

THE DAILY HINDU WORDS 25TH MARCH 2020

1. **Write down (Noun):** A **write-down** is the accounting term used to describe a reduction in the book value of an asset due to economic or fundamental changes in the asset. A **write-down** is the opposite of a **write-up**. अवलेखन
 - **FINANCE:** a reduction in the estimated or nominal value of an asset.
2. **High and dry (Idiom):** out of the water, especially stranded by the sea as it retreats. निस्सहाय
 - "when the tide goes out, a lot of boats are **left high and dry**"
 - "your family would be **left high and dry** by the death of the breadwinner"
 - **Similar:** destitute, bereft, helpless.
3. **Savvy (Adj.):** shrewd and knowledgeable; having common sense and good judgement. जानकार
 - "Bob is a savvy veteran who knows all the tricks"
 - **Similar:** shrewd, astute, sharp-witted, sharp, acute, intelligent, clever, canny, media-savvy, perceptive, perspicacious, sagacious
 - **Opposite:** stupid, gullible
 - **well informed about or experienced in a particular domain.**
 - "most of us are pretty web-savvy"
4. **Plead ignorance (Idiom):** to say that one knows nothing about something.
 - When asked about the reasons for these drastic changes, she **pleaded/pled ignorance**.
5. **Built-in (adjective):** built so as to be an integral and permanent part of a larger construction: The wall has a built-in bookcase.
 - अन्तर्निहित, सन्निहित
 - Existing as a natural or characteristic part of something; inherent: a built-in contempt for daydreaming.
6. **Built-in (Noun):** a built-in piece of furniture or appliance.
 - an additional feature or capability, as of a machine or a service: a car with power steering, power brakes, and other built-ins.
7. **Up in arms (Phrase):** protesting vigorously about something. कड़ा विरोध होना
 - "teachers are **up in arms** about new school tests"
8. **Viable (Adj.):** capable of working successfully; feasible.
 - "the proposed investment was economically viable"
 - **Similar:** workable, feasible, practicable, practical, applicable, usable
 - अर्थक्षम, जीवनक्षम, जीव्य, वर्धनक्षम, विकासक्षम, व्यवहार्य, साध्य, सुकर, बड़ी जीवन-शक्ति का
9. **Rosy (adj.):** promising or suggesting good fortune or happiness; hopeful. उज्वल, आनंदित, चित्ताकर्षक
 - "the strategy has produced results beyond the most rosy forecasts"
- **Similar:** promising, full of promise, optimistic, auspicious, hopeful
10. **Take down a notch:**
 - Also, take **down** a peg:
 - Deflate or humble someone, as in He's so arrogant that I wish someone would take him **down** a **notch**, or that defeat took them **down** a peg.
 - Both **notch** and peg in this idiom allude to a series, the former of indentations, the latter of knobs, used to raise or lower something.
11. **Festering (Adj.):** (of a wound or sore) forming pus; septic.
 - "a festering abscess"
 - **(of food or waste) rotten and offensive to the senses.**
 - "piles of festering rubbish"
 - **(of a negative feeling or a problem) becoming worse or more intense, especially through long-term neglect or indifference.**
 - "they had ignored festering social problems"
12. **Diligence (Noun):** careful and persistent work or effort. परिश्रम, अध्यवसाय, लगन, परिश्रमशीलता, कर्मठता
 - "few party members challenge his diligence as an MP"
 - **Similar:** conscientiousness, assiduousness, assiduity, industriousness, rigour
13. **Fiduciary (Adj.):**
 - **LAW:** involving trust, especially with regard to the relationship between a trustee and a beneficiary. न्यासीय
 - "the company has a fiduciary duty to shareholders"
 - **FINANCE:** (of a paper currency) depending for its value on securities (as opposed to gold) or the reputation of the issuer. विश्वासार्थित
 - **Noun:** a trustee. ज़िम्मेदार व्यक्ति
14. **Muster (Verb):** assemble (troops), especially for inspection or in preparation for battle.
 - एकत्रित होना, इकट्ठा करना, एकत्र करना, इकट्ठा करना, इकट्ठा होना
 - "17,000 men had been mustered on Haldon Hill"
 - **Similar:** assemble, bring together, call together, marshal, mobilize, rally, round up, raise, summon, gather, gather together, mass, collect, convene, call up, call to arms, recruit, conscript
 - **Opposite:** disperse
 - **collect or assemble (a number or amount).**
 - "he could fail to muster a majority"
15. **Nebulous (Adj.):** in the form of a cloud or haze; hazy. अनिश्चित, अस्पष्ट, धुंधला
 - "a giant nebulous glow"
 - **Similar:** indistinct, indefinite, unclear, vague, hazy, cloudy, fuzzy, misty, lacking definition, blurred, blurry, out of focus, foggy, faint,

shadowy, dim, obscure, shapeless, formless, unformed, amorphous

- **Opposite:** clear
- **(of a concept) vague or ill-defined.**
- "nebulous concepts like quality of life"
- **Similar:** vague, ill-defined, unclear, hazy, uncertain, indefinite

16. Dilapidate (Verb): cause (something) to fall into disrepair or ruin. **नष्ट करना**

- "a ruined Chappell, built by the Spaniard, and dilapidated by the Dutch"

17. Wait in the wings (Idiom): If someone or something is **waiting in the wings**, they are not yet active or important, but are ready or likely to be so soon: The team has several talented young players **waiting in the wings**. कोने में अपनी बारी का इंतज़ार करना

18. Changing of the guard (Phrase) It refer to a situation in which there is a dramatic or big **change**, and a "**changing of the guard**" is basically a time in which new people are replacing other people in positions of importance.

19. Char (Verb): partially burn so as to blacken the surface. **झुलसाना, झुलसा देना, जलकर कोयला बनना, जलाकर कोयला बनाना**

- "a region charred by bush fires"
- **Similar:** scorch, burn, singe, sear, blacken, discolour, toast

20. Makeshift (Adj.): acting as an interim and temporary measure. **अस्थायी**

- "arranging a row of chairs to form a makeshift bed"
- **Similar:** temporary, make-do, provisional, stopgap, standby, rough and ready, substitute, emergency, improvised, ad hoc, impromptu, extemporary, extempore, thrown together, cobbled together
- **Opposite:** permanent

21. Statutory (Adj.): required, permitted, or enacted by statute. **वैधानिक**

- "statutory controls over prices"
- **having come to be required or expected through being done or made regularly.**
- "the statutory Christmas phone call to his mother"

22. Statute (Noun): a written law passed by a legislative body. **क़ानून**

- "the Act consolidated statutes dealing with non-fatal offences"
- **Similar:** law, regulation, enactment, act, bill, decree, edict, rule, ruling, promulgation, measure, motion, dictum
- **a rule of an organization or institution.**
- "the appointment will be subject to the statutes of the university"

23. Difference between constitution and statute:

- The **constitution** is the supreme law of a nation. No act of government can contradict it.
- A **statute** is a law or act by a legislature.
- The **constitution** forms the foundation of **laws** for how a government works.

24. Statuette (Noun): a small statue or figurine, especially one that is smaller than life-size. **लघु प्रतिमा**

25. Conspicuous (Adj.): clearly visible. **विशिष्ट, सुस्पष्ट**

- "he was very thin, with a conspicuous Adam's apple"
- **attracting notice or attention.**
- "he showed conspicuous bravery"
- **Similar:** easily seen, clear, visible

26. Cognisable offence (Noun): Generally, **cognisable offence** means an **offences** in which a police officer has the authority to make an arrest without a warrant and to start an investigation with or without the permission of a court.

- संज्ञेय अपराध

27. Rampant (Adj.): (especially of something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked. **अनियंत्रित**

- "political violence was rampant"
- **Similar:** uncontrolled, unrestrained, unchecked, unbridled, widespread

28. Walk the extra mile (Idiom): It is usually meant to go beyond one's ability or to make a special effort to accomplish. As they say, stretch oneself. **Walk the extra mile** is not just to **walk** more than required. It is a biblical expression.

- अतिरिक्त प्रयास की जरूरत