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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (FEB 14, 2022)

1. crux (noun) – essence, most important point, central point.
2. welfare (noun) – social security, government/state benefit, public assistance.
3. meld (verb) – combine, merge, unite, integrate.
4. stress test (noun) – a test to analyse the function of a system when it is subjected to more pressure.
5. plank (noun) – a fundamental point.
6. mobilisation (noun) – the act of bringing forces/people/resources together for a particular cause.
7. analytically (adverb) – logically, scientifically, precisely/accurately.
8. populism (noun) – policies that supposedly represent the opinions of ordinary people.
9. regime (noun) – system.
10. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) (noun) – a scheme launched by Government of India on 1 January 2013 to transfer the benefits and subsidies of various social welfare schemes like LPG subsidy, MNREGA payments, Old Age Pension, Scholarships etc. directly in the bank account of the beneficiary.
11. identity (noun) – a social category, a set of persons marked by a label and distinguished by rules deciding membership and (alleged) characteristic features or attributes; individuality, character, originality.
12. neutralise (verb) – eliminate, cancel out, invalidate; counteract, counterbalance.
13. basis (noun) - reason, grounds, justification, rationalization.
14. mount (verb) – increase, rise, escalate; organize, stage, prepare, arrange.
15. ethnic (adjective) – relating to a population subgroup (cultural, national, traditional/folk) with a common national or cultural tradition.
16. case study (noun) – a particular instance/example of something.
17. mar (verb) – spoil, ruin, destroy, impair.
18. bureaucratic (adjective) – relating to a bureaucracy; administrative, official, procedural, red-tape, governmental, ministerial.
19. discretion (noun) – choice, option, preference, volition.
20. patronage (noun) – support, backing, protection.
21. characterise (verb) – identify, depict, describe.
22. helm (verb) – manage, administer, direct, control.

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23. [mobilise](#) (verb) – (of resources) bring together for a specific cause.
24. [salient](#) (adjective) – important, main, major, primary, notable.
25. [arbiter](#) (noun) – someone who has ultimate authority/power; judge, authority, controller.
26. [“double engine” government theory](#) (noun) – the concept behind “double engine” governments is that the same party (in this case BJP) should be in power in the state and at the Centre.
27. [downgrade](#) (verb) – lower in status/rank/importance, demote.
28. [to a large/great extent](#) (phrase) – substantially, largely.
29. [middleman](#) (noun) – broker, agent, go-between, intermediary.
30. [triad](#) (noun) – a group of three connected/related things; trinity.
31. [Jan Dhan-Aadhaar Mobile \(JAM\) trinity](#) (noun) - the initiative by Government of India to link Jan Dhan accounts, Mobile numbers and Aadhar cards of Indians to directly transfer subsidies to intended beneficiaries and eliminate intermediaries and leakages.
32. [PM Kisan \(Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi\) scheme](#) (noun) – an initiative by the government of India in which all farmers will get up to ₹6,000 per year as minimum income support.
33. [Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana \(PMUY\)](#) (noun) - a social welfare scheme envisages of smoke free Rural India and aims to benefit five crore families especially the women living below poverty line (BPL) by providing concessional LPG connections to entire nation. The scheme will increase the usage of LPG and would help in reducing health disorders, air pollution and deforestation.
34. [Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana \(PM-JAY\)](#) (noun) – Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), is a flagship scheme of Government of India to provide cashless secondary and tertiary care treatment from the empanelled public and private hospitals providing coverage to more than 10 crore poor and vulnerable beneficiary families.
35. [Ayushman Bharat](#) (noun) – Ayushman Bharat is National Health Protection Scheme in India, which will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) providing coverage up to 5 lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary (highly specialized) care hospitalization.
36. [disburse](#) (verb) – pay out, give, hand out.
37. [reportedly](#) (adverb) – supposedly, seemingly, apparently, professedly, ostensibly, purportedly.

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38. unorganised sector/workforce (noun) – unorganized sector means an enterprise owned by individuals or self-employed workers and engaged in the production or sale of goods or providing service of any kind whatsoever, and where the enterprise employs workers, the number of such workers is less than ten.
39. tangible (adjective) – real, actual, solid, concrete, substantial, well defined.
40. handout (noun) – aid, financial support.
41. provision (noun) – furnishing, giving, allocation, distribution, presentation.
42. ration (noun) – the practice of having a fixed allowance of food, esp. a statutory one for civilians (particularly in time of scarcity or soldiers in time of war); allowance, allocation, allotment.
43. interpretation (noun) – explanation, elucidation, clarification, definition.
44. nurture (verb) – encourage, promote, stimulate, develop, foster, cultivate, further, advance, boost, strengthen.
45. dilute (verb) – diminish, reduce, decrease, lessen, (the value of something).
46. salience (noun) – prominence, importance, significance.
47. discourse (noun) – discussion, conversation, communication, expression.
48. in tandem (phrase) – alongside each other.
49. fashion (verb) – construct, build, manufacture, make, create, fabricate.
50. utopia (noun) - ideal place, paradise, heaven (on earth), Garden of Eden, Shangri-La, nirvana, seventh heaven.
51. let alone (phrase) – not to mention.
52. entrench (verb) – ingrain, establish, embed, settle.
53. funnel (verb) – channel, guide, feed, direct.
54. public goods (noun) – goods/services that are commonly provided to all people within a society or community.
55. public good (noun) – the advantage/benefit of the community in general.
56. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) (noun) - The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), was launched by the Govt. of India to provide connectivity to unconnected Habitations as part of a poverty reduction strategy.
57. swathe (noun) – a wide area of something.

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58. functionary (noun) – government official; an official who is involved in public administration or government, through either election, appointment, selection, or employment.
59. intercessor (noun) – mediator, moderator, go-between, negotiator, middleman, intermediary arbitrator, arbiter.
60. centralised (adjective) – controlled by a single authority.
61. centralise (verb) – concentrate, bring under one roof, consolidate, control (under one authority).
62. bureaucratic (adjective) – relating to a bureaucracy; administrative, official, procedural, red-tape, governmental, ministerial.
63. oversee (verb) – supervise, be in charge of, be responsible for, look after, keep an eye on, inspect.
64. dissolve (verb) – disband, disestablish, dismiss; annul, nullify.
65. build up (phrasal verb) – strengthen, improve, augment, raise.
66. persona (noun) – image, character, identity.
67. benevolent (adjective) – accommodating, helpful.
68. blitz (noun) - intense campaign.
69. cultivate (verb) – improve, better, refine, elevate.
70. spectrum (noun) – wide range, gamut, ambit.
71. exodus (noun) – mass departure, evacuation, leaving/exit.
72. flip side (noun) – other side.
73. lavish (adjective) - generous, liberal, bountiful, open-handed,
74. materialise (verb) – happen, occur, take place.
75. abject (adjective) – miserable, hopeless, pathetic.
76. narrative (noun) – a representation of a particular situation; portrayal/account.
77. room (noun) – scope, chance, leeway, freedom, latitude, opportunity (for something to happen).
78. ameliorate (verb) – make better, enhance, improve (a bad or unpleasant situation).
79. hot button (noun) - an important topic or issue or subject.
80. ground (noun) – basis, factor, rationale.

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81. Farm Acts, 2000 (noun) – Farm Acts, 2000 refer to three agricultural bills passed by Indian Parliament in September 2020. The three acts are “The Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020 (FPTC Act) allows farmers to sell their harvest outside the notified Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis without paying any State taxes or fees”, “the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 facilitates contract farming and direct marketing”, and “the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 deregulates the production, storage, movement and sale of several major foodstuffs, including cereals, pulses, edible oils and onion, except in the case of extraordinary circumstances”.
82. at/in/to the forefront of (phrase) – be in a leading/front/important position in an important activity; spearhead, van guard, front line, leading position.
83. bypass (verb) – circumvent, avoid, dodge, escape, sidestep.
84. outreach (noun) – the level of reaching out/activity/effort; involvement.
85. overtly (adverb) – openly, transparently, clearly.
86. indulge in (verb) – become involved in (an undesirable activity).
87. electioneering (noun) – canvassing, campaign, an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making progress within a specific group.
88. favouritism (noun) – partiality, partisanship, one-sidedness, prejudice, inequality.
89. subaltern (adjective) – relating to the lower status/ranking (people) in a social or political hierarchy.
90. hold down (phrasal verb) - prevent; oppress, repress, suppress, subdue, tyrannize, dominate, subjugate.
91. resurgence (noun) – reoccurrence/recurrence, reappearance, reemergence.
92. electorate (noun) – all the people who entitled to vote in an election.
93. reinforcement (noun) – strengthening, augmentation, fortification, bolstering.
94. cauldron (noun) – unstable situation, uncertainty (with emotions).

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