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## WORD LIST-1 (APR 07, 2022)

1. [National Dam Safety Authority \(NDSA\)](#) (noun) - a regulatory body to implement the policy, guidelines and standards for proper surveillance, inspection and maintenance of specified dams and address unresolved points of issues between the State Dam Safety Organization (SDSO) of two states, or between the SDSO of a state and the owner of a dam in that state. seeks to maintain standards related to dam safety, prevent dam-related disasters and resolve inter-State issues.
2. [National Committee on Dam Safety](#) (noun) - the National Committee on Dam Safety, constituted by Dam Safety Act, 2021, is to prevent dam failure-related disasters and to maintain standards of dam safety. The committee will evolve dam safety policies and recommend necessary regulations as may be required.
3. [authority](#) (noun) - An organization that is having power/control in a particular area of activity.
4. [Central Water Commission \(CWC\)](#) (noun) - a premier Technical Organization of India in the field of Water Resources and is presently functioning as an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India. The Commission is entrusted with the general responsibilities of initiating, coordinating and furthering in consultation of the State Governments concerned, schemes for control, conservation and utilization of water resources throughout the country, for purpose of Flood Control, Irrigation, Navigation, Drinking Water Supply and Water Power Development.
5. [status quo](#) (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
6. [accountable](#) (adjective) – responsible, liable, answerable, chargeable.
7. [panel](#) (noun) - committee, board, council, advisory group.
8. [arrangement](#) (noun) - planning, provision, preparatory measures.
9. [regulatory](#) (adjective) – organizational, managerial, supervisory.
10. [body](#) (noun) – association, organization, group.
11. [envisage](#) (verb) – visualize, imagine, envision.

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12. Dam Safety Act, 2021 (noun) - An Act to provide for surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance of the specified dam for prevention of dam failure related disasters and to provide for institutional mechanism to ensure their safe functioning and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
13. functional (adjective) - working, running, operative, operating.
14. given (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
15. lime mortar (noun) - it is composed of lime and an aggregate such as sand, mixed with water.
16. mortar (noun) – a mixture of sand, water, and cement to bind building blocks such as stones, bricks, and concrete masonry units together.
17. regarding (adjective) - concerning, as regards, with regard to.
18. stick to (phrasal verb) – abide by, keep, adhere to, hold to.
19. keen (adjective) – enthusiastic about, interested in, attracted to.
20. backdrop (noun) – situation, scenario, context.
21. landslide (noun) – a landslide is defined as the movement of a mass of rock, debris, or earth down a slope. Landslides are a type of “mass wasting,” which denotes any down-slope movement of soil and rock under the direct influence of gravity; landslip, rockfall, mudslide, earthfall/slip.
22. misplaced (adjective) – misguided, misconceived, ill-advised.
23. stability (noun) – firmness, solidity, secureness, strength.
24. regardless of (phrase) – irrespective of, without regard to, without reference to, notwithstanding, no matter, disregarding.
25. apprehension (noun) – anxiety, worry, nervousness, disquiet, tension, concern, panic, fearfulness.
26. address (verb) – tackle, deal with, attend to, try to sort out.
27. crop up (phrasal verb) – happen, occur, arise, arrive, surface.
28. time and again (phrase) - frequently, often, repeatedly, again and again, time after time.
29. underline (verb) - emphasize, highlight, accentuate.
30. room (noun) – scope, chance, leeway, freedom, latitude, opportunity (for something to happen).
31. complacency (noun) – carelessness, laziness, laxity; self-satisfaction, smugness, self-regard.

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32. institutional (adjective) – arranged in the form of institutions; procedural, formal, systematic, methodical.
33. mechanism (noun) – system, arrangement, regime, apparatus.
34. committee (noun) - group, body, council, board, commission.
35. render (verb) – make, cause to be, cause to become.
36. toothless (adjective) – lacking effectiveness; powerless, ineffectual.
37. ideally (adverb) - preferably, if possible, as a matter of choice, much rather.
38. empower (verb) – authorize, permit, allow.
39. State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) - The State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) is required to keep perpetual surveillance, carry out inspections and monitor the operation and maintenance of specified dams under its jurisdiction to ensure their safety and to classify each dam under their jurisdiction as per the vulnerability.
40. context (noun) - circumstances, conditions, situation, background.
41. assume (verb) – take control of, take charge of, take over.
42. in place (phrase) – in position; exist; establish, set up.
43. rely on (phrasal verb) – depend on; resort to, have recourse to.
44. respective (adjective) – corresponding, relevant.
45. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) (noun) – The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), headed by the Prime Minister of India, is the apex body for Disaster Management in India. Setting up of NDMA and the creation of an enabling environment for institutional mechanisms at the State and District levels is mandated by the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
46. oversight (noun) – supervision, surveillance, superintendence, inspection, administration, management.
47. well-designed (adjective) - well-planned, well-developed.
48. authorities (noun) – officials, officialdom, the people in charge, the government, the administration, the establishment, the bureaucracy, the system.
49. make sure (phrase) - make certain, ensure, check, confirm.
50. instil (verb) - fill, inject, impart, add.
51. precedence (noun) – priority, preference, first place, primacy.
52. scaremonger (noun) - a person who spreads threatening reports/rumours deliberately to make people feel worried or frightened.

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