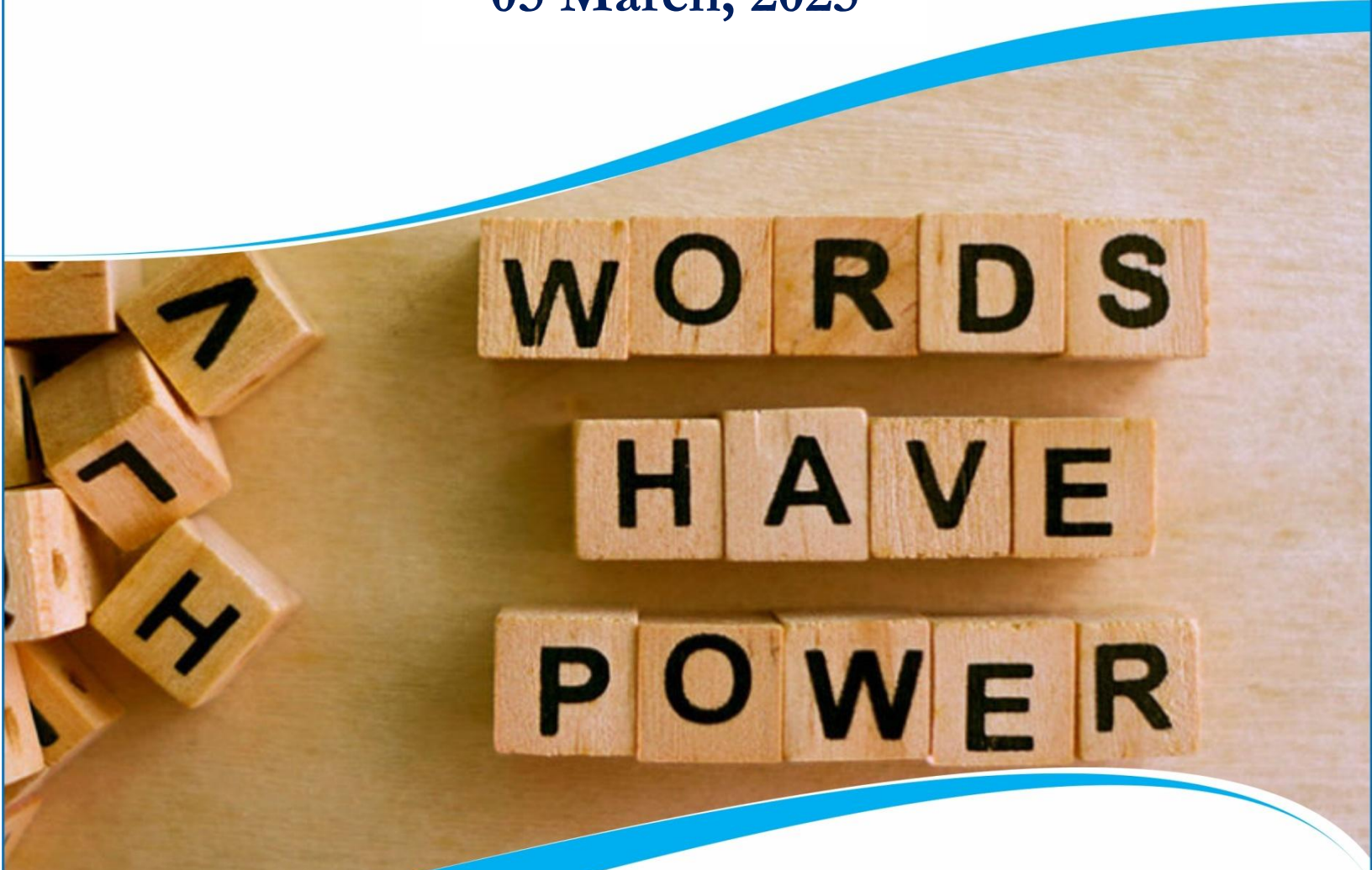


# DAILY VOCAB DOSE

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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

**Happy learning!!!**

### 1. STIFLE (VERB) : दबाना

**Pronunciation:**stai·fl

**Meaning:** to stop something happening, developing or continuing.

**Synonyms:** suffocate, choke, smother

**Antonyms:** inspire, breathe, revive

**Sentence:** The children tried to stifle their laughter during class but couldn't hold back their giggles for long.

### 2. STARTLE (VERB) : डराना

**Pronunciation:**staa·tl

**Meaning:** cause to feel sudden shock or alarm.

**Synonyms:** shock, stun, astonish

**Antonyms:** assure, soothe, cheer

**Sentence:** If the music is too loud, it will startle the sleeping baby.

### 3. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE) : कठोर

**Pronunciation:**ka·luhs

**Meaning:** showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

**Synonyms:** ruthless, merciless, heartless

**Antonyms:** sympathetic, compassionate, merciful

**Sentence:** The professor was callous and cold, and no one wanted to remain the class.

### 4. ANTECEDENT (NOUN) : पूर्वपद

**Pronunciation:**an·tuh·see·dnt

**Meaning:** a thing that existed before or logically precedes another.

**Synonyms:** previous, preceding, earliest

**Antonyms:** subsequent, later, after

**Sentence:** It is no longer what it was antecedent to the Revolution.

### 5. MISDEMEANOURS (NOUN) : अपराध

**Pronunciation:**mis·de·mean·or

**Meaning:** an action that is slightly bad or breaks a rule but is not a crime.

**Synonyms:** violation, trespass, misconduct

**Antonyms:** innocence, obedience, goodness

**Sentence:** He is charged with several misdemeanors, including driving without a valid license and creating a disturbance.

### 6. MACABRE (ADJECTIVE): भयंकर

**Pronunciation:** muh·kaa·bruh

**Meaning:** unpleasant and frightening because it is connected with death.

**Synonyms:** grisly, grim, gory

**Antonyms:** pleasant, delightful, welcome

**Sentence:** A macabre series of murders shocked us.

### 7. PORTENTOUS (ADJECTIVE) : अमंगल

**Pronunciation:** paw·tent·uhs

**Meaning:** too serious and trying to be very important; giving a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen.

**Synonyms:** ominous, sinister, menacing

**Antonyms:** favorable, promising, propitious

**Sentence:** Mark's portentous voice made him the perfect narrator for the horror movie.

### 8. TRAFFICKING (VERB) : तस्करी

**Pronunciation:** tra·fuhk·uhng

**Meaning:** deal or trade in something illegal.

**Synonyms:** trading, smuggling, selling

**Antonyms:** boycotting, blacking, blackballing

**Sentence:** The abduction and trafficking of babies has been a problem in China for decades

### 9. OVERKILL (NOUN) : अति करना

**Pronunciation:** oh·vuh·kil

**Meaning:** much more of something than is needed, resulting in less effectiveness.

**Synonyms:** surplus, excess, overflow

**Antonyms:** Deficiency, deficit, insufficiency

**Sentence:** Some die-hard Sonic fans have been disappointed with some of the annoying characters and overkill of unnecessary video clips.

### 10. DISSEMINATE (VERB) : प्रसार

**Pronunciation:** duh·seh·muh·nayt

**Meaning:** spread (something, especially information) widely.

**Synonyms:** propagate, spread, circulate

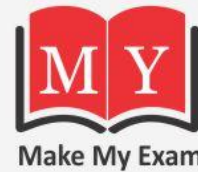
**Antonyms:** repress, suppress, stifle

**Sentence:** One of the organization's aims is to disseminate information about the disease.

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