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1. when the chips are down (phrase) - in a very difficult, tough or dangerous situation.
2. semiconductor (noun) – a substance that has specific electrical properties that enable it to serve as a foundation for computers and other electronic devices. Semiconductors are materials (silicon or germanium) which have a conductivity between conductors (generally metals like copper) and nonconductors or insulators (such as most ceramics/plastics).
3. India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) (noun) – In order to drive the long-term strategies for developing a sustainable semiconductors and display ecosystem, a specialized and independent “India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)” will be set up. The India Semiconductor Mission will be led by global experts in semiconductor and display industry. It will act as the nodal agency for efficient and smooth implementation of the schemes for setting up of Semiconductor and Display Fabs.
4. set aside (phrasal verb) – earmark, withhold, save, reserve, put aside.
5. ecosystem (noun) – complex situation/environment.
6. belated (adjective) – late, behind time, not on time/delayed.
7. acknowledgment (noun) – acceptance, admission, recognition, realization.
8. strategic (adjective) – relating to achieving long-term or overall goals.
9. integrated circuit (noun) - An integrated circuit (IC), sometimes called a chip, microchip or microelectronic circuit, is a semiconductor wafer on which thousands or millions of tiny resistors, capacitors, diodes and transistors are fabricated. An IC is the fundamental building block of all modern electronic devices.
10. building block (noun) - a basic unit/component/part.
11. heart and soul (phrase) - the essence or core.
12. ubiquitous (adjective) - widespread, common, present everywhere.
13. contemporary (adjective) – modern, present-day, current.

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14. household (noun) – family, house.
15. pandemic (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
16. put/throw something into (sharp/stark) relief (phrase) - to make something more obvious; to make something more noticeable/visible; highlight, emphasize, bring out/show up, underline, underscore.
17. vulnerability (noun) – weakness, defencelessness, unprotectedness, susceptibility.
18. by extension (phrase) – used for mentioning something in connection to something else.
19. expose (verb) – make vulnerable, put at risk of, put in jeopardy of, leave unprotected from.
20. in the face of (phrase) – despite, notwithstanding, regardless of; when confronted with.
21. disruption (noun) – disturbance, interruption, obstruction.
22. vital (adjective) – key, essential, important.
23. sizeable (adjective) – substantial, considerable, significant.
24. highlight (verb) – underline, underscore, emphasize.
25. centrality (noun) – the quality of being of the greatest importance.
26. the bulk of (noun) – most, larger part, larger number.
27. handful (adjective) – few, a small number.
28. interest (noun) – involvement, participation, concern.
29. imperative (noun) – necessary condition, precondition, essential requirement.
30. helm (verb) – manage, administer, direct, control.
31. sustainable (adjective) – acceptable, trustworthy, reliable, dependable.
32. a step in the right direction (phrase) – an action that increases one's possibilities of achieving something.

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33. **daunting** (adjective) – challenging, taxing, difficult; intimidating, challenging, disconcerting.
34. **for one** (phrase) – used to emphasize your opinion, even if others may disagree it.
35. **fiscal** (adjective) – financial.
36. **envision** (verb) - visualize, imagine, envisage, think of, intend, propose.
37. **minuscule** (adjective) – very small, tiny, little; insignificant, negligible.
38. **fab** (noun) – a semiconductor fabrication facility (or) a manufacturing plant that makes microchips/chips.
39. **relatively** (adverb) – comparatively, proportionately, somewhat, to a certain extent/degree.
40. **lag** (verb) – fall behind, fall back, trail behind, linger, delay, move slowly.
41. **production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme** (noun) – As the name suggests, the scheme provides incentives to companies for enhancing their domestic manufacturing apart from focusing on reducing import bills and improving the cost competitiveness of local goods. PLI scheme offers incentives on incremental sales for products manufactured in India.
42. **greenfield** (noun) – new facility; relating to the new (production) facility that has never been used for any development (whereas brownfield means existing facility).
43. **by way of** (phrase) – as a form of.
44. **outlay** (noun) – expenditure, expenses, spending.
45. **likely** (adverb) – probably, in all probability, presumably, doubtlessly.
46. **thirsty** (noun) – (of a plant) consuming a lot of fuel/water.
47. **for now** (phrase) – for the time being, for the present, for the moment.
48. **considerable** (adjective) – substantial, appreciable, significant.

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