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1. **reproductive rights** (noun) – Reproductive rights rest on the recognition of the basic right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children and to have the information and means to do so, and the right to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health.
2. **difference** (noun) – dissimilarity, distinctness, unevenness, variation.
3. **orientation** (noun) – attitude, inclination, direction, intention.
4. **Bill** (noun) – A Bill is a draft statute that becomes law after it is passed by both the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President. All legislative proposals are brought before Parliament in the forms of Bills.
5. **the land** (noun) - country, nation.
6. **exclusivist** (noun) – the doctrine/belief that only one particular belief or system is true.
7. **at the (very) outset** (phrase) - at the (very) beginning.
8. **outset** (noun) – beginning, start.
9. **passage** (noun) – enactment, passing, ratification, acceptance, approval.
10. **imperative** (adjective) – vitally important, crucial, critical, essential, necessary.
11. **bias** (noun) – prejudice, partisanship, favouritism, unfairness, onesidedness.
12. **seek** (verb) – try, aim, attempt.
13. **confer** (verb) - present to, grant to, hand out to, give to, give out to.
14. **Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2020** (noun) -
The Lok Sabha on 01, Dec 2021 (Wednesday) passed the The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill,, 2020 that proposes the establishment of a national registry and registration authority for all clinics and medical professionals serving in the field. This Bill seeks to regulate and supervise Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics and ART banks, prevent misuse, adopt safe and ethical practice and so on.

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15. **Assisted Reproductive Technology (APT)** (noun) - The Bill defines ART to include all techniques that seek to obtain a pregnancy by handling the sperm or the oocyte (immature egg cell) outside the human body and transferring the gamete or the embryo into the reproductive system of a woman. Examples of ART services include gamete (sperm or oocyte) donation, in-vitro-fertilisation (fertilising an egg in the lab), and gestational surrogacy (the child is not biologically related to surrogate mother).
16. **gamete** (noun) - reproductive cells/sex cells. Female gametes are called ova or egg cells, and male gametes are called sperm.
17. **oocyte** (noun) - an immature egg cell; an immature ovum; ova is the plural of ovum.
18. **in vitro** (adjective) - Latin, literally 'in glass'; relating to the process of fertilization in a test tube or outside the body, whereas "in vivo" literally means 'in a living thing'.
19. **fertilization** (noun) - The process of combining the male gamete (sperm) with the female gamete (ovum/mature egg cell).
20. **LGBTQIA+ community** (noun) – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual (and many other terms) Community.
21. **indeed** (adverb) – in fact, actually, undeniably.
22. **intervention** (noun) – the process of intervening in something; involvement, interference.
23. **regulate** (verb) – control, oversee, govern, monitor something (by using rules and regulations).
24. **fertility** (noun) – ability to conceive, potency, reproductiveness.
25. **vacuum** (noun) – gap, lacuna.
26. **provision** (noun) – term, clause, requirement, specification, stipulation.
27. **commissioning couple** (noun) – couples who use surrogacy as a way to have a child.

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28. surrogacy (noun) – the process of carrying of a pregnancy (by artificial insemination or surgical implantation of a fertilized egg) and giving birth to a child by surrogate mother for intended parents.
29. outlaw (noun) – criminal, robber.
30. exploit (verb) – take advantage of, make use of, utilize, capitalize on, benefit from.
31. put an end to (phrase) – stop, terminate, abolish.
32. trafficking (noun) – the activity of buying and selling goods/animal/people illegally; (illegal/illicit) trading, dealing.
33. embryo (noun) – an early stage of development of unborn child. it develops from a single cell (called zygote) resulting from the fertilization of the female egg cell by the male sperm cell.
34. coerce (verb) - pressure, force, compel/influence.
35. circumstances (noun) – situation, condition, context.
36. unfathomable (adjective) - difficult to understand; incomprehensible, cryptic, mysterious, perplexing/bewildering.
37. progressive (adjective) – forward-looking, forward-thinking; reforming, revolutionary.
38. glaringly (adverb) - obviously, strikingly, conspicuously.
39. exercise (verb) – use, employ, make use of, utilize; engage in.
40. omission (noun) – leaving out, exclusion, elimination, absence, non-inclusion.
41. baffling (adjective) - perplexing, puzzling, bewildering, mystifying.
42. legislation (noun) – body of laws, acts, rules, regulations, statutes.
43. heterosexual (adjective) - (of a person) sexually attracted to people of the opposite sex.
44. Parliamentary Standing Committee/Parliamentary panel (noun) – it is a committee (consisting of Members of Parliament) constituted usually on an annual basis to enable detailed consideration/discussion on all bills (all proposed laws).
45. live-in (adjective) - relating to a couple living together with mutual consent and without any boundaries of marriage.

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46. avail (verb) – use, utilize, take advantage of (an opportunity/resources).
47. given (preposition) – considering, taking into account, bearing in mind.
48. milieu (noun) – context, background, backdrop; environment, atmosphere.
49. norm (noun) – standard, convention, rules of conduct.
50. cognisant (adjective) – aware, well informed about, familiar with.
51. sentiment (noun) – feeling, thought, view, opinion.
52. nudge (verb) – push, prod, encourage, prompt.
53. retrograde (adjective) – unprogressive, negative, reverse/regressive.
54. freeze-frame (noun) - a single picture/image/impression/concept.
55. legislator (noun) – a member of a legislature (parliament/legislative assembly); lawmaker, representative.
56. point out (phrasal verb) – identify, mention, indicate, draw attention to.
57. Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019 (noun) - It was passed by Lok Sabha on August 5, 2019. The Bill defines surrogacy as a practice where a woman gives birth to a child for an intending couple with the intention to hand over the child after the birth to the intending couple. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill relates to surrogacy, an infertility treatment, where a third person, a woman, is the surrogate mother. In ART, treatments can be availed by the commissioning couple themselves and it is not always necessary that a third person is involved.
58. intrinsically (adverb) - naturally, essentially, basically, fundamentally.
59. the ball is in your court (phrase) - it is now your responsibility or your turn to take action; it is up to you to take action now.
60. squarely (adverb) – precisely, exactly, just, directly.
61. letter and spirit (phrase) – (adhering to/obeying) both literal interpretation/wording and the spirit/intent/purpose of the law.

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