



## The Hindu Vocabulary: 29.12.2023

### 1. CURTAIL (VERB)

**Meaning:** To reduce or limit the extent or quantity of something; to cut short or bring to a close.

**Synonyms:** Restrict , Shorten , Abate

**Antonyms:** Augment , Enlarge , Lengthen

**Sentence:** In an effort to save costs, the company decided to curtail its spending on non-essential expenses.

### 2. DISTRESS (NOUN)

**Meaning:** Extreme sorrow, suffering, or pain; a state of adversity, affliction, or hardship.

**Synonyms:** Misery , Turmoil , Agony

**Antonyms:** Contentment , Satisfaction , Well-being

**Sentence:** The refugees faced extreme distress as they fled the war-torn region in search of safety.

### 3. SPARSE (Adjective)

**Meaning:** Thinly scattered or distributed; not dense or crowded.

Meager; insufficient in quantity or amount.

**Synonyms:** Seldom , Scarce , Few

**Antonyms:** Numerous , Profuse , Ample

**Sentence:** The sparse population in the remote mountain region made it an ideal location for those seeking solitude.

Due to the dry climate, the vegetation in the desert was sparse, with only a few hardy plants surviving.

### 4. TREACHEROUS (Adjective)

**Meaning:** Guilty of betrayal or deceit; untrustworthy.

Hazardous or dangerous, especially when hidden or not easily recognized

**Synonyms:** Perfidious , Sneaky , Cunning

**Antonyms:** Faithful , Dependable , Open

**Sentence:** The treacherous path through the dense forest required careful navigation to avoid hidden dangers.

She discovered the treacherous nature of her so-called friend when he betrayed her trust.

## 5. PERSECUTION (NOUN)

**Meaning:** The act or practice of subjecting a person or group to harsh and unjust treatment, often due to their race, religion, beliefs, or membership in a particular social or political group.

**Synonyms:** Oppression , Discrimination ,Harassment

Tyranny

**Antonyms:** Embrace , Respect , Fairness

**Sentence:** Noun: The history of religious persecution is marked by instances of individuals and communities facing discrimination and violence due to their beliefs.

## 6. GULLIBLE (Adjective)

**Meaning:** Easily deceived or fooled because of a lack of critical thinking or judgment; overly trusting or credulous.

**Synonyms:** Unsophisticated , Simple , Dupable

**Antonyms:** Cautious ,Suspicious ,Wary

**Sentence:** Because of his gullible nature, he often fell for scams and schemes that preyed on people's trust.

## 7. EXACERBATE (VERB)

**Meaning:** To make a situation, condition, or feeling more intense, severe, or worse; to aggravate or worsen.

**Synonyms:** Increase ,Augment ,Exaggerate

**Antonyms:** Relieve ,Ameliorate ,Improve , Soothe.

**Sentence:** The lack of rain served to exacerbate the drought conditions in the region, leading to widespread crop failures.

## 8. PLUMMET (VERB)

**Meaning:** To fall or drop straight down at high speed; to plunge or descend rapidly.

**Synonyms:** Plunge ,Decline ,Descend ,Tumble

**Antonyms:** Ascend , Grow ,Surge

**Sentence:** The stock prices began to plummet after the unexpected announcement of the company's financial troubles.

## 9. GLEANED (VERB)

**Meaning:** Obtained or collected (information, knowledge, or insights) gradually, bit by bit, or from various sources.

**Synonyms:** Accumulated ,Harvested ,Acquired

**Antonyms:** Overseen , Ignored , Spurned

**Sentence:** She gleaned valuable insights from various research papers and interviews to complete her comprehensive analysis of the topic.

## 10. BONHOMIE (NOUN)

**Meaning:** Cheerful friendliness; geniality, a sense of warmth and friendliness in demeanor.

**Synonyms:** Geniality , Comradeship

**Antonyms:** Stiffness , Formality , Disdain

**Sentence:** Despite the competitive nature of the business world, the team's bonhomie and collaborative spirit contributed to their success.