

ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (APR 20, 2023)

1. **authority** (noun) – the government, the establishment, the administration, the regime.
2. **speak the truth to power** (phrase) - to speak what we believe to be true to someone in authority (who might take it as a criticism or be offended and who has the power to punish you in some way).
3. **civil liberty** (noun) – freedoms guaranteed to the citizens by the Constitution to protect them from the government.
4. **misinformation** (noun) – disinformation, false information, alternative fact, fake news, false rumour.
5. **The Information Technology (Guidelines for Intermediaries and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021** (noun) – it has been framed in exercise of powers under section 87 (2) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and in supersession of the earlier IT (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules 2011. It empowers ordinary users of social media, embodying a mechanism for the redressal and timely resolution of their grievances. Rules about digital media and OTT focuses more on in house and self-regulation mechanism whereby a robust grievance redressal mechanism has been provided while upholding journalistic and creative freedom. The guidelines have been framed keeping in mind the difference between viewership in a theatre and television as compared to watching it on the Internet.
6. **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** (noun) - it is an executive agency of the Union Government of the Republic of India. Its mission is to promote e-Governance for empowering citizens, promoting the inclusive and sustainable growth of the Electronics, IT & ITeS industries, enhancing India's role in Internet Governance, adopting a multipronged approach that includes development of human resources, promoting R&D and innovation, enhancing efficiency through digital services and ensuring a secure cyber space.
7. **unbridled** (adjective) – unrestrained, unconstrained, uncontrolled.
8. **concern** (verb) - worry, trouble, disturb, bother.
9. **intermediary** (noun) – social media website, eCommerce website, blogging platform, search engine, telecom provider, Internet platform (hosting user-generated content), cloud provider, etc.

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10. internet intermediary (noun) – a company that facilitates the use of the Internet.
11. stand to lose (phrase) - to have a high chance of losing something.
12. safe harbour (noun) – a place of safety; something that provides safety/protection; a regulatory provision that provides protection/safety. (The Indian government is reconsidering a key aspect of cyberspace — ‘safe harbour’, which is the principle that so-called ‘intermediaries’ on the internet are not responsible for what third parties post on their website. This is the principle that allows social media platforms to avoid liability for posts made by users).
13. immunity (noun) – exemption, exclusion, exception, indemnity, freedom, exemption from punishment, freedom from punishment.
14. prosecution (noun) – legal action, legal proceeding, legal case.
15. upshot (noun) - result, outcome, effect, repercussion, reverberations, ramification.
16. get to (phrasal verb) – to be able; to have the chance to do something.
17. bogus (adjective) – fake, false, fraudulent.
18. take down (phrasal verb) – remove (some contents/posts from the website or social media).
19. deem (verb) – consider, regard as, see, view.
20. abhorrent (adjective) – offensive, horrible, contemptible.
21. Information Technology Act (noun) – it is an Act of the Indian Parliament notified on 17 October 2000. It is the primary law in India dealing with cybercrime and electronic commerce.
22. inception (noun) – setting up, origination, establishment, institution, foundation/formation.
23. recognition (noun) - acknowledgement, acceptance, admission.
24. Section 79 in The Information Technology Act, 2000 (noun)
– Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 exempts intermediaries from liability in certain instances. It states that intermediaries will not be liable for any third-party information, data, or communication link made available by them.
25. so long as (phrase) - provided that.
26. due diligence (noun) – reasonable, careful assessment/investigation done in advance.

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27. **prescribe** (verb) – stipulate, lay down, determine, establish, formulate.
28. **construe** (verb) – understand, interpret, take to mean, see, regard.
29. **supersession** (noun) – replacement of a person previously in authority.
30. **riddle with** (verb) – fill with, spread through, overrun, plague/beset (something undesirable).
31. **over-the-top (OTT) service** (noun) – An over-the-top media service (popularly known as OTT media service) is a streaming media service offered to the viewers directly through the Internet.
32. **insofar as** (phrase) – to the extent/degree that.
33. **onerous** (adjective) – burdensome, difficult, tough, troublesome, stressful.
34. **obligation** (noun) – duty, responsibility, commitment, requisite, necessity.
35. **among other things** (phrase) – used to indicate that there are several more things like the one mentioned, but that you do not intend to mention them all.
36. **encryption** (noun) – the process of encoding a message or information to protect from unauthorized person. (Encode means converting data into a code).
37. **consideration** (noun) - deliberation, examination, scrutiny, analysis, review.
38. **to be sure** (phrase) – certainly.
39. **rampant** (adjective) – widespread, present everywhere/pervasive, unrestrained/out of control.
40. **deleterious** (adjective) – harmful, damaging, adverse, disadvantageous, unfavourable, unfortunate, undesirable.
41. **oft-cited** (adjective) – often referred.
42. **falsehood** (noun) – untruth, false statement, fake news.
43. **fallacy** (noun) – misconception, false idea/belief, mistaken belief, misbelief, false notion, misinterpretation, untruth.
44. **avert** (verb) – prevent, stop, avoid.
45. **cognisant** (adjective) – aware, well informed about, familiar with.
46. **legislation** (noun) – body of laws, acts, rules, regulations, statutes.
47. **diktat** (noun) – order, regulation, decree.
48. **militate (against)** (verb) – work against, go against, be detrimental to, resist, hinder/oppose.

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49. **constitutional** (adjective) – relating to the Constitution; legal, legitimate, lawful.
50. **guarantee** (noun) – assurance, promise, warranty.
51. **Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India** (noun) - it says that all citizens shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression.
52. **Article 19(2) of the Constitution of India** (noun) – It authorizes the government to impose, by law, reasonable restrictions upon the freedom of speech and expression “in the interests of public order”.
53. **grounds** (noun) – reason, cause, basis.
54. **sovereignty** (noun) – independent, supreme power or authority; supremacy, hegemony; autonomy, self-government.
55. **integrity** (noun) – unity, unification, wholeness, coherence, cohesion, togetherness, solidarity.
56. **public order** (noun) – it means the situation that exists when people obey the laws, rules or authority of the State.
57. **contempt of court (or) contempt** (noun) – it refers to the offence of showing disrespect to the dignity or authority of a court (& its officers).
58. **defamation** (noun) – it is defined as spoken or written words or visible representations, concerning any person intended to harm his/her reputation; character assassination, libel, misrepresentation, vilification, backbiting, abuse, scandalmongering, malicious gossip.
59. **incitement** (noun) – provocation, persuasion, inducement.
60. **offence** (noun) – crime, illegal act, breach of the law, violation of the law, wrongdoing, act of misconduct, misdeed.
61. **as is** (phrase) – as it is, as it turns out, as it stands.
62. **have a bearing on** (phrase) - have a relevance, relation or connection to something; have an influence, impact or effect on something.
63. **caveat** (noun) – warning/caution of provision, condition, clause.
64. **finding** (noun) - decision, judgement, verdict, resolution.
65. **open-ended** (adjective) – permanent, continuing, constant, indefinite.
66. **strike down** (phrasal verb) – abolish, annul, nullify (a law or regulation).
67. **Section 66A of the Information Technology Act** (noun) – Section 66A provides punishment for sending offensive messages through communication service, etc.

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69. **vague** (adjective) – imprecise, inexact, unclear/uncertain.
70. **over-broad** (adjective) – too much, extreme. (“go overboard” means to do something too much or to go to extremes).
71. **accounts** (noun) - importance, significance, substance, interest, concern.
72. **veracity** (noun) – truthfulness, accuracy, correctness.
73. **the state** (noun) - the government, the administration, the regime, the authorities, the Establishment.
74. **carte blanche** (noun) – complete freedom to do whatever one wishes to do; a free hand, full discretionary power, leeway, latitude, elbow room; French phrase, literally means ‘blank paper’ except for a signature on which one is authorized to write whatever she/he wishes.
75. **emanate** (verb) – emerge, ensue, come out, arise, originate.
76. **tether** (verb) – bind/shackle, restrain; tie up/fasten.
77. **arbiter** (noun) – judge, referee; authority, arbitrator.
78. **deceptive** (adjective) - misleading, specious, false.
79. **eschew** (verb) – avoid, ignore, reject, rebuff, refuse.
80. **chilling** (adjective) – frightening, terrifying, disturbing/horrifying.
81. **weed out** (phrasal verb) – eliminate, remove, get rid of.
82. **obliterate** (verb) – to destroy something completely, so that nothing is left; eliminate, eradicate, wipe out, annihilate, demolish.

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