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Part - A

The Hindu Editorial: Superpower summit (18 MAY 2026)

1. **Summit** (noun) - meeting, conference, assembly, conclave, parley शिखर सम्मेलन
2. **Renegotiate** (verb) - renegotiate, readdress, reconsider, revise, reexamine फिर से बातचीत करना
3. **Tie** (noun) - bond, relation, connection, links, association संबंध
4. **Reinforce** (verb) - strengthen, fortify, bolster, support, buttress सुदृढ़ करना / मजबूत करना
5. **Strategic** (adjective) - tactical, calculated, deliberate, planned, politic रणनीतिक
6. **Autonomy** (noun) - independence, sovereignty, self-governance, freedom, liberty स्वायत्तता
7. **Truce** (noun) - ceasefire, armistice, peace, respite युद्धविराम / अस्थायी शांति
8. **Given** (preposition) - considering or taking into account को देखते हुए
9. **Conclude** (verb) - finish, terminate, end, close, finalize समाप्त होना / निष्कर्ष निकालना
10. **Apparent** (adjective) - obvious, evident, visible, manifest, conspicuous स्पष्ट
11. **Breakthrough** (noun) - discovery, advance, development, success, find महत्वपूर्ण खोज / बड़ी सफलता
12. **Strain** (verb) - tax, stress, stretch, pressure, burden तनावपूर्ण बनाना
13. **Inject** (verb) - instill, introduce, infuse, insert, imbue समावेश करना / भीतर डालना
14. **Of late** (phrase) - recently or in the recent period of time हाल ही में
15. **Ups-and-downs** (noun) - fluctuations, vicissitudes, shifts, changes, instability उतार-चढ़ाव
16. **Call for** (phrasal verb) - to publicly ask for something to happen or be done मांग करना / आवश्यकता होना
17. **Constructive** (adjective) - productive, useful, helpful, beneficial, practical रचनात्मक / सकारात्मक
18. **Differ** (verb) - diverge, vary, deviate, disagree, dissent भिन्न होना
19. **Descend** (verb) - sink, plunge, degenerate, deteriorate, slide गिरना / अवनति होना
20. **Stance** (noun) - position, posture, attitude, standpoint, outlook दृष्टिकोण / रुख
21. **Substantial** (adjective) - significant, considerable, sizable, meaningful, solid पर्याप्त / महत्वपूर्ण
22. **Détente** (noun) - easing, relaxation, appeasement, pacification, conciliation देशों के बीच तनाव में कमी
23. **Metric** (noun) - measure, standard, gauge, criterion, benchmark मापदंड
24. **Step up** (phrasal verb) - to increase the amount, speed, or intensity of something बढ़ाना / तेज़ करना
25. **Emphasise** (verb) - stress, highlight, underline, accent, reinforce ज़ोर देना
26. **Green light** (phrase) - permission to proceed with a project or action अनुमति देना / हरी झंडी दिखाना

27. **Lead to** (phrasal verb) - to cause something to happen or exist परिणाम होना / कारण बनना
28. **Bruising** (adjective) - harsh, damaging, grueling, severe, punishing नुकसानदेह / कष्टप्रद
29. **Dynamics** (noun) - forces, mechanics, factors, drivers, interactions गतिशीलता / प्रेरक शक्तियां
30. **Pre-eminent** (adjective) - foremost, supreme, leading, dominant, paramount सर्वोपरि / सर्वश्रेष्ठ
31. **Come into question** (phrase) - to be doubted or to become uncertain संदेह के घेरे में आना
32. **Bide your time** (phrase) - to wait quietly for a good opportunity to do something सही समय का इंतज़ार करना
33. **Put it to** (phrasal verb) - to express or present a statement or question to someone किसी के सामने बात रखना
34. **Thucydides Trap** (noun) - a severe structural stress when a rising power challenges an established power बढ़ते और स्थापित देश के बीच अपरिहार्य युद्ध की स्थिति
35. **Inevitable** (adjective) - unavoidable, inescapable, certain, fated, sure अपरिहार्य / निश्चित
36. **Significance** (noun) - importance, consequence, weight, moment, relevance महत्व
37. **Navigate** (verb) - steer, guide, maneuver, handle, negotiate रास्ता खोजना / पार पाना
38. **Rivalry** (noun) - competition, contention, opposition, conflict, feud प्रतिद्वंद्विता
39. **Stand up to** (phrasal verb) - to defend oneself against a powerful person or country डटकर सामना करना / विरोध करना
40. **Dilute** (verb) - weaken, diminish, thin, attenuate, reduce कमजोर करना / धीमा करना

The Hindu Editorial: Stuttering Starmer (19 MAY 2026)

1. **Stuttering** (adjective) - faltering, hesitating, struggling, stumbling, wavering डगमगाता हुआ
2. **Fragmentation** (noun) - splintering, disintegration, fracturing, division, breakup विखंडन
3. **Unprecedented** (adjective) - unparalleled, unmatched, unequalled, extraordinary, novel अभूतपूर्व
4. **Tenability** (noun) - viability, validity, defensibility, soundness, feasibility तर्कसंगतता
5. **Ceding ground to** (phrase) - losing an advantage, position, or territory to a competitor or opponent के सामने पीछे हटना
6. **Mild-mannered** (adjective) - gentle, placid, peaceful, soft-spoken, docile नर्म स्वभाव वाला
7. **Referendum** (noun) - plebiscite, poll, ballot, popular vote, public vote जनमत संग्रह
8. **Bastion** (noun) - stronghold, fortress, bulwark, citadel, rampart गढ़
9. **Sweep** (verb) - clear, win clean, overwhelm, conquer, dominate पूरी तरह जीतना
10. **Mainstay** (noun) - pillar, backbone, anchor, support, cornerstone मुख्य आधार
11. **Projection** (noun) - forecast, prediction, estimation, calculation, prognosis पूर्वानुमान
12. **Follow** (verb) - succeed, ensue, trail, track, trail के पीछे आना
13. **Dominance** (noun) - supremacy, hegemony, ascendancy, dominion, authority प्रभुत्व
14. **Setback** (noun) - reversal, blow, check, hitch, mishap झटका
15. **Bodes ill** (phrase) - to be a sign of a bad or unfavorable outcome in the future अशुभ संकेत देना
16. **Continuation** (noun) - extension, resumption, maintenance, prolongation, persistence निरंतरता
17. **Call for** (phrasal verb) - to publicly demand, require, or request that something should happen मांग करना
18. **Step down** (phrasal verb) - to resign from an important position or office इस्तीफा देना
19. **Angle for** (phrasal verb) - meaning: to try to get something in an indirect or scheming way पाने की कोशिश करना
20. **Throne** (noun) - sovereignty, crown, kingdom, realm, monarchy सिंहासन
21. **Twists and turns** (phrase) - complicated, unexpected developments or changes in a situation उतार-चढ़ाव
22. **Unfold** (verb) - transpire, happen, occur, develop, manifest सामने आना
23. **Likely** (adverb) - probably, presumably, doubtlessly, plausibly, expectedly संभावित रूप से
24. **Inference** (noun) - deduction, conclusion, corollary, implication, judgment निष्कर्ष
25. **Revolving door** (noun) - a situation in which people or things enter and leave

- a place or organization very quickly dynamic और अस्थिर स्थिति
26. **Haunt** (verb) - plague, torment, obsess, beset, disturb परेशान करना
27. **Hasten** (verb) - accelerate, expedite, quicken, speed up, precipitate तेज करना
28. **Dawn** (noun) - beginning, advent, onset, inception, arrival शुरुआत
29. **Splinter** (verb) - fracture, shatter, disintegrate, split, crumble बिखर जाना
30. **Along the lines** (phrase) - roughly similar to, or in accordance with the principles of के तर्ज पर
31. **Nativist** (adjective) - xenophobic, chauvinistic, isolationist, ethnocentric, nationalistic मूलनिवासी-वादी
32. **Sweep** (verb) - engulf, spread, overrun, flood, pervade तेजी से फैलना
33. **A low hanging fruit for the likes** (phrase) - an easy target or easily obtainable objective for specific groups
- or individuals आसानी से शिकार बनने योग्य स्थिति
34. **Ideologue** (noun) - dogmatist, zealot, theorist, partisan, fanatic कट्टर सिद्धांतवादी
35. **Meanwhile** (adverb) - meantime, simultaneously, concurrently इस बीच
36. **Unenviable** (adjective) - undesirable, unpleasant, difficult, disagreeable, thankless अवांछनीय
37. **Factionalised** (adjective) - divided, split, partisan, fragmented, discordant गुटों में बंटा हुआ
38. **Robust** (adjective) - strong, resilient, sturdy, vigorous, powerful मजबूत
39. **Daunting** (adjective) - intimidating, formidable, frightening, discouraging, challenging चुनौतीपूर्ण
40. **Spiralling** (adjective) - soaring, skyrocketing, escalating, compounding, surging लगातार बढ़ता हुआ
41. **Upheaval** (noun) - disruption, turmoil, disturbance, disorder, chaos उथल-पुथल

The Hindu Editorial: Unlearnt lessons (20 MAY 2026)

1. **Hike** (verb) - increase, raise, escalate, elevate, boost बढ़ाना
2. **Bleed** (verb) - lose, drain, hemorrhaging, depleting, exhausting भारी नुकसान होना
3. **Austerity** (noun) - economy, frugality, thrift, severity, abstinence तपस्या या किफायत
4. **Drain** (noun) - depletion, outflow, consumption, reduction, exhaustion बर्बादी या क्षय
5. **Depreciation** (noun) - devaluation, decline, fall, slump, depreciation मूल्यहास
6. **Point to** (phrasal verb) - to indicate, suggest, or draw attention to something की ओर इशारा करना
7. **Address** (verb) - tackle, handle, confront, attend to, resolve सुलझाना या ध्यान देना
8. **Decade** (noun) - ten-year period दशक
9. **Build out** (phrasal verb) - to expand, develop, or create a larger infrastructure or system व्यापक स्तर पर निर्माण करना
10. **Strategic** (adjective) - tactical, calculated, deliberate, planned, critical रणनीतिक
11. **Conceive** (verb) - design, devise, formulate, originate, imagine परिकल्पना करना
12. **Following** (preposition) - after, subsequent to के बाद
13. **Vulnerability** (noun) - susceptibility, defenselessness, exposure, weakness, helplessness संवेदनशीलता
14. **Formalise** (verb) - validate, institutionalize, legalize, authorize, ratify औपचारिक रूप देना
15. **Amount to** (phrasal verb) - to add up to, equal, or be equivalent to total के बराबर होना
16. **In the aftermath of** (phrase) - as a consequence or result of a significant and usually unpleasant event के परिणामस्वरूप
17. **Starker** (adjective) - sharper, clearer, more distinct, harsher, more conspicuous अधिक स्पष्ट या कठोर
18. **Exposed** (adjective) - vulnerable, unprotected, defenseless, open, susceptible असुरक्षित या अनावृत
19. **Rely on** (phrasal verb) - to depend on or trust someone or something with confidence निर्भर होना
20. **Vital** (adjective) - crucial, essential, critical, key, indispensable अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण
21. **Adapt** (verb) - adjust, accommodate, acclimatize, conform, attune अनुकूल बनना
22. **Draw down** (phrasal verb) - to reduce the level or amount of a supply, resource, or dependence on something कम करना
23. **Economy** (noun) - the system through which a country produces, distributes, and uses goods and services अर्थव्यवस्था
24. **Hedge** (verb) - safeguard, protect, shield, insure, fortify बचाव करना
25. **Cushion** (verb) - soften, protect, shield, mitigate, absorb झटके से बचाना

26. **Defiance** (noun) - resistance, disobedience, rebellion, non-compliance, opposition अवज्ञा या चुनौती
27. **Sanction** (noun) - penalty, embargo, restriction, ban, boycott प्रतिबंध
28. **Pay off** (phrasal verb) - to yield good results or succeed after a period of effort or risk सफल होना या लाभ देना
29. **Handsomely** (adverb) - generously, substantially, significantly, abundantly, profusely बड़े पैमाने पर
30. **Autonomy** (noun) - the freedom or power to make your own decisions and govern yourself स्वायत्तता

The Hindu Editorial: Watch, but do not wait (21 MAY 2026)

1. **Wait and watch** (phrase) – It means delaying immediate action to carefully observe how a situation develops before making a move.
2. **Outbreak** (noun) - eruption, flare-up, surge, upsurge, outburst प्रकोप या महामारी का फैलना
3. **Alacrity** (noun) - eagerness, readiness, promptness, willingness, celerity तत्परता या मुस्तैदी
4. **Convention** (noun) - custom, tradition, practice, protocol, norm परंपरा या रूढ़ि
5. **Nevertheless** (adverb) - nonetheless, however, yet, still, notwithstanding फिर भी या तथापि
6. **Fete** (verb) - honor, praise, acclaim, celebrate, applaud सम्मानित करना या प्रशंसा करना
7. **Strain** (noun) - variant, variety, type, breed, kind वायरस या जीवाणु का प्रकार
8. **Efficacy** (noun) - effectiveness, potency, efficiency, power, success क्षमता या प्रभावकारिता
9. **Countermeasure** (noun) - prevention, defense, shield, safeguard, remedy निवारक उपाय या प्रति-साधन
10. **Untested** (adjective) - unproven, untried, experimental, exploratory, unverified अप्रमाणित या जिसकी जांच न हुई हो
11. **Confine to** (phrasal verb) - to restrict, limit, bound, enclose, or keep someone or something within a specific area strictly सीमित रखना
12. **Displacement** (noun) - dislocation, uprooting, eviction, expulsion, removal विस्थापन या जगह से हटाना
13. **Impaire** (verb) - damage, harm, worsen, weaken, diminish नुकसान पहुँचाना या कमजोर करना
14. **Suspected** (adjective) - dubious, doubtful, suspicious, questionable, unconfirmed संदिग्ध
15. **Province** (noun) - region, territory, state, sector, zone प्रांत या क्षेत्र
16. **Apparent** (adjective) - obvious, clear, evident, visible, manifest स्पष्ट या प्रत्यक्ष
17. **Clutch** (noun) - group, collection, bunch, cluster, batch समूह या पकड़
18. **Cluster** (noun) - group, bunche, gathering, assemblage, collection झुंड या समूह
19. **Point toward** (phrasal verb) - to indicate that something is likely to happen or be true किसी बात की ओर इशारा करना
20. **Risk-averse** (adjective) - cautious, careful, guarded, chary, wary जोखिम से बचने वाला
21. **Deal with** (phrasal verb) - to take action to do something, handle a situation, or manage a problem सामना करना या निपटना
22. **Fatality rate** (noun) - the proportion of deaths within a designated population of people affected by a particular disease मृत्यु दर

23. **Mortality rate** (noun) - the number of deaths in a given area or period, or from a particular cause मृत्यु दर
24. **Contagious** (adjective) - infectious, transmissible, communicable, catching, spreading संक्रामक
25. **Exposure** (noun) - contact, vulnerability, subjection, introduction, uncovering संपर्क में आना या अनावरण
26. **Contaminated** (adjective) - polluted, tainted, impure, infected, defiled दूषित या संक्रमित
27. **Vicious** (adjective) - ferocious, savage, violent, brutal, fierce क्रूर या भयानक
28. **Horrific** (adjective) - terrifying, horrifying, dreadful, shocking, ghastly भयानक या डरावना
29. **Result in** (phrasal verb) - to lead to, cause, produce, bring about, or end in a particular outcome का परिणाम होना
30. **Solicit** (verb) - request, seek, ask, implore, entreat मांगना या अनुरोध करना
31. **Unfailingly** (adverb) - always, constantly, invariably, consistently, reliably हमेशा या बिना चूके
32. **Burial** (noun) - interment, entombment, funeral, sepulture, inhumation दफ़न या कफ़न-दफ़न
33. **Vaccination** (noun) - inoculation immunization injection, jabs booster टीकाकरण
34. **Mobilisation** (noun) - activation, organization, gathering, marshalling, deployment गतिशीलता या लामबंदी

The Indian Express Editorial: Europe's shift to centre (22 MAY 2026)

1. **Underscore** (verb) - emphasize, highlight, stress, accentuate, underline
रेखांकित करना
2. **Perception** (noun) - impression, understanding, view, awareness, discernment दृष्टिकोण
3. **Throughout** (preposition) - during, through शुरुआत से अंत तक
4. **Cold War** (noun) - a state of political hostility between countries characterized by threats, propaganda, and other measures short of open warfare शीत युद्ध
5. **Rivalry** (noun) - competition, contention, opposition, conflict, friction प्रतिद्वंद्विता
6. **Prolonged** (adjective) - extended, protracted, elongated, sustained, extensive दीर्घकालिक
7. **Give way to** (phrasal verb) -: to be replaced or superseded by something else का स्थान लेना / रास्ता देना
8. **Buoy** (verb) - encourage, uplift, hearten, inspire, cheer उत्साहित करना
9. **Following** (preposition) - after, post, succeeding के बाद
10. **Invasion** (noun) - incursion, onslaught, assault, raid, intrusion आक्रमण
11. **Alignment** (noun) - alliance, affiliation, association, agreement, coalition गठबंधन
12. **Strain** (noun) - tension, pressure, stress, burden, friction तनाव
13. **Unpredictable** (adjective) - erratic, volatile, mercurial, fickle, capricious अस्थिर
14. **Fragile** (adjective) - delicate, tenuous, flimsy, brittle, vulnerable कमजोर
15. **Détente** (noun) - the easing of hostility or strained relations, especially between countries संबंधों में सुधार
16. **Reflect** (verb) - manifest, indicate, display, demonstrate, reveal दर्शाना
17. **Summit** (noun) - conference, meeting, conclave, parley, assembly शिखर सम्मेलन
18. **Central** (adjective) - pivotal, crucial, essential, core, focal मुख्य
19. **Pursuit** (noun) - quest, search, chase, seeking, endeavor तलाश
20. **Itinerary** (noun) - travel plan, schedule, route, agenda, program यात्रा कार्यक्रम
21. **Enormous** (adjective) - massive, colossal, immense, vast, gigantic विशाल
22. **Economy** (noun) - the system by which goods and services are produced, distributed, and used in a country or region अर्थव्यवस्थाएं
23. **Pivotal** (adjective) - crucial, critical, vital, decisive, central केंद्रीय / अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण
24. **Sole** (adjective) - exclusive, single, lone, unique, solitary एकमात्र
25. **Lithography** (noun) -: a printing process or method used in microchip manufacturing to print circuit patterns on silicon wafers शिलामुद्रण (चिप निर्माण तकनीक)
26. **Scale up** (phrasal verb) -: to increase the size, amount, or production level of something बढ़ाना

27. **Seek** (verb) - pursue, desire, strive, solicit, request चाहना / तलाश करना
28. **Procurement** (noun) - acquisition, obtaining, sourcing, securing, purchasing खरीद
29. **Diaspora** (noun) -: the dispersion or spread of any people from their original homeland प्रवासी नागरिक
30. **Meanwhile** (adverb) - simultaneously, concurrently, in the interim, meantime, at the same time इसी बीच
31. **De-risk** (verb) - to take steps to mitigate or reduce financial or geopolitical risk. जोखिम कम करना
32. **Bloc** (noun) - alliance, coalition, league, federation, faction गुट
33. **Retain** (verb) - maintain, keep, preserve, hold, conserve बनाए रखना
34. **Outlook** (noun) - viewpoint, perspective, attitude, stance, angle दृष्टिकोण
35. **Differ** (verb) - diverge, vary, deviate, contrast, disagree भिन्न होना
36. **Deepen** (verb) - intensity, strengthen, reinforce, heighten, augment गहरा करना
37. **Nordic countries** (noun) - a geographical and cultural region in northern Europe and the North Atlantic, including Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden नॉर्डिक देश
38. **Strengthen** (verb) - reinforce, fortify, consolidate, bolster, intensify मजबूत करना
39. **Cultivate** (verb) - foster, nurture, develop, promote, cherish विकसित करना
40. **Mutual** (adjective) - reciprocal, shared, interactive, cooperative, joint आपसी
41. **Realignment** (noun) - reorganization, restructuring, repositioning, adjustment, reshuffle पुनर्गठन
42. **Fray** (verb) - strain, weaken, erode, unravel, wear कमजोर होना
43. **Relevance** (noun) - significance, importance, pertinence, applicability, bearing प्रासंगिकता
44. **Ties** (noun) - bonds, relations, links, connections, associations संबंध
45. **Peripheral** (adjective) - secondary, marginal, auxiliary, minor, tangential गौण / कम महत्वपूर्ण

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1. **Caste away** (phrase) - to reject, discard, or cast aside completely दूर करना / त्याग देना
2. **Petition** (noun) - appeal, plea, suit, entreaty, application याचिका
3. **Seek** (to) (verb) - to try to achieve or attain something, to attempt प्रयास करना
4. **Stall** (verb) - delay, obstruct, hinder, impede, postpone रोकना / टालना
5. **Remark** (verb) - comment, observe, state, declare, mention टिप्पणी करना
6. **Turnaround** (noun) - reversal, about-turn, shift, u-turn, flip-flop रुख में बदलाव
7. **Enumeration** (noun) - counting, census, calculation, computation, listing जनगणना / गणना
8. **Alongside** (preposition) - with, together with, beside, next to के साथ-साथ
9. **Deride** (verb) - mock, ridicule, sneer, taunt, disparage उपहास उड़ाना
10. **Fracture** (verb) - break, split, divide, rupture, fragment विभाजित करना / तोड़ना
11. **Enumerate** (verb) - count, list, calculate, itemize, number गिनना
12. **Reinforce** (verb) - strengthen, bolster, support, fortify, consolidate सुदृढ़ करना
13. **Dismantle** (verb) - demolish, deconstruct, tear down, destroy, dismantle समाप्त करना / नष्ट करना
14. **Account for** (phrasal verb) to consider, explain, justify, include, or give a reason for शामिल करना / हिसाब देना
15. **Discrimination** (noun) - bias, prejudice, bigotry, unfairness, partisanship भेदभाव
16. **Bake** (verb) - establish, embed, entrench, incorporate, root अंतर्निहित होना
17. **Paradox** (noun) - contradiction, anomaly, puzzle, riddle, oxymoron विरोधाभास
18. **Clamour for** (phrase) - to demand something loudly and insistently ज़ोरदार माँग करना
19. **Manifestation** (noun) - expression, indication, exhibition, demonstration, reflection अभिव्यक्ति
20. **Overdue** (adjective) - delayed, late, belated, tardy, unpunctual बकाया / विलंबित
21. **Decennial** (adjective) – Period of ten years. दस-वार्षिक
22. **Take place** (phrase) - to happen, occur, transpire, unfold, come about आयोजित होना / घटित होना
23. **Have a bearing on** (phrase) - to have an effect or influence on something, to be relevant to प्रभाव डालना
24. **Of all sorts** (phrase) - of various kinds, of different types, miscellaneous तरह-तरह के
25. **Considerable** (adjective) - substantial, significant, sizeable, appreciable, ample महत्वपूर्ण / काफी
26. **Render** (verb) - make, leave, cause to become, turn, drive बना देना

27. **Finding** (noun) - conclusion, discovery, result, outcome, verdict निष्कर्ष / परिणाम
28. **Grapple with** (phrasal verb) to struggle to deal with or overcome a difficult problem जूझना
29. **Detract** (verb) - divert, distract, diminish, lessen, reduce कम करना / ध्यान भटकाना
30. **Eradicate** (verb) - eliminate, abolish, uproot, exterminate, annihilate जड़ से मिटाना
31. **Ossify** (verb) - harden, rigidify, freeze, stagnate, petrify रूढ़िबद्ध करना / कड़ा करना
32. **Annihilation** (noun) - destruction, eradication, elimination, wiping out, extirpation विनाश / उन्मूलन