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## WORD LIST-2 (SEP 21, 2022)

1. tensions (noun) – strained relations, strain, unease.
2. witness (verb) – see, observe, notice.
3. spat (noun) – argument or quarrel for nothing.
4. outburst (noun) – a sudden eruption/release (of strong emotion).
5. ruling (adjective) – relating to someone who is currently having an authority/power.
6. functionary (noun) – official, representative, agent, especially in a government or political party; office-holder, office-bearer.
7. mark (verb) – indicate, signify, represent, denote.
8. escalation (noun) – intensification, aggravation, exacerbation.
9. maintain (verb) - continue, conserve, keep up, uphold.
10. functional (adjective) – utilitarian, realistic, practical, sensible.
11. apparent (adjective) - obvious, evident, visible, noticeable.
12. difference (noun) – disagreement, difference of opinion, disputation.
13. at the heart of (phrase) – at the most important part of.
14. flare-up (noun) – (sudden) outburst, eruption, blow-up (of hostility).
15. Chancellor (noun) – The chancellor is titular head of a state university.  
In almost all states, the Governor serves as ex-officio chancellor, and in this capacity appoints vice-chancellors of state universities and presides over convocation ceremonies, among other responsibilities. (As per the provisions of the Act of the concerned University, the Governor appoints the Vice Chancellor on the advice/in consultation with the State Government).
16. critical (adjective) - condemning, criticizing, fault-finding, nitpicking.
17. move (noun) – step, action, act, measure, tactic.
18. hold (verb) – conduct, organise, arrange, convene.
19. cross the line (phrase) – do something unacceptable; to overstep a limit/rule/boundary.
20. majesty (noun) – dignity, nobleness, grandness.
21. presser (noun) - a press conference.
22. lash out (phrasal verb) - criticize, attack, denounce, castigate.
23. label (verb) - characterize, classify, brand, categorize.
24. nepotism (noun) – favouritism, preferential treatment, patronage/partiality.
25. appointee (noun) – one who is appointed to a job/position; representative, delegate, office holder.

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26. appreciate (verb) – acknowledge, recognize, realize, be aware of.
27. popular (adjective) – public, societal.
28. mandate (noun) – approval, acceptance, endorsement, authority (given by a constituency to someone acting as its representative).
29. go public (phrase) - to make known about something secret; to tell everyone about a secret thing.
30. precipitate (verb) – bring about, cause, lead to, give rise to.
31. reciprocate (verb) – do the same (in return), return the favour, give back; respond.
32. feeling (noun) - emotion.
33. exchange (noun) – debate, discourse, exchange of views, talks.
34. nasty (adjective) – unpleasant, awful, disagreeable.
35. episode (noun) – a group of events; incident, event, affair, occurrence.
36. 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.
37. front (noun) – political group.
38. unhinged (adjective) – mentally ill, mentally unbalanced, out of one's mind, deranged.
39. deem (verb) – consider, regard as, see, view.
40. rather than (phrase) – instead of.
41. trigger (verb) – cause, give rise to, lead to, bring about, generate.
42. unprecedented (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
43. incongruous (adjective) – contradictory, irreconcilable, clashing/conflicting.
44. high office (noun) – an important position.
45. hold (verb) – have, occupy (a job or position).
46. on the defensive (phrase) – to protect yourself from possible criticism/attack by others.
47. mandate (verb) – authorize, entitle, empower.
48. enforce (verb) - apply, impose, exact, inflict.
49. governance (noun) – the act of governing something; administration.
50. evidently (adverb) – obviously, clearly, absolutely, certainly.
51. restrain (verb) - limit, restrict, control, contain, constrain.

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52. hue and cry (noun) – commotion, outcry, clamour, uproar, storm.
53. serve (verb) – perform, do, discharge.
54. lock horns (phrase) – quarrel, disagree, engage in fight.
55. cripple (verb) – ruin, destroy, spoil; weaken, paralyse, disable.
56. crippling (noun) – deliberate damage, vandalism, destruction, obstruction, disruption, impairment.
57. Lokayukta (noun) – an anti-corruption authority/ombudsman constituted at the state level.
58. ombudsman (noun) – an governmental official investigating citizen's complaints on its (government) authority. defender, guardian.
59. make clear (phrase) – explain, clarify, elucidate.
60. Act (noun) - bill, law, decree, statute.
61. regardless of (preposition) – notwithstanding, no matter, despite, in spite of.
62. tenuous (adjective) – slight, insubstantial, negligible, weak/shaky; doubtful, dubious, questionable, vague, unspecific, indefinite.
63. foundation (noun) – basis, fundamental point, premise, essence.
64. representative government/representative democracy (noun) – a government where citizens elect people to represent them and make laws on their behalf, instead of always voting directly on laws and other government actions.
65. institutional (adjective) – procedural, systematic, methodical.
66. checks and balances (plural noun) – a system in which all departments of a government organization have right to amend/limit the powers of the other departments in order to avoid dominance of one department.
67. pipe down (phrasal verb) - be silent, be quiet, stop talking, shut up, hold one's tongue.
68. objective (noun) - intention, purpose, intent, goal, aim.
69. seek (verb) – try to obtain, aim, attempt, strive, do one's best, work towards, be intent on.
70. advance (verb) - promote, further, boost, improve, encourage.

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