

ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (APR 28, 2023)

1. can ill-afford (phrase) – to prevent something from happening because it would be embarrassing and cause problems (if it happens).
2. Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) (noun) – Companies owned by the Union Government of India or one of the many state or territorial governments or both together in parts. The company stock is majority-owned by the government in a PSU.
3. well-publicised (adjective) – given a lot of publicity; extensively publicized.
4. wry (adjective) - sarcastic, satirical, humorous, ironic.
5. irony (noun) – paradox, incongruity, peculiarity; contradiction, a strange/funny situation where things are happening the other way around (than expected).
6. the fact that (phrase) – used to refer to a specific situation under consideration/discussion.
7. flag off (phrasal verb) – start or begin something by waving a flag.
8. Train 18 (noun) - Acknowledging its made-in-India status, the Indian Railways has named the indigenously manufactured Train 18 as Vande Bharat Express. It is regarded as a successor to the 30-year-old Shatabdi Express. It's also the first locomotive-less (engine-less) train in the country.
9. precursor (noun) – a person or thing that existed before another one; trailblazer, forerunner, predecessor.
10. herald (verb) – signal, indicate, foretell, point to, announce, spell, usher in.
11. architect (noun) – originator, creator, founder.
12. specious (adjective) – deceptive, false, fallacious, incorrect, delusive, ambiguous, deceitful.
13. grounds (noun) - reason, cause, basis.
14. élan (noun) - elegance, gracefulness, finesse, class.
15. witch hunt (noun) – it means to find and punish people believed to be evil- even if they were not. It does also mean an unfair campaign by one side against its political opponents.
16. come to naught (phrase) – fail, be defeated, be unsuccessful, be in vain.
17. rain (verb) - fall/come in large quantities.
18. blitz (noun) – campaign.
19. euphoria (noun) – elation, excitement, delight/happiness.
20. lose sight of (phrase) – pay no attention to, fail to consider, be lax about.
21. the big/larger picture (phrase) – broad/overall view of a situation/problem.
22. ramp up (phrasal verb) – increase (in amount or number).

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23. exchequer (noun) – treasury, coffers; funds/resources/finances.
24. outlay (noun) – expenditure, expenses, spending, outgoings, money spent.
25. balloon (phrase) - increase rapidly; rise, surge, soar, shoot up, escalate.
26. unprecedented (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
27. infrastructure (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure or framework that a country or organization needs in order to function properly. For a whole nation, it includes all the physical systems such as buildings, roads & railways networks, utilities, etc.
28. concrete (adjective) – real, actual, solid, substantial, well defined.
29. capacity-building (noun) – capacity development; it has typically been defined as the development and strengthening of human and institutional resources. The United Nations Development Programme defines capacity as “the ability to perform functions, solve problems, and achieve objectives” at three levels: individual, institutional and societal. (Courtesy: WHO).
30. freight (noun as modifier) – transportation, transport, carrying, delivery; goods, cargo, load, consignment.
31. front (noun) - a specific field of operation.
32. National Rail Plan 2030 (NRP) (noun) - The Plan is to create a ‘future ready’ Railway system by 2030. The NRP is aimed to formulate strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase modal share of the Railways in freight to 45%. The objective of the Plan is to create capacity ahead of demand, which in turn would also cater to future growth in demand right up to 2050 and also increase the modal share of Railways to 45% in freight traffic and to continue to sustain it.
33. envisage (verb) – conceive, imagine, envision, think, perceive, apprehend.
34. vis-à-vis (preposition) – concerning, with regard to, in relation to, as/in comparison with, in connection with (*Vis-à-vis* from Latin via. French, means literally “face-to-face”).
35. concurrent (adjective) - simultaneous, coexisting, coinciding.
36. viz. (adverb) – namely, specifically, in other words.
37. concurrently (adverb) - at the same time, simultaneously.
38. diversification (noun) – the process of diversifying/varying something.

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39. starting block (phrase) - (in a running race) two blocks on which runners put their feet at the start of a running race.
40. radical (adjective) – thoroughgoing, thorough, complete, total, entire.
41. reckon (verb) – forecast, predict, estimate, calculate, gauge.
42. en route (adverb) – on the way, in transit, during the journey, on the move.
43. hover around (verb) – remain at a level.
44. it is high time that (phrase) – an appropriate time for something (should have been done earlier).
45. corridor (noun) – a strip/swathe of land linking two areas (particularly by a road/ rail track).
46. and so on (phrase) – or more of the same, and similar things, and the like.
47. table (verb) - present, propose, put forward, submit.
48. on the lines of (phrase) – in keeping with.
49. Economic Survey (noun) – Economic Survey, presented in the Parliament ahead of the Union Budget, is the Ministry of Finance's flagship document. The Economic Survey detailed information about the Indian economy over the past year. The Economic Survey also offers glimpses into the current state of the economy, and occasional insights into the economic outlook. Although the Constitution does not bind (impose a legal obligation on) the government to present the Economic Survey, over the years, it has become common practice for every government to present the Economic Survey before the Union Budget.
50. Indian Railways Year Book (noun) - it presents the most comprehensive yet concise account of Indian Railways' Incredible all-round Performance every year.
51. submit oneself (verb) - to permit oneself to be subjected to something.
52. in the public domain/realm (phrase) – if something (e.g. information) is in the public domain, people generally know about it since it is no secret.
53. glitz (noun) - extravagance, flashiness, glamour, appeal,
54. opulence (noun) - luxuriousness, richness, grandeur, poshness.

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