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1. **impunity** (noun) - exemption from punishment, freedom from punishment, immunity, indemnity, non-liability.
2. **botch** (verb) – to perform a task carelessly & awkwardly; to work clumsily; mishandle, mismanage, bungle, do badly, mess up/screw up.
3. **botched** (adjective) – relating to an activity/task done, performed carelessly & awkwardly.
4. **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, (AFSPA)** (noun) - In simple terms, Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) gives armed forces the power to maintain public order in “disturbed areas”. They have the authority to prohibit a gathering of five or more persons in an area, can use force or even open fire after giving due warning if they feel a person is in contravention of the law. If reasonable suspicion exists, the army can also arrest a person without a warrant; enter or search a premises without a warrant; and ban the possession of firearms.
5. **notwithstanding** (conjunction) – although, in spite of the fact that, despite the fact that, even though.
6. **rationale** (noun) – reason, logic, grounds, basis.
7. **horrific** (adjective) – dreadful, awful, terrible, appalling.
8. **civilian** (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
9. **in the aftermath of** (phrase) – in the wake of, as a consequence of, as a result of.
10. **aftermath** (noun) – consequences, after-effects, repercussions; end result, outcome.
11. **indeed** (adverb) – in fact, actually, undeniably.
12. **read** (verb) – understand, comprehend, interpret, decipher.
13. **accord** (verb) – give, grant, present.
14. **no wonder** (phrase) – it is not surprising.
15. **repeal** (noun) – cancellation, reversal, annulment, invalidation, nullification, revocation.

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16. in place (phrase) - established.
17. jurisdiction (noun) – territory, region, province, district, area.
18. authority (noun) – right, power.
19. public order (noun) - it means the situation that exists when people obey the laws, rules or authority of the State.
20. carry out (phrasal verb) – conduct, perform, implement, execute, bring about.
21. 21 Para Commando Unit (noun) - Para Commandos commonly known as Para SF (Special Forces), is the special operations unit of the Indian Army attached to the Parachute Regiment. Para Commandos are trained to carry out intelligence collection, subversion and sabotage of vital enemy infrastructure and communications through deep penetration and surgical strikes behind enemy lines. Currently the Para Special Forces consists of 9 battalions (1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 21 PARA (SF)). 21 PARA (SF) or the 'Waghnakhs', as they are well known, is a unique Special Forces (SF) battalion, as it is the only SF battalion that has been converted from an existing infantry battalion.
22. attribute (verb) – ascribe, assign, connect/associate with.
23. identity (noun) – identification, recognition.
24. purview (noun) – range of experience, scope, ambit, compass.
25. contravention (noun) – breach, violation, infringement, breaking, transgression.
26. contention (noun) - disagreement, dispute, argument; claim, plea, submission, allegation.
27. incongruous (adjective) – contradictory, irreconcilable, clashing/conflicting.
28. seek (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
29. take on (phrasal verb) - compete against, oppose, challenge, confront, pit oneself against, vie with, stand up to.
30. armed (adjective) – carrying & using firearms.

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31. infiltrator (noun) – intruder, invader, trespasser, encroacher.
32. ambush (noun) – surprise attack.
33. purportedly (adverb) - apparently, seemingly, allegedly, professedly, supposedly, ostensibly.
34. lay on (phrasal verb) - need someone to deal with a responsibility/difficulty.
35. insurgent (noun) – guerrilla, extremist, militant, subversive.
36. The National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) (noun) - a Naga nationalist separatist group operating mainly in Northeast India, with minor activities in northwest Myanmar (Burma) until 2012. The National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) is the mother of all insurgent groups that sprang up in the Northeast in the 1950s. Earlier, NSCN had split into NSCN (Isak-Muivah) or NSCN (IM) and NSCN (Khaplang) or NSCN (K) due to differences between two top leaders. However, their training and modus operandi are common.
37. faction (noun) – group, section, division (within a larger group).
38. intelligence (noun) – the team/people involved in the collection of (military/political) information.
39. hostility (noun) – fighting, conflict, armed conflict, combat, violence, war.
40. trigger-happy (adjective) – relating to a person who uses a firearm irresponsibly with little reason to target someone/something.
41. order (noun) – peace, control, lawful behaviour, law and order, law, lawfulness, discipline.
42. Special Investigation Team (SIT) (noun) – a specialized team of officers in Indian law enforcement consisting of personnel trained to investigate serious crimes.
43. reliance (noun) - dependence.
44. impose (verb) – force, thrust, inflict, urge (an unwelcome decision).
45. bring to a halt (phrase) - put to a stop.
46. accede (verb) – agree to, consent to, accept, comply with.

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47. [put/throw a spanner in the \(works\)](#) (phrase) - prevent or obstruct something (a plan or activity) from happening/succeeding; disrupt, hinder/hamper, interfere with, create a problem/trouble.
48. [in the works](#) (phrase) - under way, going on, happening, occurring, taking place, being performed, continuing, in operation.
49. [largely](#) (adverb) – to a large/great extent.
50. [smoke and mirrors](#) (phrase) - aimed to deceive or confuse people; intended to distort or obscure the truth. (the expression comes from the world of magic shows. A magician depends upon smoke and mirrors to perform his tricks. The mirrors help create an illusion, and the smoke is frequently used to divert the attention of the audience).
51. [peace accord/treaty](#) (noun) - an agreement between two or more hostile parties, which formally ends a state of war between the parties.
52. [accord](#) (noun) - agreement, settlement, treaty, deal.
53. [remorse](#) (noun) – deep regret, sorrow/feelings of guilt.
54. [bring someone to book](#) (phrase) – punish, take to task, bring to justice; reprimand.
55. [culprit](#) (noun) – offender, wrongdoer, criminal, lawbreaker.
56. [rapprochement](#) (noun) – reconciliation, reuniting, restoration of harmony, compromise/understanding.
57. [Konyak Nagas](#) (plural noun) – The Konyaks are one of the major Naga ethnic groups. In Nagaland, they inhabit the Mon District- also known as 'The Land of The Anghs'.
58. [compensation](#) (noun) – payment, repayment, settlement (for loss/damage).
59. [besides](#) (adverb) – in addition, furthermore, moreover, further.
60. [renewed](#) (adjective) – re-established, revived.
61. [imperative](#) (noun) – necessary condition, precondition, essential requirement.

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