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Part - A

The Times of India editorial: City that never dies shows (15 DEC 2025)

1. **Inhabited** (adjective) – lived in, occupied, settled, dwelled, populated
बसा हुआ
2. **Seemingly** (adverb) – apparently, outwardly, evidently, ostensibly, superficially
देखने में
3. **Paradoxical** (adjective) – contradictory, puzzling, ironic, absurd, conflicting
विरोधाभासी
4. **Pull** (noun) – attraction, draw, magnetism, lure, appeal
आकर्षण
5. **Profound** (adjective) – deep, intense, meaningful, thoughtful, significant
गहन
6. **Rhythm** (noun) – flow, pattern, beat, tempo, cadence
लय / ताल
7. **Dissolve** (verb) – melt, disintegrate, vanish, disappear, fade
समाप्त हो जाना
8. **Surrender** (verb) – yield, give in, submit, let go, relinquish
आत्मसमर्पण करना
9. **Ritual** (noun) – ceremony, custom, practice, rite, observance
अनुष्ठान
10. **Reflect** (verb) – think, ponder, contemplate, consider, meditate
चिंतन करना
11. **Await** (verb) – wait for, expect, anticipate, look forward to, remain for
प्रतीक्षा करना
12. **Dignity** (noun) – self-respect, honour, nobility, grace, poise
गरिमा
13. **Bar** (noun) – restriction, limitation, barrier, prohibition, obstruction
प्रतिबंध
14. **Lodging** (noun) – accommodation, shelter, housing, stay, place to sleep
ठहरने की जगह
15. **By one's count** (phrase) – according to one's calculation, by estimation, in one's record, as per count, as per tally
किसी की गणना के अनुसार
16. **Departure** (noun) – death, passing, exit, demise, leaving
निधन
17. **Distinguish** (verb) – differentiate, identify, separate, discern, tell apart
भेद करना
18. **Regret** (noun) – remorse, sorrow, repentance, guilt, contrition
पछतावा
19. **Regret-lite** (adjective) – less regretful, low-guilt, mildly regretful, light remorse, less burdened
कम पछतावे वाला
20. **Harsh** (adjective) – cruel, severe, unkind, bitter, rough
कठोर
21. **Thoughtless** (adjective) – careless, inconsiderate, impulsive, reckless, heedless
बिना सोचे समझे
22. **Acknowledge** (verb) – admit, accept, recognize, confess, own
स्वीकार करना

23. **Tame** (verb) – control, calm, discipline, subdue, regulate वश में करना
24. **Looking inward** (phrase) – self-examination, introspection, soul-searching, self-reflection, internal focus आत्ममंथन करना

25. **Reflection** (noun) – introspection, thought, contemplation, consideration, meditation चिंतन / मनन
26. **Perhaps** (adverb) – maybe, possibly, conceivably, potentially, perchance शायद

The Hindu editorial: Addressing an anomaly (16 DEC 2025)

1. **Address** (verb) – tackle, deal with, handle, confront, attend to निपटना
2. **Anomaly** (noun) – irregularity, deviation, abnormality, oddity, inconsistency विसंगति
3. **Stubble burning** (noun) – the practice of setting fire to leftover crop residue after harvest. पराली जलाना
4. **Estimate** (noun) – approximation, assessment, calculation, evaluation, projection अनुमान
5. **Incidence** (noun) – occurrence, frequency, rate, prevalence, happening घटना/दर
6. **Shed** (verb) – remove, discard, get rid of, cast off, drop छुटकारा पाना
7. **Remnant** (noun) – leftover, residue, remainder, remains, fragment अवशेष
8. **Decade** (noun) – ten-year period, ten years, period दशक
9. **Spike** (noun) – sharp increase, surge, rise, jump, escalation अचानक वृद्धि
10. **Surrounding** (adjective) – adjacent, nearby, neighboring, encircling, bordering आसपास के
11. **Employ** (verb) – use, utilize, apply, deploy, adopt प्रयोग करना
12. **A carrot-and-stick approach** (phrase) – a policy combining rewards and punishments. प्रोत्साहन और दंड नीति
13. **Subsidise** (verb) – financially support, fund, underwrite, sponsor, aid सब्सिडी देना
14. **Incentivise** (verb) – encourage, motivate, stimulate, spur, reward प्रोत्साहित करना
15. **Spectrograph** (noun) – An instrument that analyzes the spectrum of light or particles. स्पेक्ट्रोग्राफ
16. **Proxy** (noun) – substitute, indicator, measure, surrogate, alternative प्रतिनिधि/संकेतक
17. **Metric** (noun) – measure, standard, parameter, indicator, gauge मापदंड
18. **Prompt** (verb) – cause, induce, provoke, lead to, stimulate प्रेरित करना
19. **Take credit** (phrase) – to claim recognition or praise for something. श्रेय लेना
20. **Turn out** (phrasal verb) – prove to be, transpire, emerge, result, happen निकल कर आना
21. **A pyrrhic victory** (phrase) – a success that comes at a devastating cost. भारी कीमत वाली जीत
22. **Compute** (verb) – calculate, determine, work out, reckon, measure गणना करना

23. **Parameter** (noun) – factor, criterion, variable, limit, boundary मापदंड
24. **Gradual** (adjective) – slow, steady, incremental, progressive, piecemeal क्रमिक
25. **Outfit** (noun) – organization, group, agency, institution, body संस्था
26. **Unambiguous** (adjective) – clear, definite, unequivocal, unmistakable, explicit स्पष्ट
27. **Unlike** (preposition) – in contrast to, different from, as opposed to के विपरीत
28. **Orbit** (verb) – revolve, circle, travel around, encircle, go around परिक्रमा करना
29. **Precisely** (adverb) – exactly, accurately, specifically, just, squarely ठीक ठीक
30. **Apprise** (of) (verb) – inform, notify, tell, advise, acquaint सूचित करना
31. **Ascertain** (verb) – determine, find out, verify, confirm, establish निश्चित करना
32. **Gauge** (verb) – measure, assess, evaluate, judge, estimate आकलन करना
33. **Moreover** (adverb) – furthermore, additionally, besides, also, further इसके अलावा
34. **Given** (preposition) – considering, in view of, taking into account, because of को देखते हुए
35. **Disingenuous** (adjective) – insincere, deceitful, dishonest, hypocritical, deceptive कपटी
36. **Accelerate** (verb) – speed up, hasten, quicken, expedite, precipitate गति बढ़ाना
37. **Erosion** (noun) – gradual destruction, wearing away, undermining, deterioration, decline क्षरण

The Hindu editorial: Massacre in Sydney (17 DEC 2025)

1. **Massacre** (noun) – slaughter, carnage, bloodbath, butchery, annihilation नरसंहार
2. **Enhance** (verb) – improve, strengthen, boost, augment, upgrade बढ़ाना
3. **Monitoring** (noun) – supervision, observation, tracking, surveillance, oversight निगरानी
4. **Extremism** (noun) – radicalism, fanaticism, militancy, fundamentalism, hardline views चरमपंथ
5. **Gathering** (noun) – assembly, meeting, congregation, rally, get-together सभा
6. **Holocaust** (noun) – genocide, mass murder, slaughter, annihilation, devastation (specifically: the Nazi genocide of Jews) होलोकॉस्ट (नरसंहार)
7. **Wounded** (adjective) – injured, hurt, harmed, maimed, casualties घायल
8. **Deadliest** (adjective) – most fatal, most lethal, most destructive, most murderous सबसे घातक
9. **Witness** (verb) – experience, see, observe, undergo, encounter देखना/अनुभव करना
10. **Antisemitic** (adjective) – hostile to Jews, prejudiced against Jews, discriminatory यहूदी-विरोधी
11. **Make up** (phrasal verb) – constitute, form, account for, comprise, compose बनाना/हिस्सा होना
12. **Synagogue** (noun) – Jewish house of worship, temple, shul यहूदी पूजास्थल
13. **Firebomb** (verb) – attack with an incendiary device, set on fire, torch आग लगाना
14. **Accuse** (of) (verb) – charge, blame, allege, indict, hold responsible आरोप लगाना
15. **Direct** (verb) – orchestrate, mastermind, control, manage, oversee निर्देशित करना
16. **Expel** (verb) – deport, banish, eject, oust, throw out निष्कासित करना
17. **Diplomat** (noun) – envoy, ambassador, representative, official, emissary राजनयिक
18. **Retaliatory** (adjective) – revengeful, reciprocal, counterattacking, punitive, vengeful प्रतिशोधात्मक
19. **Genocidal** (adjective) – aiming at genocide, exterminatory, annihilative, murderous नरसंहारी
20. **Envoy** (noun) – representative, ambassador, delegate, emissary, agent दूत
21. **Combat** (verb) – fight, oppose, tackle, counter, resist मुकाबला करना
22. **Antisemitism** (noun) – hostility to or prejudice against Jewish people. यहूदी-विद्वेष
23. **Urge** (verb) – encourage, exhort, implore, advise, press आग्रह करना

24. **Unity** (noun) – togetherness, solidarity, harmony, cohesion, oneness एकता
25. **Grave** (adjective) – serious, severe, critical, dire, profound गंभीर
26. **Host** (verb) – accommodate, house, shelter, be home to, hold आश्रय देना/पोषित करना
27. **Swiftly** (adverb) – quickly, rapidly, promptly, immediately, speedily शीघ्रता से
28. **Bring someone to justice** (phrase) – to ensure someone faces legal punishment. न्याय के कटघरे में लाना
29. **Seek** (verb) – try, attempt, aim, endeavor, strive कोशिश करना
30. **Divide** (verb) – split, separate, disunite, cause discord, part विभाजित करना
31. **Blame** (verb) – hold responsible, accuse, fault, censure, condemn दोष लगाना
32. **Recognition** (noun) – acknowledgment, acceptance, endorsement, validation, approval मान्यता
33. **Statehood** (noun) – independent nation status, sovereignty, self-rule, autonomy राज्य का दर्जा
34. **Address** (verb) – tackle, deal with, handle, confront, attend to निपटना
35. **Enforce** (verb) – implement, apply, execute, carry out, impose लागू करना
36. **Regime** (noun) – system, framework, rules, regulations, arrangement व्यवस्था
37. **Tighten** (verb) – strengthen, make stricter, reinforce, toughen, stiffen सख्त करना
38. **Ideology** (noun) – belief system, philosophy, doctrine, creed, dogma विचारधारा
39. **Isolate** (verb) – separate, cut off, exclude, quarantine, segregate अलग करना
40. **Perpetrate** (verb) – commit, carry out, execute, perform, be guilty of अंजाम देना

The Hindu editorial: Stepping stone: On nuclear policy, the SHANTI Bill. (18 DEC 2025)

1. **Stepping stone** (phrase) – a stage or means of progress; a preliminary move.
प्रगति का साधन
2. **Governance** (noun) – regulation, oversight, administration, management, control
शासन
3. **Indigenous** (adjective) – native, domestic, homegrown, local, aboriginal स्वदेशी
4. **In this picture** (phrase) – in this scenario/context, given this situation. इस संदर्भ में
5. **Propose** (verb) – suggest, recommend, put forward, advance, table प्रस्तावित करना
6. **Facilities** (noun) – plants, installations, complexes, units, sites संयंत्र
7. **Permit** (verb) – allow, authorize, license, enable, grant अनुमति देना
8. **Joint venture** (noun) – partnership, collaboration, alliance, cooperative enterprise संयुक्त उद्यम
9. **Subject** (to) (adjective) – conditional, dependent, liable, exposed, contingent के अधीन
10. **Intended** (adjective) – planned, proposed, designed, meant, deliberate इरादा किया हुआ
11. **Meet** (verb) – achieve, fulfill, satisfy, reach, accomplish पूरा करना
12. **Indeed** (adverb) – in fact, actually, truly, certainly, undoubtedly वास्तव में
13. **Capital mobilisation** (noun) – raising funds, resource gathering, investment pooling पूंजी जुटाना
14. **Roster** (noun) – list, register, panel, lineup, roll सूची
15. **Seek** (verb) – aim, try, attempt, endeavor, strive कोशिश करना
16. **Room** (noun) – scope, opportunity, capacity, space, leeway गुंजाइश
17. **Scale** (verb) – increase, expand, grow, enlarge, escalate बढ़े पैमाने पर करना
18. **Proliferation** (noun) – spread, multiplication, expansion, increase, growth प्रसार
19. **Mitigate** (verb) – reduce, lessen, alleviate, ease, diminish कम करना
20. **Ambiguity** (noun) – uncertainty, vagueness, doubt, equivocation, obscurity अस्पष्टता
21. **Entrant** (noun) – newcomer, participant, joiner, beginner, initiate नया प्रवेशक
22. **Enforcement** (noun) – implementation, execution, application, imposition, administration प्रवर्तन
23. **Terms** (noun) – conditions, provisions, stipulations, clauses, specifications शर्तें

24. **Statute** (noun) – law, act, legislation, regulation, rule क़ानून
25. **Shrink** (verb) – reduce, shorten, decrease, cut, compress सिकोड़ना
26. **Commissioning timelines** (noun) – schedules for making a project operational. कमीशनिंग समयसीमा
27. **Liability** (noun) – responsibility, obligation, accountability, duty, burden दायित्व
28. **Warrant** (verb) – justify, deserve, merit, call for, require आवश्यक होना
29. **Remediation** (noun) – cleanup, restoration, correction, repair, rectification उपचार/सुधार
30. **Exempt** (verb) – excuse, free, release, spare, exclude छूट देना
31. **Render** (Verb) – make, cause to be, leave, turn into, result in बना देना
32. **Recourse** (noun) – option, resort, remedy, alternative, redress सहारा
33. **An act or omission** (noun) – action or failure to act, deed or negligence. कार्य या चूक
34. **Accountability** (noun) – responsibility, answerability, liability, obligation, duty जवाबदेही
35. **Vary** (verb) – differ, fluctuate, change, diverge, range अलग-अलग होना
36. **Address** (verb) – tackle, deal with, handle, confront, attend to निपटना
37. **Statutory** (adjective) – legal, lawful, regulatory, mandated, prescribed वैधानिक
38. **Vest** (verb) – confer, grant, entrust, bestow, endow प्रदान करना
39. **Conducive** (to) (adjective) – favorable, helpful, beneficial, supportive, advantageous अनुकूल
40. **Deter** (verb) – discourage, dissuade, hinder, prevent, inhibit रोकना

The Hindu editorial: Change for the worse: On MGNREGA to VB-G RAM G. (19 DEC 2025)

1. **Alter** (verb) – modify, change, amend, transform, revise बदलना
2. **MGNREGS** (noun) – The Act gives legal guarantee of a hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to adult members of a rural household who demand employment.
3. **Recognition** (noun) – acknowledgement, acceptance, identification, validation, approval मान्यता
4. **Table** (verb) - presentation, introduction, submission, place, propose संसद में प्रस्तुत किया गया
5. **Seek** (verb) – attempt, aim, try, pursue, endeavour प्रयास करना
6. **Nomenclature** (noun) – naming system, terminology, designation, title, classification नामकरण
7. **Fundamental** (adjective) – basic, core, essential, primary, foundational मौलिक
8. **Existing** (adjective) – current, present, prevailing, ongoing, operative मौजूदा
9. **Mark** (verb) – indicate, signify, highlight, denote, represent दर्शाना
10. **Plausible** (adjective) – believable, reasonable, convincing, credible, logical तर्कसंगत
11. **Differences** (noun) – disagreements, distinctions, variations, divergences, conflicts मतभेद
12. **Decentralisation** (noun) – devolution, dispersion of power, delegation, federalisation, autonomy विकेंद्रीकरण
13. **Virtually** (adverb) – almost, nearly, effectively, practically, essentially लगभग
14. **Sole** (adjective) – only, single, exclusive, lone, one and only एकमात्र
15. **Proposed** (adjective) – suggested, planned, intended, drafted, recommended प्रस्तावित
16. **Point out** (phrasal verb) – highlight, indicate, emphasise, mention, draw attention to इंगित करना
17. **Reveal** (verb) – disclose, expose, show, uncover, bring out प्रकट करना
18. **Pandemic** (noun) – widespread outbreak, global epidemic, health crisis, contagion, disease spread वैश्विक महामारी
19. **Do away with** (phrasal verb) – abolished, eliminated, scrapped, removed, discontinued समाप्त कर दिया गया
20. **Wherein** (adverb) – in which, in that, during which, under which, by which जिसमें

21. **Go up** (phrasal verb) – increased, risen, escalated, surged, climbed बढ़ गया
22. **Robust** (adjective) – strong, sound, stable, resilient, healthy मजबूत
23. **Apprehensions** (noun) – fears, concerns, anxieties, doubts, misgivings आशंकाएँ
24. **Restructuring** (noun) – reorganisation, reform, overhaul, modification, rearrangement पुनर्गठन
25. **Keen on** (phrase) – eager for, interested in, enthusiastic about, inclined towards, willing इच्छुक
26. **Soul** (noun) – essence, spirit, core, heart, crux आत्मा / मूल तत्व
27. **Bottom-up** (adjective) – grassroots-based, people-driven, decentralised, participatory, local-level निचले स्तर से ऊपर तक
28. **Framework** (noun) – structure, system, outline, model, mechanism ढांचा
29. **Cap** (verb) – limit, restriction, fix, control, bound सीमा निर्धारित करना
30. **Bear** (verb) – carry, shoulder, endure, take responsibility for, sustain वहन करना
31. **Cite** (verb) – mention, refer to, quotation, invoke, point out उल्लेख करना
32. **Undermine** (verb) – weaken, damaging, eroding, dilute, destabilising कमजोर करना
33. **Explicitly** (adverb) – clearly, openly, plainly, directly, specifically स्पष्ट रूप से
34. **Howsoever** (adverb) – however, no matter how, regardless of how, to whatever extent, even if चाहे कितना भी
35. **Passionately** (adverb) – fervently, intensely, strongly, emotionally, earnestly जोशपूर्वक
36. **In line with** (phrase) – in accordance with, consistent with, aligned with, in agreement with, as per के अनुरूप
37. **Governance** (noun) – administration, management, ruling, leadership, public administration शासन व्यवस्था
38. **Diffused** (adjective) – spread out, decentralised, dispersed, scattered, distributed बिखरा हुआ
39. **Grassroots** (adjective) – local-level, community-based, village-level, people-oriented, mass-based जमीनी स्तर का
40. **Promote** (verb) – encourage, support, advance, foster, boost प्रोत्साहित करना
41. **Nourish** (verb) – support, sustain, strengthen, develop, foster पोषित करना
42. **Legislation** (noun) – law, statute, act, enactment, legal framework कानून निर्माण

The Hindu editorial: A gamble (20 DEC 2025)

1. **Uncapped** (adjective) – inexperienced, unsigned, untested, debutant, rookie बिना अंतरराष्ट्रीय अनुभव वाला
2. **On offer** (phrase) – available for sale or selection उपलब्ध
3. **Squad** (noun) – teams, units, groups, line-ups, contingents टीमों
4. **Nucleus in place** (phrase) – core structure already established मूल ढांचा पहले से तय
5. **Pool** (noun) – group, collection, reserve, batch, stock समूह
6. **Bid** (noun) – offer, proposal, quotation, tender, claim बोली
7. **Overseas** (adjective) – foreign, international, external, non-domestic, abroad विदेशी
8. **Going past fellow** (phrase) – exceeding or surpassing someone किसी को पीछे छोड़ना
9. **Ply one's wares** (phrase) – display or use skills professionally अपनी कला या कौशल दिखाना
10. **Brisk** (adjective) – quick, lively, energetic, swift, active तेज़
11. **Pace** (noun) – speed, momentum, rate, tempo, quickness गति
12. **Variance** (noun) – difference, deviation, disparity, fluctuation, contrast अंतर
13. **Unpredictability** (noun) – uncertainty, instability, randomness, volatility, inconsistency अनिश्चितता
14. **Drive home** (phrase) – emphasize strongly जोर देकर समझाना
15. **Dismiss for a duck** (phrase) – get out without scoring शून्य पर आउट होना
16. **Ruthless** (adjective) – merciless, harsh, cruel, relentless, pitiless निर्दयी
17. **Devoid of** (phrase) – completely lacking से रहित
18. **Utility** (noun) – usefulness, practicality, value, functionality, serviceability उपयोगिता
19. **Turn up** (phrasal verb) – appear or arrive आना / उपस्थित होना
20. **Laugh all the way to the bank** (phrase) – earn a lot of money easily आसानी से बहुत पैसा कमाना
21. **Lead the charge** (phrase) – take initiative or responsibility नेतृत्व करना
22. **Bag** (verb) – secure, obtain, acquire, clinch, win हासिल करना

23. **Quest (for)** (noun) – search or pursuit की तलाश
24. **Fresh legs** (phrase) – young and energetic players नए और ऊर्जावान खिलाड़ी
25. **Veteran** (noun) – experienced player, stalwart, expert, seasoned performer, old hand अनुभवी
26. **Pivot** (noun) – centre, backbone, anchor, fulcrum, key point मुख्य आधार
27. **Speedster** (noun) – fast bowler, pacer, quick, sprinter, racer तेज़ खिलाड़ी
28. **Catch the eye** (phrase) – attract attention ध्यान आकर्षित करना
29. **Seamer** (noun) – pace bowler, fast bowler, paceman, quick bowler, fast-arm bowler तेज़ गेंदबाज़
30. **Back** (verb) – support, endorse, favour, trust, encourage समर्थन करना
31. **Consistent** (adjective) – steady, reliable, regular, stable, uniform लगातार
32. **Circuit** (noun) – league, system, network, series, domestic structure घरेलू क्रिकेट ढांचा
33. **Mumbaikar** (noun) – resident of Mumbai मुंबई का निवासी
34. **Reiterate** (verb) – repeat, restate, reaffirm, reassert, emphasize दोहराना
35. **Credentials** (noun) – qualifications, merit, achievements, credibility, record योग्यता
36. **Clockwork precision** (phrase) – perfectly timed and organised बिल्कुल सटीक ढंग से
37. **Fixtures** (noun) – schedules, matches, engagements, events, line-up मैचों का कार्यक्रम
38. **Jousts** (noun) – contests, clashes, encounters, battles, duels मुकाबले
39. **Stage** (verb) – organise, conduct, arrange, hold, mount आयोजित करना
40. **March** (verb) – advance, progress, proceed, move forward, stride आगे बढ़ना
41. **Behemoth** (noun) – giant, colossus, powerhouse, heavyweight, monster विशाल संस्था