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## **WORD LIST-2 (JUN 14, 2022)**

1. **intensify** (verb) - increase, escalate; aggravate, exacerbate, make worse, worsen.
2. **rivalry** (noun) – competition, opposition, conflict, discord, friction, enmity.
3. **(be) face with** (verb) – be confronted by, encounter, come across.
4. **speak out** (phrasal verb) – express, articulate, communicate, convey, voice (something straightforwardly & publicly).
5. **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** (noun) – the de-facto (effective) border between India and China. The LAC is a 4,057-km border running through three areas-Western (Ladakh, Ladakh (Kashmir)), middle (Uttarakhand, Himachal) and eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal).
6. **message** (noun) - a significant political point.
7. **on-going** (adjective) – continuing, constant, unending, unceasing, never-ending.
8. **tension** (noun) – strained relations; strain, stress, pressure, unease.
9. **broader** superlative adjective of **broad** (adjective) – comprehensive, extensive, wide, wide-ranging, broad-ranging.
10. **geopolitical** (adjective) – relating to (the study of) the geographical factors (a country's position on the earth, size, climate, and natural resources &, etc.) in world politics and inter-state relations.
11. **underway** (adverb) – in progress, under way, going on, continuing, happening, occurring, taking place.
12. **eye-opening** (adjective) - astonishing, shocking, surprising.
13. **IISS Shangri-La Dialogue** (noun) - The IISS Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia's premier defence summit. It's a unique meeting where ministers debate the region's most pressing security challenges, engage in important bilateral talks and come up with fresh approaches together.
14. **the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)** (noun) - An international research institute that provides objective information on military, geopolitical and geo-economic developments that could lead to conflict. They promote the development of sound policies that further global peace and security.
15. **high-profile** (adjective) – prominent, most important, attracting much public attention.
16. **harden** (verb) – solidify, strengthen, reinforce.

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17. drew past tense of draw (verb) - depict, outline, illustrate, render, represent, mark out.
18. advanced (adjective) - state-of-the-art, recently developed, sophisticated.
19. weaponry (noun) - weapons of war, artillery, firearms, guns, armaments.
20. man-made (adjective) – made by human beings; caused by human beings; artificial.
21. coercive (adjective) – overbearing, forceful, intimidating, high-handed.
22. aggressive (adjective) – hostile, belligerent, bellicose, hawkish, combative.
23. territorial (adjective) – local; relating to a particular territory (area/region).
24. claim (noun) – rights, entitlement.
25. underline (verb) - highlight, emphasize, underscore.
26. administration (noun) – government, regime, authority, leadership, management.
27. The Indo-Pacific (region) (noun) – the Indo-Pacific region refers to the confluence (convergence) of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, which interconnect in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, and more).
28. theatre (noun) – place of action, arena.
29. at the heart of (phrase) – at the most important part of.
30. strategy (noun) – plan of action (in order to achieve a more expansive set of political, economic, and security interests).
31. comment (noun) - opinion, view, remark, observation, debate, discussion.
32. predictably (adverb) – as expected.
33. led past participle of lead to (verb) – result in, cause, bring on, bring about, give rise to.
34. add fuel to the fire (phrase) – to make a bad situation worse; increase, magnify, amplify, augment, intensify, heighten (a difficult situation).
35. mark (verb) – represent, signify, indicate; observe, recognize, acknowledge, remember, commemorate.

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36. **valley** (noun) – a low area between hills or mountains typically with a river running through it.
37. **clash** (noun) - fight, confrontation, conflict.
38. **low point** (noun) - the worst moment (of a situation//activity).
39. **bilateral** (adjective) – involving two groups or countries.
40. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.
41. **leave aside** (phrasal verb) – to not consider something; ignore, dismiss, push aside.
42. **curious** (adjective) – strange/unusual, unconventional, surprising.
43. **official** (noun) - officer, office-holder, office-bearer, administrator, executive, functionary; bureaucrat, dignitary, mandarin; representative.
44. **publicly** (adverb) - in public.
45. **have more to say** (phrase) - not finished yet, there's more to say.
46. **counterpart** (noun) – someone who has the same job as another; equivalent, equal, fellow.
47. **as-yet-unresolved** (adjective) - unresolved so far.
48. **as yet** (phrase) - so far, thus far, yet, still, even now, up till now, up to now, until now, up to the present time.
49. **prospects** (noun) – chances, possibilities, expectations.
50. **imminent** (adjective) – close/near, about to happen, approaching/impending.
51. **resolution** (noun) – solution, settlement.
52. **talks** (noun) – discussions, negotiations, deliberation.
53. **puzzlingly** (adverb) - perplexingly, bewilderingly, mystifyingly, bafflingly.
54. **high-level** (adjective) - high-ranking, top-level, prominent, pre-eminent, senior, influential, distinguished.
55. **representation** (noun) – participation, involvement, taking part.
56. **allege** (verb) – claim, assert, declare, state, contend, argue, charge, accuse.
57. **fortify** (verb) - encourage, intensify, support, nurture.
58. **forward area** (noun) – an area in proximity to combat.
59. **de-escalation** (noun) – reduction, lessening, decrease (the intensity of something).

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60. **increasingly** (adverb) – more and more, steadily more, continuously more, gradually more.
61. **unlikely** (adjective) – doubtful, implausible, improbable, questionable.
62. **highlight** (verb) – underline, emphasize, underscore.
63. **ally** (noun) – a country/state with an alliance with another one in which they promise to support each other militarily and to defend each other.
64. **band together** (phrasal verb) - unite, combine, join, team up, cooperate.
65. **restrain** (verb) - stop, halt, restrict, control, contain, curb.
66. **take a stand against** (phrase) – to oppose someone or something courageously.
67. **domain** (noun) – area of activity, sphere of activity; realm, territory.
68. **so far** (phrase) – until now, up to the present, up to this point.
69. **Quad/Quadrilateral** (noun) – The ‘Quadrilateral’ is described as four democracies (the United States, Japan, Australia and India) with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
70. **refrain** from (verb) – stop oneself, abstain, desist from, hold back.
71. **point to** (phrasal verb) – indicate, suggest, signal, signify, denote, reveal.
72. **destabilise** (verb) – undermine, weaken, impair, damage, subvert, sabotage.
73. **destabilising** (adjective) – undermining, weakening, impairing, damaging.
74. **nascent** (adjective) – just beginning, emerging, rising, advancing, burgeoning.
75. **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** (noun) – NATO was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.
76. **tussle** (noun) – quarrel, contention, fight.
77. **navigate** (verb) – go across, traverse; negotiate, steer.

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