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WORD LIST-2 (MAR 23, 2022)

1. **status quo** (noun) – the present situation, the current state, the existing state of affairs.
2. **build on** (phrasal verb) – expand on, enlarge on, develop, enhance.
3. **fundamental** (noun) - basics, essentials, basic principles.
4. **incumbent** (adjective) – (of an official) current, existing, present.
5. **as far as — is concerned** (phrase) – with regard to a particular person or situation.
6. **helmsmanship** (noun) - captaincy, captainship, steersmanship.
7. **tally** (noun) - total, count.
8. **in terms of** (phrase) – with regard to, regarding/concerning, in connection with.
9. **barely** (adverb) - hardly, scarcely, only just.
10. **percentage points** (noun) – the difference between two percentages is termed as percentage point.
11. **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)** (noun) – It is an Indian research institute for the social sciences and humanities. Founded in 1963 by political scientist Rajni Kothari, CSDS has primarily been involved in studying and understanding the democratic and electoral politics of India and its neighborhood, and much of this has been done through sustained empirical work by scholars of politics.
12. **Lokniti Programme/Survey** (noun) – The Lokniti Programme for Comparative Democracy was established in 1997 as a research programme of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi. Since 1997, CSDS has been conducting survey-based studies through its research programme, Lokniti. The most distinguishing characteristic of the Lokniti programme is that it has brought together over 40 political scientists from various colleges, universities and research institutions in the country and evolved itself into a large network of researchers defining research agenda collectively and doing research collectively.
13. **point out** (phrasal verb) – identify, draw attention to, indicate, specify, mention.
14. **respondent** (noun) – a person who replies to something (questionnaire, etc.,).
15. **keen** (adjective) - enthusiastic about, interested in, attracted to.
16. **fragmented** (adjective) – divided, splintered, split, separated, disintegrated.

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17. **bevy** (noun) - group, gang, crowd, pack, horde.
18. **outfit** (noun) – organization, group.
19. **fray** (noun) – competition, contest.
20. **do the rounds** (phrase) – be passed from one person to another person; go from one place to another place.
21. **incumbent** (noun) – current/existing/present holder, bearer or occupant of an office.
22. **retention** (noun) – the continued possession & use of something.
23. **rock the boat** (phrase) – to say/do something to irritate or annoy people.
24. **fragile** (adjective) – easily broken/destroyed, weak, risky, unreliable, insecure.
25. **ecosystem** (noun) – complex situation/environment.
26. **identification** (noun) - association, link, linkage, connection.
27. **legislator** (noun) – a member of a legislature (parliament/legislative assembly); lawmaker, representative.
28. **prone to** (adjective) – susceptible, vulnerable, liable, at risk of, in danger of.
29. **stability** (noun) – secureness, solidity, strength, durability, lasting nature, constancy, permanence, reliability, dependability.
30. **concern** (noun) – issue, matter.
31. **regime** (noun) – government.
32. **mandate** (noun) – approval, acceptance, endorsement, authority (given by a constituency to someone acting as its representative).
33. **displease** (verb) - annoy, irritate, dissatisfied.
34. **pandemic** (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
35. **indices** plural of **index** (noun) – a data figure reflecting something compared with a standard or base value; pointer, indicator.
36. **Human Development Index (HDI)** (noun) – the measure of a country's health, education, and standard of living and ascertains a nations' average achievement in three basic scales of human development – education, life expectancy, and per capita income.
37. **relative to** (phrase) – in comparison with, proportionate, proportional, commensurate, corresponding.
38. **per capita** (adverb & adjective) – per person, for each; relating to each person.

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39. **literacy** (noun) – the ability to read and write.
40. **drop out** (phrasal verb) - give up, finish with, withdraw from, retire from, cancel (a course of study).
41. **drop-out** (noun) - a student who leaves school/college/university before completing a course of study.
42. **among** (preposition) – one of, amongst.
43. **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)** (noun) – a leading business information company. It was established in 1976, primarily as an independent think tank. (Think tank is a panel of experts who provide advice and ideas on political, social or economic issues).
44. **novel coronavirus (nCoV) (SARS-CoV-2)** (noun) – a new strain (type/variety) coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. (Courtesy: [WHO](#))
45. **pandemic** (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
46. **take a hit** (phrase) - to suffer damage/loss.
47. **going forward** (phrase) – in the future.
48. **leverage** (verb) – utilize/use something to maximum advantage/benefit.
49. **diversify** (verb) – vary, bring variety to; modify, alter/change, expand.
50. **costly** (adjective) - ruinous, disastrous, devastating, crippling, damaging, harmful, woeful, awful, terrible, unfortunate.
51. **administration** (noun) - government, ministry, regime.
52. **socio-economic** (noun) – relating to the interaction of social (position, rank, or importance) and economic (income, pay, and wealth) aspects.
53. **indicator** (noun) - measure, standard, benchmark, guideline.
54. **holistic** (adjective) – relating to an integrated approach that takes care of the “whole thing”, instead of certain parts in it.
55. **take forward** (phrasal verb) - deal with, cope with, see to, address, manage, organize, handle, take care of, take charge of.
56. **vibrant** (adjective) – spirited, lively, high-spirited, energetic, vigorous, dynamic, exciting, passionate, fiery, determined, strong, rich.
57. **polity** (noun) – a politically organized society.
58. **committed** (adjective) - firm, steadfast, faithful, resolute.
59. **fixate on** (verb) - set, determined, fixed, resolved.
60. **variable** (noun) – something (an element/feature/factor) that is liable to vary or change.

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