

# **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. THEOCRACY (noun) : धर्मतन्त्र**

**Pronunciation:** thee·aw·kruh·see

**Meaning:** a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god.

**Synonyms:** monarchism, monarchy, monocracy

**Antonyms:** democracy, self-governance, self-government

**Sentence:** Under a theocracy, an entire nation officially follows one religion.

### **2. PROSELYTIZING (noun) : धर्मांतरण**

**Pronunciation:** praw·suh·luht·ize·uhng

**Meaning:** the action of attempting to convert someone from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.

**Synonyms:** converting, proselyting

**Antonyms:** secularizing, dissuading

**Sentence:** He strongly disapproved of the proselytizing that went on under the cloak of humanitarianism.

### **3. CEDE (verb) : त्यागना**

**Pronunciation:** seed

**Meaning:** give up (power or territory).

**Synonyms:** surrender, hand over, relinquish

**Antonyms:** keep, retain, withhold

**Sentence:** The General had promised to cede power by January.

### **4. CURTAIL (verb) : घटाना**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·tayl

**Meaning:** reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

**Synonyms:** reduce, decrease, lessen

**Antonyms:** increase, maximize, boost

**Sentence:** We must try to curtail our spending.

### **5. PROVENANCE (noun) : उत्पत्ति**

**Pronunciation:** praw·vuh·nuhns

**Meaning:** the place of origin or earliest known history of something.

**Synonyms:** origin, source, place of origin

**Antonyms:** conclusion, effect, result.

**Sentence:** The provenance of the paintings is unknown.

## 6. DOLDRUMS (noun) : निष्क्रिय

**Pronunciation:** dole·druhmz

**Meaning:** a state or period of inactivity, stagnation, or depression.

**Synonyms:** inactive, quiet, dormancy

**Antonyms:** continuance, continuation

**Sentence:** Recent economic doldrums have damaged the rural west.

## 7. REVERED (verb) : सम्मान

**Pronunciation:** ruh·veeuhd

**Meaning:** feel deep respect or admiration for (something).

**Synonyms:** respect, admire, esteem

**Antonyms:** blasphemed, desecrated, profaned

**Sentence:** Nelson Mandela is revered for his brave fight against apartheid.

## 8. WILLY-NILLY (adv.) : बिना सोचे समझे

**Pronunciation:** WILLY-NILLY

**Meaning:** without definite aim, direction, rule, or method

**Synonyms:** aimlessly, desultorily, randomly

**Antonyms:** methodically, systematically

**Sentence:** The government was dragged willy-nilly into the confrontation.

## 9. FEDERATE (verb) : एक संस्था में सम्मिलित करना

**Pronunciation:** 'fedəreit

**Meaning:** (with reference to a number of states or organizations) form or be formed into a single centralized unit, within which each state or organization keeps some internal autonomy.

**Synonyms:** confederate, combine, ally

**Antonyms:** segregate, separate, split

**Sentence:** in 1901 the six colonies federated to form the Commonwealth of Australia

## 10. PITTANCE (noun) : अल्प भाग

**Pronunciation:** pi·tns

**Meaning:** a very small or inadequate amount of money paid to someone as an allowance or wage.

**Synonyms:** very small amount, a tiny amount, an insufficient amount

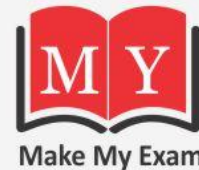
**Antonyms:** big buck, treasure, bundle

**Sentence:** The internship offers only a pittance of a salary, but it is a great opportunity to gain experience.

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