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WORD LIST-2 (MAR 21, 2023)

1. **cereal** (noun) – a grain or plants that produce it (for example-wheat, maize, rice & etc.).
2. **millet** (noun) – a type of cereal that is a part of the grass family (e.g: orghum (Jowar); Pearl Millet (Bajra); Finger Millet (Ragi)).
3. **grain** (noun) – (literally) cereals like wheat, rice &etc. (figuratively) personality, natural tendency, disposition, temperament, mentality.
4. **dietary shift** (noun) – change to healthier diet pattern.
5. **coarse** (adjective) – rough.
6. **staple** (noun) – main item (of production); important element (of production).
7. **food staple** (noun) – A food staple is a food that makes up the dominant part of a population's diet. Food staples are eaten regularly-even daily-and supply a major proportion of a person's energy and nutritional needs. common staples include cereals (such as rice, wheat, corn (maize), millet (bajra), and sorghum (jowar), starchy tubers or root vegetables (such as potatoes, cassava, sweet potatoes, yams, or taro), meat, fish, eggs, milk, and cheese, and dried legumes such as lentils and other beans.
8. **unprecedented** (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
9. **one's moment in the sun** (phrase) – a brief period of time in which a person is very successful, famous, popular and also he/she draws so much attention during that time.
10. **extol** (verb) – to praise someone/something highly; glorify, laud, acclaim, applaud.
11. **door** (noun) – opening, entrance, entry.
12. **prosperity** (noun) – success, fortune, welfare, well being.
13. **marginal** (adjective) – insignificant, negligible.
14. **cornerstone** (noun) – mainstay, backbone, foundation, chief support, buttress, pillar.
15. **potential** (adjective) – possible, likely, probable.
16. **ally** (noun) – partner, supporter.
17. **climate change** (noun) – a long-term change in the Earth's climate, or of a region on Earth (Courtesy: NASA).
18. **single out** (phrasal verb) – to select something in a group for special attention.
19. **Shree Anna** (noun) – millet.

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20. **Indian Institute of Millets Research** (noun) – a premier agricultural research institute engaged in basic and strategic research on sorghum and other millets under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
21. **centre of excellence** (noun) – a place where highest standards are followed/observed.
22. **Centre of Excellence (COE)** (noun) – a team of skilled knowledge workers whose mission is to provide the organization they work for with best practices around a particular area of interest.
23. **it is no surprise that** (phrase) – as expected.
24. **energy dense food** (noun) – a food that is having a high calorie content in relation to its weight.
25. **with ease** (phrase) – without difficulty, easily.
26. **arid** (adjective) – (of a climate or a region) dry, dried up, waterless.
27. **susceptible** (adjective) – vulnerable, defenceless.
28. **pest** (noun) – a destructive insect that damages crops, food, livestock, and etc.
29. **sideline** (verb) – remove (from the centre of attention).
30. **green revolution** (noun) – it was the result of a sequence of scientific breakthroughs and development activities (1960s-1970s) that successfully increased food production. It marked a transition from traditional agriculture in India and the introduction of high-yielding varieties of seeds and the associated agricultural techniques. It mainly increased the food crops production in the state of Punjab, Haryana and parts of western Uttar Pradesh.
31. **in favour of** (phrase) – in support of; to the advantage of.
32. **have little to do with** (phrase) – it suggests that there is possibly at least some small relevance/importance.
33. **yield** (verb) – provide, give, produce (a agricultural product).
34. **couple with** (verb) – combine, connect, link.
35. **procurement** (noun) – the action of procuring/purchasing/buying something.
36. **drought** (noun) – dry spell, dry period; lack, unavailability, deficiency of something (silverware/trophy/cup).
37. **blight** (noun) – disaster, catastrophe, tragedy, devastation, mishap, misfortune, affliction.

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38. **food security** (noun) – food security is a situation that exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.
39. **come at a cost/price** (phrase) – if something comes at a cost/price, it happens with the sacrifice/loss/expense of something else.
40. **wanton** (adjective) – deliberate, groundless, senseless, unjustifiable.
41. **exploitation** (noun) – misuse, wrong/legal use, utilization, misemployment, misapplication.
42. **surfeit** (noun) – excess, abundance; too much, more than enough.
43. **ossify** (verb) – become rigid, become fixed, solidify, firm (up) in attitude or position.
44. **remunerative** (adjective) – lucrative, profitable, profit-making, high-paying, rewarding.
45. **sustainable** (adjective) – supportable, acceptable, trustworthy, reasonable, sensible, reliable, dependable, well-founded (without disturbing the balance of nature and then without exhausting all of the natural resources).
46. **panacea** (noun) – a solution or remedy for all problems or difficulties; or diseases; answer, antidote, elixir, cure-all, nostrum, magic bullet, magic formula.
47. **troika** (noun) – a group of three (people, institutions, countries and etc.).
48. **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** (noun) – a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger and improve nutrition and food security. Its Latin motto, *fiat panis*, translates to “let there be bread”. It was founded in October 1945.
49. **constitute** (verb) – comprise, account for, compose, represent.
50. **quantum jump** (noun) – a sudden & significant change, development, breakthrough, improvement.
51. **inferior** (adjective) – second-rate, substandard, low-quality.
52. **self-defeating** (adjective) – futile, pointless, useless.
53. **cash crop** (noun) – an agricultural crop which is grown to sell for profit; (e.g. coffee, sugarcane, cotton, rubber & etc.).
54. **consequence** (noun) – implication, result, outcome, ramification, repercussion.
55. **base** (noun) – a group of people considered as supporting something.
56. **enterprise** (noun) – activity, pursuit, exercise, move, action, measure.

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