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WORD LIST-1 (JUL 20, 2022)

1. **stinging** (adjective) – (of criticism) harsh, bitter, nasty, hurtful, biting, venomous/poisonous..
2. **indictment** (adjective) – charge, accusation, allegation.
3. **acquittal** (noun) – declaration of innocence, clearing, discharge, release, vindication, exoneration.
4. **ambush** (noun) – surprise attack, trap, pitfall.
5. **scapegoat** (noun) – a person blamed for the wrongdoings/faults that someone else has done.
6. **scapegoating** (noun) - an act of blaming someone for the wrongdoings/faults that someone else has done.
7. **Maoist** (noun) – a follower of Maoism (it originated in China as a form of communist theory derived from the teachings of Chinese political leader Mao Zedong).
8. **self-defeating** (adjective) – futile, pointless, useless.
9. **ploy** (noun) – plan, tactic, manoeuvre, move, activity.
10. **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** (noun) – The National Investigation Agency is a central agency established by the Indian Government to combat terror in India. It is functioning as the Central Counter-Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency in the country. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is created following the terror attack in Mumbai on December 26, 2008. It came into being on December 31, 2008, with the passage of the NIA Act of 2008.
11. **hold (someone) responsible for** (phrase) - blame for, hold accountable for, hold answerable for; condemn for, criticize for, denounce for.
12. **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** (noun) – The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is the premier central police force of the Union of India for internal security. Originally constituted as the Crown Representative Police in 1939, it is one of the oldest Central para military forces (now termed as Central Armed Police Force). After Independence, the force was renamed as Central Reserve Police Force by an Act of Parliament on December 28, 1949. This Act constituted CRPF as an armed force of the Union.
13. **held past tense of hold** (verb) - detain, hold in custody, imprison, lock up, put behind bars, put in prison, put in jail, incarcerate.
14. **draconian** (adjective) – (of laws or punishments) extremely harsh, severe, strict, stringent, tough.

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15. **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)** (noun) – an Indian law aimed at effective prevention of unlawful activities associations in India. Its main objective was to make powers available for dealing with activities directed against the integrity and sovereignty of India.
16. **the fact that** (phrase) – used to refer to a particular situation under consideration.
17. **held past tense of hold** (verb) - (of a court) decide, rule.
18. **proscribed** (adjective) – banned, prohibited, forbidden (by law).
19. **pointer** (noun) – indication, indicator, hint, sign, signal, suggestion.
20. **law enforcement agencies** (noun) – a government agency responsible for enforcing the law. For example – Enforcement Directorate (ED), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and etc.
21. **massacre** (noun) – carnage, mass murder, mass killing.
22. **prolonged** (adjective) – lengthy, extended, protracted, unending, unrelenting.
23. **incarceration** (noun) – imprisonment, confinement, custody.
24. **upend** (verb) – turn something upside down; invert, reverse, overturn, capsise.
25. **bail** (noun) – conditional, temporary release of an arrested/imprisoned person when a specified amount of security is deposited or pledged (as cash or property) to ensure his/her appearance in court when required.
26. **dubious** (noun) – suspicious, questionable, doubtful.
27. **conflict-ridden** (adjective) – dominated/divided by conflict.
28. **imposition** (noun) – enforcement, application, enforcing.
29. **result in** (verb) – cause, prompt, bring about, give rise to.
30. **defence lawyer** (noun) – the lawyer representing the defendant (innocent tribals in this context).
31. **defendant** (noun) – accused, prisoner.
32. **commando** (noun) – a group of soldiers who have been specially trained to carry out surprise attacks; special operations force.
33. **give/lend credence to** (phrase) – to make something (an opinion/idea) seem more correct/true.
34. **apprehend** (verb) – arrest, catch, capture (someone for a crime); take prisoner, take into custody, detain, put in jail, imprison, incarcerate.

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35. **apprehended** (adjective) – arrested, imprisoned, incarcerated, detained.
36. **takeaway** (noun) – a key point/idea/fact.
37. **ponder** (verb) – think about, give thought to, consider, review, reflect on, contemplate, deliberate about, weigh up.
38. **strategy** (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
39. **round up** (phrasal verb) – arrest, detain, imprison (a large number of people).
40. **suspect** (noun) – accused, suspected person.
41. **hapless** (adjective) – unfortunate, unlucky, ill-fated, jinxed, cursed.
42. **in the name of** (phrase) - for the sake of, at the behest of; on behalf of..
43. **swift** (adjective) – prompt, rapid, immediate, quick.
44. **setback** (noun) – problem, difficulty, issue.
45. **uprising** (noun) – revolt, insurgency, revolution, rebellion.
46. **disenchantment** (noun) – disappointment, dissatisfaction, discontent.
47. **the state** (noun) – government, the administration, the regime.
48. **uphold** (verb) – confirm, endorse/approve, vindicate/validate.
49. **rule of law** (phrase) – it is described as “a principle of governance in which all persons, institutions and entities, public and private, including the State itself, are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced and independently adjudicated, & which are consistent with international human rights norms & standards.
50. **insurgent** (noun) – rebel, agitator, subversive, guerrilla.
51. **popular** (adjective) – public, societal.
52. **bound to** (adjective) – sure, likely, guaranteed.
53. **underpin** (verb) – strengthen, support, fortify, bolster up.
54. **win over** (phrasal verb) – persuade, talk round, convince, induce, sway, prevail on.
55. **disenchanted** (noun) – disillusioned, disappointed, dissatisfied, let down, fed up.
56. **harp on** (phrasal verb) – to talk/write about something continuously & boringly; keep talking about, dwell on, speak at length about, write at length about, discuss something at length, nag/badger someone about.

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57. **livelihood** (noun) – means of making a living with the basic necessities (food, water, shelter and clothing); means of support, subsistence, source of income.
58. **inequality** (noun) – Inequality is simply defined as “the state of not being equal, especially in status, rights and opportunities; imbalance, unevenness, disproportion, disparity.
59. **repression** (noun) – suppression, oppression, quelling, restraining/stifling.
60. **legitimacy** (noun) – legality, lawfulness, rightfulness, fairness, justification, validity.
61. **typecast** (verb) – categorize, label, tag.
62. **conflate** (verb) – shrink, shorten, reduce; combine, abridge/summarize (too many information into one).
63. **dissidence** (noun) – discontent, disapproval, disagreement.
64. **disaffection** (noun) – dissatisfaction, disgruntlement, unhappiness.
65. **end up** (phrasal verb) – finish up, turn up, come/appear, find oneself (to a particular course of action in the end).
66. **grist** (noun) – it is a valuable/useful thing, particularly to help an argument/contention.
67. **propaganda** (noun) – the (deliberate & systemic) spreading of information (facts, ideas, rumours or lies) to influence public opinion.
68. **emphasise** (verb) – call/draw attention to, put stress on, underscore, highlight.
69. **characteristic** (noun) – manner, habit, custom; attribute, feature, trait.
70. **repressive** (adjective) – oppressive, dominating/coercive, authoritarian/draconian.
71. **besides** (preposition) – apart from, other than, barring, excluding.
72. **purposive** (adjective) – determined, single-minded, purposeful.
73. **socio-economic** (noun) – relating to the interaction of social (position, rank, or importance) and economic (income, pay, and wealth) aspects.
74. **reinforce** (verb) – strengthen, support, bolster, buttress.
75. **procedural** (adjective) – formal, systematic, methodical.
76. **disprove** (verb) – prove false/wrong, invalidate, refute, reject, challenge, dispute.
77. **critique** (noun) – analysis, evaluation, assessment, appraisal, review.

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