

THE DAILY HINDU WORDS 24TH MARCH 2020

1. **Opportunism** (Noun): the taking of opportunities as and when they arise, regardless of planning or principle. अवसरवाद, मौक़ापरस्ती
 - "he was accused of political opportunism"
 - **Similar:** expediency, exploitation, taking advantage, Machiavellianism
2. **Sanguine** (Adj.): optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation. आशावादी, जीवनानंद
 - "he is sanguine about prospects for the global economy"
 - **Similar:** optimistic, bullish, hopeful, buoyant, positive, confident
3. **Inkling** (Noun): a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint. आभास, संकेत
 - "the records give us an inkling of how people saw the world"
 - **Similar:** idea, vague idea, notion, glimmering, sense, impression
4. **Brownie points (Idiom):** Fictional points one earns for doing a good deed. तोहफ़े के समान
 - **Further Explanation:** Coming from the Girl Scout's Brownies level, "brownie points" refer to when a girl does a good deed, she earns points. Many times when this idiom is used in the workplace, it can be interpreted as sarcasm but not as strong as the term "brown noser." Sometimes this idiom is just a simple way of saying you did a good job.
 - **Examples:**
 - By getting to the office early and setting up the boardroom exactly as the boss likes it, Bob got brownie points.
 - Joshua was trying to score brownie points with the teacher when he brought her a shiny red apple.
5. **Bipartisanship** (Noun): agreement or cooperation between two political parties that usually oppose each other's policies. द्विपक्षीयता
 - "a renewed spirit of political bipartisanship"
6. **Replicate** (Verb): make an exact copy of; reproduce. दोहराना, उत्तर देना, दोहराया जाना
 - "it might be impractical to replicate Eastern culture in the west"
 - **Similar:** copy, reproduce, duplicate, make a copy of, make a replica of
7. **Spectre** (Noun): a ghost. काली छाया, भूत
 - "a dread of spectres and witches affected every aspect of daily life"
 - **Similar:** ghost, phantom, apparition, spirit, wraith, shadow, presence, illusion
 - **something widely feared as a possible unpleasant or dangerous occurrence.**
 - "the spectre of nuclear holocaust"
 - **Similar:** threat, menace, shadow, cloud, vision, prospect, danger
8. **Sceptre** (Noun): an ornamented staff carried by rulers on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of sovereignty.
 - "imperial regalia of orb and sceptre"
 - प्रभुत्व—domination, dominion, ascendancy, supremacy
 - राजाधिकार
 - राज-दंड
9. **Frayed** (Adj.): (of a fabric, rope, or cord) unravelled or worn at the edge. अस्तव्यस्त
 - "the frayed collar of her old coat"
 - **(of a person's nerves or temper) showing the effects of strain.**
 - "an effort to soothe frayed nerves"
10. **Cessation** (Noun): the fact or process of ending or being brought to an end. समाप्ति, अंत, विराम
 - "the cessation of hostilities"
 - **Similar:** end, ending, termination, stopping, halting, ceasing, finish
11. **Galvanize** (Verb): shock or excite (someone) into taking action. प्रेरित करना
 - "the urgency of his voice **galvanized** them into action"
 - **Similar:** jolt, shock, startle, impel, stir, spur, prod, urge
12. **Stranded** (Adj.): (of a boat, sailor, or sea creature) left aground on a shore. असहाय, फँसा हुआ
 - "a stranded whale"
 - **left without the means to move from somewhere.**
 - "she offers a lift to a stranded commuter"
13. **Unwittingly** (Adv.): without being aware; unintentionally. बेइरादा, अनिच्छापूर्वक
 - "many users unwittingly expose their personal details to strangers online"
14. **Tenuous** (Adj.): very weak or slight. थोड़ा, तुच्छ
 - "the tenuous link between interest rates and investment"
 - **Similar:** slight, insubstantial, flimsy, negligible, weak, fragile, shaky, sketchy
 - **Opposite:** convincing, substantial, strong
 - **very slender or fine; insubstantial.** महीन
 - "a tenuous cloud"
 - **Similar:** fine, thin, slender, attenuated, delicate, gossamer, fragile
15. **Subsistence** (Noun): the action or fact of maintaining or supporting oneself, especially at a minimal level. जीवन निर्वाह
 - "the minimum income needed for subsistence"
 - **Similar:** maintenance, keep, upkeep, support, livelihood, living
16. **Breather** (Noun): a person or animal that breathes in a particular way.
 - "a heavy breather"
 - **INFORMAL: a brief pause for rest.** मोहलत
 - "let's take a breather"

- **Similar:** break, rest, pause, interval, respite, breathing space, lull
- 17. Mettle (Noun):** a person's ability to cope well with difficulties; spirit and resilience. **उत्साह, प्रकृति, तेज**
- "the team showed their true mettle in the second half"
- **Similar:** spirit, fortitude, tenacity, strength of character, moral fibre, steel
- 18. Terrain (Noun):** a stretch of land, especially with regard to its physical features. **भूखंड**
- "they were delayed by rough terrain"
- **Similar:** land, ground, territory, topography, landscape, countryside
- 19. Emergent (Adj.):** in the process of coming into being or becoming prominent. **आकस्मिक, अप्रत्याशित, अचानक**
- "the emergent democracies of eastern Europe"
- **Similar:** emerging, beginning, coming out, arising, dawning, developing
- 20. Difference between emerging and emergent:** The difference is that **emerging** is becoming prominent; newly formed; **emergent**; rising while **emergent** is arising unexpectedly, especially if also calling for immediate reaction; constituting an emergency.
- 21. As the crow flies,** similar to in a beeline, is an **idiom** for the most direct path between two points. **सीधे लक्ष्य में**
- We cut over the fields at the back with him between us – straight **as the crow flies** – through hedge and ditch.
- 22. Ambush (Noun):** a surprise attack by people lying in wait in a concealed position.
- **एकाएक आक्रमण करने के लिये छिपकर रहना**
- "seven members of a patrol were killed in an ambush"
- **Similar:** surprise attack, trap, snare, pitfall, lure, ambushade
- 23. Pin down (Phrasal Verb):**
- If you try to **pin something down**, you try to discover exactly what, where, or when it is.
- It has taken until now to pin down its exact location. [VERB PARTICLE noun]
- I can only pin it down to between 1936 and 1942. [VERB noun PARTICLE + to]
- If we cannot pin down exactly what we are supposed to be managing, how can we manage it?
- If you **pin someone down**, you force them to make a decision or to tell you what their decision is, when they have been trying to avoid doing this.
- She couldn't pin him down to a date. [V n P + to/on]
- ...their repeated efforts to pin him down on a number of topics. [V n Pto/on n]
- If you pin people down, they will tell you some puzzling things about stress.
- **दबाना, बाँधना, बाध्य करना, मजबूर करना, स्पष्ट व्याख्या करना, चिमटाना, बात पकड़ना**
- 24. Vet (Verb):** make a careful and critical examination of (something).
- "proposals for vetting large takeover bids"
- **Similar:** screen, assess, evaluate, appraise, weigh up, examine, look over, review, consider, scrutinize, study, inspect, investigate, censor, check, redact, check out, check up on, probe, research, look into, delve into, dig into, search into, give something a/the once-over, size up
- **investigate (someone) thoroughly, especially in order to ensure that they are suitable for a job requiring secrecy, loyalty, or trustworthiness.**
- "each applicant will be vetted by police"
- **भली प्रकार जाँच करना, इलाज कराना, पशु चिकित्सक के रूप में काम करना**
- 25. Rout (Noun):** a disorderly retreat of defeated troops. **घोर पराजय**
- "the retreat degenerated into a rout"
- **Similar:** disorderly retreat, retreat, flight
- 26. Eventuality (Noun):** a possible event or outcome. **हालात, इमकान, अवसर, संभावना**
- "be prepared for all eventualities"
- **Similar:** event, incident, occurrence, happening, development
- 27. Improvise (Verb):** create and perform (music, drama, or verse) spontaneously or without preparation. **तात्कालिक व्यवस्था**
- "he invited actors to improvise dialogue"
- **Similar:** extemporize, ad lib, speak impromptu, make it up as one goes along, think on one's feet, take it as it comes, speak off the cuff, play it by ear, busk it, wing it, impromptu, improvisational
- **Opposite:** prepared, rehearsed
- **produce or make (something) from whatever is available. कामचलाऊ व्यवस्था करना**
- "I improvised a costume for myself out of an old blue dress"
- **Similar:** contrive, devise, throw together, cobble together, concoct, rig