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WORD LIST-1 (APR 28, 2023)

1. **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).
2. **pose** (verb) – constitute, present, create, cause (a problem or danger or risk).
3. **reflective** (adjective) – contemplative, speculative, thinking, thoughtful, pensive, reasoning.
4. **potency** (noun) – power, strength, effectiveness, influence, dominance.
5. **observer** (noun) - eyewitness, viewer/watcher, commentator, onlooker.
6. **insurgency** (noun) – uprising, revolt, rebellion.
7. **District Reserve Guard (DRG)** (noun) – It is one of the special operational teams. It comprises local Adivasi men to counter the Maoists/Naxals.
8. **Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)** (noun) – a “homemade” bomb and/or destructive device.
9. **the fact that** (phrase) – used to refer to a specific situation under consideration/discussion.
10. **personnel** (noun) – force, crew, employees, workforce, staff.
11. **counter-insurgency** (COIN) (noun) – comprehensive political and military efforts taken to simultaneously defeat and contain insurgency/revolt (activities of rebels, guerrillas, etc.) and address its root causes.
12. **tip-off** (noun) – piece of information, warning, hint, clue; information received.
13. **trap** (noun) – unescapable & very bad situation; trick, deception, ploy.
14. **point to** (phrasal verb) – indicate, denote, signify, reveal, suggest.

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15. intelligence (noun) – (military/political) information, facts, details, particulars.
16. ramp up (phrasal verb) – increase (in amount or number).
17. forces (noun) – troops; armed forces, soldiers.
18. onset (noun) – start, beginning, arrival.
19. anticipate (verb) – expect, foresee, predict, be prepared for.
20. incumbent (upon) (adjective) – binding, obligatory, mandatory, necessary; required, essential, imperative.
21. plug the leak/gap/hole (phrase) – to fix up (a recurring problem).
22. plug (verb) – stop, seal off, close off, block, fill, fill up, pack.
23. loophole (noun) – ambiguity in the law; flaw/fault, defect.
24. cadre (noun) – members of a (political) group.
25. bring someone to justice (phrase) - arrest/punish someone for a crime committed.
26. be easier said than done (phrase) – used to say that something sounds like a good idea in theory, but it would be very difficult to do.
27. terrain (noun) – a stretch of land; land, countryside, territory.
28. stronghold (noun) – fort, fortress, bulwark, mainstay, support.
29. graduate (verb) – develop, progress, move up.
30. guerrilla (noun) – extremist, militant, rebel, revolutionist.
31. home (noun) – dwelling place, place of residence, habitation.
32. largely (adjective) – mostly, mainly ,to a great extent/degree/level.
33. incoherent (adjective) – unclear, confused, muddled.
34. outdated (adjective) – ancient, obsolete, archaic; out of date, outmoded, old-fashioned.
35. ideology (noun) - principle, standard, criterion, morality.
36. taker (noun) - receiver, recipient.
37. marginalised (adjective) – relating to the people who are treated as insignificant, treated as unimportant, neglected.

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38. diligent (adjective) - careful, attentive, thorough, meticulous, painstaking.
39. curb (verb) – limit, restrict, control.
40. responsiveness (noun) – reactivity, approachability.
41. penetration (noun) – reach, spread.
42. sway (noun) – control, power, authority, influence, leverage, dominion.
43. hitherto (adverb) – previously, earlier, so far/thus far, until now.
44. mitigatory (adjective) – moderating, reducing, alleviating.
45. topography (noun) – landscape/terrain, surroundings, environment.
46. obstacle (noun) – difficulty, impediment, problem, barrier, obstruction, hindrance.
47. alienation (noun) – isolation, estrangement, separation, disaffection, turning away, hostility.
48. caught in a crossfire (phrase) – get involved in an (argumentative &) unpleasant/difficult situation.
49. tap (verb) - use, utilize, make use of, exploit, draw on, milk.
50. discontent (noun) – disappointment, dissatisfaction, disgruntlement, resentment, grievances, unhappiness, displeasure.
51. hard-edged (adjective) – tough-minded, unsentimental, soulless, hard-headed, utilitarian.
52. wedge (noun) – block, obstruction, hindrance.
53. counter-productive (adjective) – harmful, damaging, dangerous/destructive.
54. hastily (adverb) - quickly, hurriedly, rapidly, swiftly, in a hurry.
55. retribution (noun) - vengeance, revenge, retaliation.
56. exacerbate (verb) – intensify, heighten, increase; aggravate, worsen, make worse.

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