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WORD LIST-1 (MAR 24, 2022)

1. **freeze out** (phrasal verb) - exclude, leave out, cut out, neglect, ignore, reject, disown, snub, shun, turn one's back on, leave out in the cold.
2. **pause** (noun) – temporary stoppage, break, interval.
3. **ploy** (noun) - (cunning) plan, scheme, course of action, tactic.
4. **freeze** (verb) – (of rate, price, etc) fix at a level.
5. **distortionary** (adjective) – misrepresenting, twisting, misreporting/misleading.
6. **follow up** (phrasal verb) – continue/carry on something further.
7. **effect** (verb) – cause, bring about, carry out, cause to happen/occur.
8. **tweak** (verb) – adjust, modify, alter, change.
9. **eve** (noun) - evening/day before (a religious festival).
10. **excise duty** (noun) – the taxes levied on the manufacture of goods within the country, (as opposed to custom duty that is levied on goods coming from outside the country).
11. **interregnum** (noun) – period, intervening time/period.
12. **then and now** (phrase) - from time to time.
13. **coincide** (verb) - occur simultaneously, happen at the same time, coexist.
14. **spike** (noun) – a sharp rise/increase of something.
15. **crude oil** (noun) – the raw natural resource that is extracted from the earth and refined into products such as gasoline, jet fuel, diesel and other petroleum products.
16. **freeze** (noun) – an act of keeping something (e.g. price/rate) at a fixed state.
17. **deregulated** (adjective) – relating to the market where the government rules & restrictions are removed.
18. **shoot** (verb) - rise, go up, increase, shoot up, soar, surge.
19. **invasion** (noun) – occupation, conquering, capture, seizure, annexation, annexing, takeover.
20. **ordinarily** (adverb) – usually, normally, generally.
21. **reset** (verb) – set again.
22. **basket** (noun) – a group of something (taxes, investments, commodities, etc.).
23. **Indian Basket (IB) (or) Indian Crude Basket** (noun) - The Indian crude oil basket is derived from sour grade (Oman and Dubai average) and sweet grade (Brent) of crude oil processed at Indian refineries in the ratio of 75.50:24.50. It is used for the purpose of macro-economic calculations as petroleum product prices are linked to their own market.

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24. distance oneself from (verb) - denounce, disown, reject.
25. assert (verb) – argue, state, avow, insist, announce, declare (confidently).
26. directive (noun) - instruction, direction, order, charge.
27. keep down (phrasal verb) – maintain something at a low level.
28. build up (phrasal verb) – strengthen, improve, augment, raise.
29. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
30. reserve (noun) - stock, reservoir.
31. surge (noun) – sudden increase or rise of something.
32. dose (noun) – an amount/quantity of something.
33. formation (noun) – inauguration, initiation, setting up, establishment.
34. election-bound/poll-bound (adjective) – guaranteed to have election (which is imminent/approaching).
35. abundantly (adverb) – significantly, distinctly, extremely.
36. make clear (phrase) – explain, clarify, elucidate.
37. nudge (noun) – reminder, push, prod, encouragement, prompting.
38. wink (noun) - an act of blinking an eye.
39. state-run (adjective) – (state) government-owned.
40. goad (verb) – impel, pressure, pressurize, prompt, induce, urge, motivate/encourage.
41. swallow (verb) – tolerate, endure, put up with, bear, suffer, accept (something without question).
42. follow suit (phrase) – emulate, copy, follow, take (another's actions as an example).
43. free market (noun) – a type of economic system that is controlled by the market forces of supply and demand, as opposed to government controls that involve price-cutting monopolies. It is different from a regulated market or command economy. In the latter, a central government agency decides the supply and demand, which means the market does not operate freely. In a free market, a majority of companies and properties are owned by individuals or entities in the private sector instead of the state.
44. hold hostage (phrase) – to keep someone/something as hostage.
45. deploy (verb) – use, utilize, employ, make use of.
46. often (adverb) - frequently, many times, again and again, repeatedly.

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47. **campaign** (noun) – canvassing, electioneering, an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making progress within a specific group.
48. **untenable** (adjective) – undefendable, unjustified, unacceptable.
49. **reflect** (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate.
50. **cynical** (adjective) – bitter, resentful, pessimistic, sceptical, distrustful, suspicious.
51. **machinery** (noun) – system, apparatus, structure.
52. **deployment** (noun) – the bringing of resources into effective action.
53. **in the offing** (phrase) – coming soon, likely to happen, on the way, forthcoming.
54. **close the gap** (phrase) – to reduce a difference between two things.
55. **pump price** (noun) – the retail selling price of petrol/diesel (to the public).
56. **inflation** (noun) – simply meaning “cost of living”; increase of price level of goods & services and vice versa decrease of currency value.
57. **intervene** (verb) - intercede, get involved, step in.
58. **red flag** (noun) – warning, caution, alarm bells.
59. **fret** (verb) – worry, be anxious, feel uneasy, be distressed, be upset, feel unhappy (about someone/something).
60. **sane** (adjective) – sensible/practical, advisable, responsible.
61. **bid** (verb) - make an offer.
62. **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** (noun) – an Indian public sector oil and gas company headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Corporation operates two large refineries of the country located in Kochi and Mumbai.
63. **for instance** (phrase) – as an example.
64. **price** (verb) - fix the price of, set the price of, put a price on, cost, value, rate.
65. **effectively** (adverb) – practically, virtually, in effect, all but, more or less, almost.
66. **curtail** (verb) – decrease, lessen, reduce, restrict, limit.
67. **briefing** (noun) – instructions, directions, guidelines.
68. **warrant** (verb) - guarantee, affirm, support.

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69. **consternation** (noun) – a sudden and unexpected feeling of worry/anxiety that causes confusion; dismay, disquiet, surprise, shock.
70. **undermine** (verb) – weaken, subvert, sabotage, damage.
71. **a level playing field** (phrase) – a situation in which everyone has a fair and equal opportunity to succeed, and no one has an advantage over the other.
72. **in favour of** (phrase) – approving of, pro, on the side of, In support of, to the advantage of, supportive of.
73. **dispensation** (noun) – organization, establishment, system; government.
74. **open the door** (phrase) – provide someone opportunities (particularly for success).
75. **creeping** (adjective) – (of a negative manner) occurring, developing gradually.
76. **diktat** (noun) – order, regulation, decree.
77. **deviation** (noun) – divergence/departure, abnormality, irregularity.
78. **perception** (noun) – understanding, discernment, recognition/realization; interpretation.
79. **mysterious** (adjective) - puzzling, strange, peculiar, funny, odd, weird, bizarre, mystifying, baffling, perplexing, bewildering, confusing, incomprehensible, unexplainable, unfathomable.
80. **par for the course** (phrase) - normal, typical, usual, routine, ordinary, standard.
81. **transient** (adjective) – temporary, short-term or impermanent.
82. **stated** (adjective) - identified, specified.
83. **governance** (noun) – the act of governing something; administration.
84. **optics** (noun) – the way in which something (political action/situation) is recognized by the general public.
85. **benevolence** (noun) – kindness, goodwill, compassion, consideration.
86. **rise (up) to** (verb) - find the strength/ability to respond adequately to a challenging situation.
87. **stand** (noun) – stance, point of view, viewpoint, opinion, standpoint, position, perspective, approach.
88. **reversal** (noun) – turnaround, change, swing/shift.
89. **deferral** (noun) – postponement, stay, suspension, holdback.

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