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1. [Prevention of Money-Laundering Act \(PMLA\), 2002](#) (noun) – It is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted by the NDA government to prevent money-laundering and to provide for confiscation of property derived from money-laundering.
2. [scrutiny](#) (noun) – careful examination, inspection, investigation, inquiry, analysis.
3. [alliance](#) (noun) – association, union, partnership.
4. [Enforcement Directorate \(ED\)](#) (noun) – Directorate of Enforcement is a specialized financial investigation agency under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. It was established in the year 1956 with its Headquarters at New Delhi. It is responsible for enforcement of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) (Civil Law) and certain provisions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) (Criminal Law).
5. [pertain to](#) (verb) – concern, relate to, be connected with.
6. [belong to](#) (verb) – be a member of, be affiliated to, be associated with, be connected to, be linked to.
7. [ostensibly](#) (adverb) – in a way that something appears or is officially stated to be true/real, but it might not be; apparently, seemingly, allegedly, professedly, supposedly, purportedly.
8. [Attorney General](#) (noun) – chief legal advisor; the highest rank for a law officer of the government.
9. [Solicitor-General](#) (noun) – the second-highest rank for a law officer of the government.
10. [Additional Solicitor-General](#) (noun) – the third-highest rank for a law officer of the government.
11. [allege](#) (verb) – state, affirm, claim, indicate; charge, accuse (without proof).
12. [make a case](#) (phrase) - to argue for something; to defend an opinion.
13. [associate](#) (noun) – partner, friend, ally, supporter, contact.
14. [deceased](#) (adjective) – dead, expired, passed away.
15. [power of attorney](#) (noun) – a legal document giving an attorney-in-charge or legal agent the authority to act on behalf of the principal and to make decisions about another person's property, finances, or etc.

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16. come into force (phrase) – come into effect, become operative, be effective (a new law, rule, change, etc.).
17. retrospective (adjective) – backdated, retroactive, backward-looking.
18. criminal law (noun) – a complex system of laws concerned with punishment of individuals who commit crimes.
19. vocal (adjective) – vociferous, outspoken, forthright; vehement, vigorous, emphatic, insistent, forceful.
20. (central) agencies (plural noun) – the central agencies are organizations in the executive branch that co-ordinate the activities of, and provide guidance to the operating ministries and agencies; e.g. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Income Tax Department (IT) and etc.
21. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) (noun) - the nodal agency on the matter of drug law enforcement in India. Established in 1986, the Narcotics Control Bureau operates as a central government agency that is responsible for coordination with other central departments and the states, and oversees implementation of India's international obligations to combat drug trafficking besides assisting foreign drug law enforcement agencies.
22. narcotics (noun) – addictive drugs, illegal drugs.
23. rule out (phrasal verb) – reject, dismiss, disregard.
24. destabilise (verb) – undermine, weaken, impair, damage, subvert, sabotage.
25. merit (noun) – good point, strong point.
26. merits (noun) – an essential inherent quality (rights and wrongs only) while evaluating a case (not by external aspects).
27. slugfest (noun) – tough contest; challenging contest.
28. ruling (noun) – judgment, adjudication, verdict.
29. coalition (noun) – alliance, union, partnership.
30. weapon (noun) – a method of gaining an advantage.
31. activist (noun) – a person who supports a political or societal change/cause.
32. enact (verb) – make law, pass, approve, ratify.
33. in line with (phrase) – in alignment with, in accordance with, conforming to.

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34. commitment (noun) – vow, promise, pledge, undertaking.
35. combat (verb) - fight, resist, defy, oppose, counter.
36. money laundering (noun) – a secret act of moving illegally acquired funds into legal bank accounts or investments.
37. draconian (adjective) – (of laws or punishments) extremely harsh, severe, strict, stringent, brutal; authoritarian, despotic, tyrannical, arbitrary, oppressive.
38. point out (phrasal verb) – identify, mention, indicate, draw attention to.
39. decade (noun) – a period of ten years.
40. conviction (noun) – pronouncement of guilt, sentence, judgement.
41. suggest (verb) – indicate, point to, demonstrate, show.
42. offence (noun) – crime, illegal act, unlawful act, breach, violation of the law.
43. schedule (verb) – list, plan, arrange, organize.
44. overboard (adjective) – too much, extreme. (“go overboard” means to do something too much or to go to extremes).
45. have/take recourse to (phrase) - resort to, make use of, use, utilize, employ, turn to.
46. arbitrary (adjective) – discretionary, personal, unmotivated, unreasonable, unsupported, irrational, illogical, groundless, unjustified; authoritarian, draconian, anti-democratic.
47. vague (adjective) – imprecise, inexact, unclear/uncertain.
48. fanciful (adjective) – impractical, impracticable, unworkable, unfeasible, non-viable.
49. weigh in (phrasal verb) - to have influence (in a decision/discussion/plan/argument/activity); be important to, carry weight, make an impression on, make a contribution to.
50. blanket (adjective) – total, complete, overall, general.
51. seizure (noun) - confiscation, impounding, commandeering, appropriation, expropriation, sequestration.

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