

## WORD LIST-1 (JAN 29, 2022)

1. [be at the centre of something](#) (phrase) - if a person is at the centre of something that is happening, they are involved in it more than other people.
2. [summit](#) (noun) – meeting, conference; (international meeting/conference of heads of state/government).
3. [in step \(with\)](#) (phrase) - in agreement with, in tune with, in line with.
4. [virtual submit/meeting](#) (noun) – (interactive) online summit/meeting.
5. [ties](#) (noun) – bond, connection, association, relationship, linkage.
6. [civilisational](#) (adjective) – relating to civilisation (culture, customs, way of life).
7. [lack](#) (noun) – unavailability, non-existence, absence.
8. [Central Asian Republics \(CARs\)](#) (noun) – the landlocked but geographically important Central Asian Republics (CARs) are as follows; Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.
9. [build on](#) (phrasal verb) – develop, enhance.
10. [dialogue](#) (noun) – discussion, conversation, talk, exchange of views, discourse.
11. [come after](#) (phrasal verb) – follow, ensue, result.
12. [National Security Adviser \(NSA\)](#) (noun) – the central co-ordinator and adviser to the prime minister/president and cabinet on security, intelligence, defence, and some foreign policy matters. They are based in the Cabinet Office and work across departments to bring together a coherent national security strategy that fits with the government's priorities.
13. [National Security Adviser \(NSA\), India](#) (noun) – the senior official on the National Security Council of India, and the chief adviser to the Prime Minister of India on national security policy and international affairs. Ajit Doval is the current NSA, and has the same rank as a Union Cabinet Minister.
14. [theme](#) (noun) – topic, subject, subject matter.
15. [to begin with](#) (phrase) – to start with.
16. [paltry](#) (adjective) - small, little, meagre, inadequate/deficient.
17. [in comparison](#) (phrase) - comparatively, when compared, by comparison, proportionately.

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18. exceed (verb) - be more than, be greater than.
19. Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) (noun) – The Belt and Road Initiative, formerly known as One Belt One Road or OBOR for short, is a global infrastructure development strategy adopted by the Chinese government in 2013 to invest in nearly 71 countries and international organizations. It is also referred to as “21st century silk road”. From South-east Asia to Eastern Europe and Africa, Belt and Road includes 71 countries that account for half the world’s population and a quarter of global GDP.
20. Transit Trade (noun) – the business/trade that connected with the passage of goods through a country to their destination.
21. smoothen (verb) - deal successfully with (a problem/difficulty).
22. hesitant (adjective) – uncertain, undecided, dubious, sceptical, reluctant.
23. in the face of (phrase) – despite, notwithstanding, regardless of; when confronted with.
24. sanctions (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc. (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
25. International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) (noun) – a multi modal transportation established in 2000 for the purpose of promoting transportation cooperation among the Member States. It is a 7,200-km-long multi-mode network of ship, rail, and road route for moving freight between India, Iran, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Russia, Central Asia and Europe. The route primarily involves moving freight from India, Iran, Azerbaijan and Russia via ship, rail and road.
26. drag one's feet (phrase) - delay, procrastinate, postpone action, put off doing something, use delaying tactics, take one's time.
27. TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India) gas pipeline project (noun) – The TAPI project is a key transnational scheme aimed to carry 33 billion cubic meters of natural gas each year from Turkmenistan to India through Afghanistan and Pakistan.
28. given (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
29. tensions (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
30. tenuous (adjective) – slight, insubstantial, negligible, weak/shaky; doubtful, dubious, questionable, vague, unspecific, indefinite.

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31. takeover (noun) – capture, occupation, seizure, invasion, gaining of control, change of ownership.
32. humanitarian crisis (noun) – it is also called as humanitarian disaster; a situation with high levels of human suffering in which basic human welfare is in danger on a large scale.
33. radicalism (noun) – actions/beliefs that support thorough political or social reform.
34. spill over (phrasal verb) – (something like an emotion/bad condition) spread out or fan out & reach to an uncontrolled level.
35. outline (verb) – define, indicate, summarize.
36. work on/upon (phrasal verb) – to try hard to improve or achieve something.
37. structured (adjective) – organized, well ordered, well regulated, methodical, planned, systematic, arranged.
38. engagement (noun) – participation, taking part, involvement.
39. set up (phrasal verb) - create, start, begin, initiate.
40. institutionalise (verb) – set up a standard practice (in an organisation/culture).
41. press the pedal (phrase) - to work harder.
42. timely (adjective) – opportune, well timed, punctual, convenient, appropriate, suitable.
43. by no means (phrase) - not at all, certainly not.
44. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
45. infrastructure (noun) – the basic physical or organisational structure or framework that a country or organization needs in order to function properly. For a whole nation, it includes all the physical systems such as buildings, roads & railways networks, utilities, etc.
46. outreach (noun) – the level of reaching out/activity/effort; involvement.
47. nimbly (adverb) – actively, briskly, smartly.
48. make certain (verb) - ensure, make sure, confirm.
49. resemble (verb) – look like, be similar to, be like.
50. distant (adjective) – long ago, far off, far.

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