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WORD LIST-1 (APR 25, 2023)

1. **guard against** (verb) – take care for, beware of, keep watch for, be alert to.
2. **revival** (noun) - comeback, reappearance, re-establishment, reintroduction, restoration.
3. **separatism** (noun) – dissension, nonconformity, dissent/faction.
4. **self-appointed** (adjective) – self-styled, so-called, self-appointed, self-avowed, self-professed.
5. **campaigner** (noun) – champion, advocate, promoter.
6. **sense of relief** (phrase) – If you feel a sense of relief, you feel happy because something unpleasant has not happened or is no longer happening.
7. **on the run** (phrase) – trying to escape from someone, particularly the police; fugitive, fleeing.
8. **National Security Act (NSA)** (noun) – an act of the Indian Parliament promulgated on 23 September, 1980 whose purpose is “to provide for preventive detention in certain cases and for matters connected therewith”. Put simply, the NSA is an act that empowers the Centre or a State government to detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial (detrimental/harmful) to national security.
9. **first information report (FIR)** (noun) – a written document prepared by the police when they receive information about the commission of a cognizable offence.
10. **turn out** (phrasal verb) – appear, emerge, be present; transpire, happen, occur, come about.
11. **cipher** (noun) – zero, nought/naught, nil.
12. **cause** (noun) – purpose, objective, aim, interest.
13. **Khalistan** (noun) – Khalistan movement (a Sikh separatist movement) seeking to create a homeland for Sikhs by establishing a sovereign state, called Khālistān ('Land of the Khalsa'), in the Punjab region.
14. **secessionist** (noun) - separatist, dissident, protester, sectarian, nonconformist, extremist, radical.
15. **potential** (adjective) – possible, likely, probable.
16. **turmoil** (noun) – disorder, turbulence, confusion, trouble, chaos.
17. **take over** (phrasal verb) – assume control of, take charge of.
18. **head** (noun) - chief, leader, boss.
19. **establish** (verb) – set up, start/begin, initiate.
20. **late** (adjective) – expired, dead, passed away.

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21. **activist** (noun) – a person who supports a political change or cause; (or societal change/cause).
22. **infamy** (noun) – bad name, bad reputation, condemnation.
23. **intriguing** (adjective) – fascinating, interesting, captivating, compelling.
24. **style oneself** (phrase) - used for saying that someone describes oneself as having qualities he/she does not have.
25. **militant** (noun as modifier) – extremist, radical, fanatic, hardliner.
26. **bloodshed** (noun) – killing, carnage, massacre.
27. **mob** (noun) – a large, disorganized, and often violent crowd of people.
28. **storm** (verb) - attack, conduct an offensive on, make an onslaught on.
29. **compatriot** (noun) – patriot, nationalist; fellow citizen, fellow national.
30. **show up someone in a bad light** (phrase) – to make someone appear to be a bad one.
31. **in a bad light** (phrase) – in a method that makes someone or something to look bad; so as to give bad impression.
32. **flaunt** (verb) – show off, exhibit, display ostentatiously/showily.
33. **linger** (verb) - continue, persist, carry on.
34. **as to** (phrase) – concerning, respecting, with respect to, on the subject of, as regards, regarding.
35. **live through** (phrasal verb) – experience, under go, survive (an unpleasant/bad time or period).
36. **era** (noun) – period, time.
37. **bloody** (adjective) – vicious, cruel, savage, fierce, brutal.
38. **secessionism** (noun) – (of small region/group) a practice/system of separating/leaving from a country/a larger group formally.
39. **come across** (phrasal verb) – seem, appear, look.
40. **self-styled** (adjective) – so-called, self-appointed, self-avowed, self-professed.
41. **propagandistic** (noun) – relating to propaganda.
42. **propaganda** (noun) – the (deliberate & systemic) spreading of information (facts, ideas, rumours or lies) to influence public opinion.
43. **handler** (noun) – secret agent.
44. **sought** past and past participle of **seek** (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
45. **instigate** (verb) - provoke, incite, induce, foment, trigger.
46. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.

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47. **campaign** (noun) – an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making progress within a specific group.
48. **diaspora** (noun) – the people who spread/scatter from their own country to places across the world. Indian diaspora constitutes NRIs (Non-resident Indians) and PIOs (Persons of Indian origins).
49. **pat on the back** (phrase) - praise for doing something good.
50. **nab** (verb) - catch, capture, apprehend, arrest.
51. **embarrassment** (noun) – shame, humiliation, indignity, ignominy, loss of pride, loss of face.
52. **flee** (verb) – run, run away, take flight, make a quick exit, escape.
53. **on the loose** (phrase) – free, at large, set free, escaped, on the run, unconfined, unrestrained, unrestricted.
54. **instigator** (noun) – initiator, agitator, fomenter.
55. **behind bars** (phrase) – in prison/jail.
56. **call (for)** (noun) – requirement, need, demand.
57. **brazen** (adjective) – blatant/flagrant; bold and shameless; unashamed, unembarrassed.
58. **communalism** (noun) – adherence/obedience to one's own ethnic group (against the principle/practice of living together in wider society).
59. **go on** (phrasal verb) – continue, carry on, proceed.
60. **impunity** (noun) – exemption from punishment, freedom from punishment, immunity, indemnity, non-liability.
61. **trigger** (verb) – cause, give rise to, lead to, bring about, generate, provoke, stir up.
62. **polarisation** (noun) – separation of two contrasting groups (based on different opinions/beliefs).
63. **separatist** (adjective) – dissident, nonconformist, sectarian.
64. **pulverise** (verb) – defeat utterly, annihilate, crush/vanquish.
65. **ripple effect/domino effect/knock-on effect** (noun) – an event (or a process/action) that causes several other events to happen indirectly one after the other; secondary/indirect effect, consequence/implication, chain of events.
66. **administrative** (adjective) – regulatory, governmental, executive.
67. **insulate** (verb) – protect, safeguard, shield.
68. **lure** (noun) – temptation, enticement, attraction, appeal.

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