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| Difficult Word/ Phrase/ Term | Contextual Sense/ Definition |
|------------------------------|--|
| Discourse | written or spoken communication or debate |
| Repressive | inhibiting or restraining the freedom of a person or group of people |
| Apparatus | a complex structure within an organization or system |
| Thorny | causing distress, difficulty, or trouble |
| Ordinance | an authoritative order; a decree |
| Sovereignty | supreme power or authority |
| OTT | An over-the-top (OTT) media service is a media service offered directly to viewers via the Internet |
| Vet | make a careful and critical examination of (something) |
| Quell | put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder), typically by the use of force |
| Authoritarian | favoring or enforcing strict obedience to authority, especially that of the government, at the expense of personal freedom |

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| Vindictive | having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge |
| Censure | the expression of formal disapproval |
| Call out | draw critical attention to someone's unacceptable actions or behaviour |
| Phonographic | of or relating to the recording of music |
| High handedness | having or showing no regard for the rights, concerns, or feelings of others |
| Arbitrary | based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system |
| Ruffle (someone's) feathers | to cause someone to be upset |
| Strain | showing signs of nervous tension |
| Pitch | the level of a feeling |
| Cantankerous | bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative |

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| Seeding | to cause something to exist and develop |
| Wary | feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems |
| Devastating | highly destructive or damaging |
| Trifecta | a situation in which you achieve three things |
| Buffer | lessen or moderate the impact of (something) |
| Roll out | officially launch or introduce a new product or service |
| Tide | any large change in something |
| Uptick | A small increase |
| Vexing | causing annoyance, frustration, or worry |
| Sporadic | occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated |

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| Provocation | action or speech that makes someone annoyed or angry, especially deliberately |
| Crack down | Act more forcefully to regulate, repress, or restrain |
| Allegation | a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof |
| Hardline | uncompromising; strict |
| Cleric | a priest or religious leader, especially a Christian or Muslim one |
| Muzzle | to stop a person or organization from expressing independent opinions |
| Rhetoric | clever language that sounds good but is not sincere or has no real meaning |
| Despotic | connected with or typical of a leader with great power, especially one who uses it in a cruel way |
| Knee-jerk reaction | a quick reaction that does not allow you time to consider something carefully |
| hitch | a temporary interruption or problem |

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| Ex-gratia | (of payment) given as a favour or from a sense of moral obligation rather than because of any legal requirement |
| Breadwinner | a person who earns money to support a family |
| Safety net | a safeguard against possible hardship or adversity |
| Aver | state or assert to be the case |
| Impoverished | (of a person or area) made poor |
| Tie in knots | To make one confused, anxious, worried, and/or upset |
| Road map | a plan or strategy intended to achieve a particular goal |
| Raft | A lot |
| Ameliorative | To make or become better; improve |
| Call for | to demand that something happens |

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| Reverse migration | A situation in which a person who has moved to a new political party wants to move back to his previous party |
| Defection | the desertion of one's political party in favor of an opposing one |
| Turncoat | a person who deserts one party or cause in order to join an opposing one |
| Incumbent | (of an official or regime) currently holding office |
| Flock | to move or come together in large numbers |
| Follow suit | do as someone else has done |
| Haven | a place of safety or refuge |
| Flux | continuous change |
| Coarsen | make or become rough |
| Vortex | a dangerous or bad situation in which you become more and more involved and from which you cannot escape |

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| Indictment | a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime |
| Embargo | an official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country |
| Languish | suffer from being forced to remain in an unpleasant place or situation |
| Impediment | a hindrance or obstruction in doing something |
| Rope in | to force or persuade someone to join a group or become involved in something |
| Rubric | a set of instructions or rules |
| Foment | instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action) |
| Prima facie | on the first impression |
| Onerous | (of a task, duty, or responsibility) involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome |
| Invincibility | the quality of being too powerful to be defeated or overcome |

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| Elite | a select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society |
| Communiqué | an official announcement or statement, especially one made to the media |
| Outreach | the extent or length of reaching out |
| Bonhomie | cheerful friendliness |
| Palpable | (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible |
| Claim the mantle of | If you take on the mantle of something such as a profession or an important job, you take on the responsibilities and duties which must be fulfilled by anyone who has this profession or job |
| Anachronistic | belonging to a period other than that being portrayed |
| Authoritarianism | the enforcement or advocacy of strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom |
| Ally | a state formally cooperating with another for a military or other purpose |
| Clampdown | a severe or concerted attempt to suppress something |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Bleak | little or no hope for the future |
| Rocky | difficult and full of obstacles or problems |
| Index of Industrial Production (IIP) | an index which shows the growth rates in different industry groups of the economy in a stipulated period of time |
| Draw | to make or show a comparison between things |
| Rut | a fixed or established mode of procedure or course of life, usually dull or unpromising |
| Testify | give evidence as a witness in a law court |
| Prognosis | the likely course of a disease or ailment |
| Constrain | compel or force (someone) to follow a particular course of action |
| Stagnate | cease to flow or move |
| Tell-tale | important because of showing information |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Accord | an official agreement or treaty |
| Augury | a sign of what will happen in the future |
| Heed | pay attention to; take notice of |
| Coffer | treasury |
| Communique | an official announcement or statement, especially one made to the media |
| Exacerbate | make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse |
| Outgo | something that goes out |
| Deprive | deny (a person or place) the possession or use of something |
| Distortion | the action of giving a misleading account or impression |
| Iron out | to resolve or work out a solution |

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– June 09, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Vulnerability | the quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally |
| Pullout | a withdrawal, especially from military involvement or participation in a commercial venture |
| Canvass | solicit votes from (electors in a constituency) |
| Secret ballot | a voting method in which a voter's choices in an election or a referendum are anonymous |
| Hard feelings | feelings of dislike or anger toward someone that you think has mistreated you |
| Aide | an assistant to an important person, especially a political leader |
| Ruffle feathers | to upset or offend people |
| In tandem | in partnership or conjunction |
| Multilateral | agreed upon or participated in by three or more parties, especially the governments of different countries |
| Dormant | temporarily inactive or inoperative |

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| Short of | less than |
| Propitious | giving or indicating a good chance of succes |
| Premise | base an argument, theory, or undertaking on |
| Veer | change direction suddenly |
| Precipitation | water that falls to the ground as rain, snow, etc. |
| Reservoir | a large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply |
| Flip side | another aspect or version of something, especially its reverse or its unwanted concomitant |
| Flash flood | a sudden local flood, typically due to heavy rain |
| Wipe out | eliminate something completely |
| Tiding | a piece of news |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Strident | loud and harsh |
| Archaic | very old |
| Colonial | involving a period of political control by a more powerful country |
| Intemperate | having or showing a lack of self-control |
| Incumbent | necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility |
| Quash | reject or void, especially by legal procedure |
| Invoke | cite or appeal to (someone or something) as an authority for an action or in support of an argument |
| Narrow down | reducing the number of possibilities |
| Disapprobation | strong disapproval, typically on moral grounds |
| Connote | (of a word) imply or suggest (an idea or feeling) in addition to the literal or primary meaning |

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| Tussle | a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something |
| Tariff war | an economic battle between countries where each levies an additional tax on the other's exports |
| Punitively | Inflicting or aiming to inflict punishment; punishing |
| Grouse | complain pettily; grumble |
| Limping | to proceed slowly or with difficulty |
| Soften the blow | make it easier to cope with a difficult change or upsetting news |
| Titan | one that is gigantic in size or power |
| Fallout | the adverse side effects or results of a situation |
| Heft | the weight of someone or something |
| Skirmish | an episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting |

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| Modality | a particular mode in which something exists or is experienced or expressed |
| Fete | honor or entertain (someone) lavishly |
| Lie down | formulate and enforce or insist on a rule or principle |
| Trafficking | the act of buying or selling people, or of making money from work they are forced to do, such as sex work |
| Dawdle | waste time; be slow |
| Wrought | caused (something to happen) |
| Go the extra mile | try very hard to achieve something. to do more than expected |
| Bounty | a large amount |
| Cornerstone | an important quality or feature on which a particular thing depends or is based |
| Onslaught | a fierce or destructive attack |

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| Politburo | executive committee for communist parties |
| Fertility rate | the ratio between the number of live births in a year and the whole female population of childbearing age |
| Exhortation | an address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something |
| Grapple | to begin to understand or deal with something in a direct or effective way |
| Child-rearing | the process of bringing up a child or children |
| Stringent | (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting |
| Pledge | commit (a person or organization) by a solemn promise |
| Entrench | establish (an attitude, habit, or belief) so firmly that change is very difficult or unlikely |
| Revile | criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner |
| Sterilisation | surgery to make a person or animal unable to produce offspring |

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– June 01, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Traceability | the quality of having an origin or course of development that may be found or followed |
| Barely | only just |
| Contention | an opinion expressed in an argument |
| Vital | absolutely necessary or important; essential |
| Metadata | a set of data that describes and gives information about other data |
| Oversight | an unintentional failure to notice or do something |
| Vague | of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning |
| Anonymity | the quality or state of being unknown to most people |
| Hyperbole | exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally |
| In line with | in alignment or accordance with |

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