things or people) to form a group
Minuscule	Extremely small
Galvanise	To stimulate to action
Set off	Initiate

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Payoff	A recompense for worthy acts or retribution for wrongdoing
Outweigh	to be more in importance than something
Expedite	Speed up the progress of; facilitate
Roll-out	officially launch or introduce a new product or service
Flurry	a short time in which there is suddenly a lot of activity
Viability	Capable of being done in a practical and useful way
Duopoly	State of market dominance by two companies
Appetite	a strong desire for something
Exponential	(of an increase) becoming more and more rapid
Leap	An abrupt transition

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Boycott	refuse to do business with
Lone	Being the only one
Regrettable	that you should feel sorry or sad about
Stand-off	a situation in which an agreement is not possible and neither side can win or get an advantage
Calculus	the mathematical study of continually changing values
Denounce	Announce the termination of, as of treaties
Albeit	Even though
Burnish	Polish and make shiny
Laudable	Worthy of high praise
On and off	Not regularly

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Feb 3, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Imperial	belonging or relating to an empire or the person or country that rules it
Outburst	An unrestrained expression of emotion
Bring to the fore	To become important or popular
Tirade	a long and angry speech
Run-in	An angry dispute
Impropriety	An indecent or improper act
Take up the cudgels	start to defend or support someone or something strongly
Take umbrage	Feel resentment, take offense
Unjustifiable	Incapable of being justified or explained
Dispense with	Do without

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Feb 2, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Invigorating	making somebody feel healthy and full of energy
Commonsensical	Exhibiting native good judgment
Bubble	to have a lot of a particular quality, especially excitement or enthusiasm:
Entrench	to place (someone or something) in a very strong position that cannot easily be changed
Flagging	to become weak
Pump-prime	stimulate activity in (an economy) by investment
Pencil in	arrange, forecast, or note down something provisionally or tentatively
Multimodal	characterized by several different modes of activity or occurrence
Solace	The comfort you feel when consoled in times of disappointment
Exacerbate	Make worse

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Feb 1, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Turbulence	Instability
Consummation	The act of bringing to completion or fruition
Culmination	A decisive moment
Hiatus	a pause in an activity when nothing happens
Arduous	Difficult to accomplish; demanding considerable mental effort and skill
Establish a foothold	a strong first position in a market, industry, etc. from which further progress can be made
Saddle	load
Curtailment	The temporal property of being cut short
Overhaul	The act of improving by renewing and restoring
Churn	the number of customers who decide to stop using a service offered by one company and to use another company, usually because it offers a better service or price

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