



## The Hindu Vocabulary: 27.12.2023

### 1. REVANCHISM (NOUN)

**Meaning:** A policy or ideology advocating the recovery of territories traditionally perceived as lost or unredeemed, often by force or political pressure; a desire to seek revenge or regain lost status.

**Synonyms:** Revenge ,Resentment , Recrimination

Counterattack

**Antonyms:** Forgiveness ,Compromise , Conciliation

Pacifism

**Sentence:** The political leader's revanchist rhetoric stirred up nationalist sentiments, fueling the desire to reclaim territories lost in historical conflicts.

### 2. STRAY (Adjective & Verb)

**Meaning:** Wandering or moving away from a direct course or path; not in the right place

To move away from the correct or proper course; to wander.

**Synonyms:** Homeless , Errant , Drift , Digress , Veer

**Antonyms:** Tamed , Guided , Proceed , Adhere

**Sentence:** The stray dog looked lost and hungry, wandering through the streets without a home.

Be careful not to stray from the designated trail while hiking in the woods.

### 3. SECULARISM (NOUN)

**Meaning:** The principle of separating religion from government or political affairs; the belief in the importance of a secular (non-religious) system or state.

**Synonyms:** Irreligiosity , Rationalism , Humanism

**Antonyms:** Dogmatism , Orthodoxy , Zealotry.

**Sentence:** The constitution of the country explicitly promotes secularism, ensuring that no religious group has undue influence on governmental decisions.

### 4. EXPEDITING (VERB)

**Meaning:** The act of making a process or action happen more quickly or efficiently; to speed up or facilitate.

**Synonyms:** Streamlining , Advancing , Rushing.

**Antonyms:** Retarding , Stalling , Procrastinating

**Sentence:** The manager is expediting the shipping process to ensure that the customer receives the order ahead of schedule.

### 5. SPECIOUS (Adjective)

**Meaning:** Superficially plausible or reasonable, but actually deceptive or misleading; having the appearance of truth but lacking in substance.

**Synonyms:** Spurious , Delusive , Deceitful , Bogus

**Antonyms:** Genuine , Authentic , Honest

**Sentence:** The salesperson's specious promises about the product's effectiveness were later exposed as mere marketing tactics.

## 6. NIPPING (Adjective)

**Meaning:** Chilly or cold, often used to describe weather.

The act of pinching or biting with the teeth, or a sharp, biting sensation.

**Synonyms:** Brisk ,Biting ,Frosty ,Icy ,Sharp.

**Antonyms:** Balmy ,Toasty ,Pleasant , Comfortable

Tropical

**Sentence:** The nipping wind made everyone bundle up in warm coats and scarves.

## 7. AVENGE (verb)

**Meaning:** To seek revenge or to inflict punishment or harm in return for a perceived wrong or injury.

**Synonyms:** Retribute , Punish ,Vindicate

Redress

**Antonyms:** Pardon ,Absolve ,Forget ,Ignore.

**Sentence:** The protagonist vowed to avenge the death of his family, seeking justice for the atrocities committed against them.

## 8. DEPREDAATION (NOUN)

**Meaning:** The act of attacking or plundering; the action of preying on or plundering something.

**Synonyms:** Ravaging , Devastation ,Despoliation

Predation

**Antonyms:** Defense ,Security ,Guardianship

**Sentence:** The depredation of the invading army left the once-thriving village in ruins, with homes looted and fields destroyed.

## 9. PRECINCT (NOUN)

**Meaning:** A district or area with its own defined boundaries, especially for administrative or voting purposes.

**Synonyms:** Sector ,Zone ,Area ,Territory ,Region

**Antonyms:** Wilderness ,Outskirts

**Sentence:** The local police were patrolling the precinct to ensure the safety of residents and maintain law and order in the community.

## 10. ASTOUNDING (Adjective)

**Meaning:** Astonishing or amazing in a surprising way; overwhelming with amazement.

**Synonyms:** Stunning ,Staggering ,Breathtaking

**Antonyms:** Ordinary ,Unremarkable ,Mundane

Common

**Sentence:** The magician's performance was truly astounding, leaving the audience in awe as he effortlessly made objects disappear and reappear.