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- WORDS FROM NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

Lack of demand is hobbling the economy's animal spirits, says RBI

- Hobble (V)
To cause to limp
To walk or move along haltingly or with difficulty
- Animal Spirits
Cheerful and exuberant, boisterousness ,excess of energy, vital force

Why the debauched bachelor party is dying

- Debauched
 - To corrupt morally
 - To reduce the value
 - To reduce quality

An iron-fisted approach

- Iron-fisted
ruthless, tyrannical

UNSC censures Pak, China over persecution

- Censure
criticise harshly, condemn
An expression of strong disapproval or criticism
- Persecution
The act or practice of persecuting on the basis of race religion, gender, sexual orientation or beliefs that differ from those of the persecutor

Techie from Chennai held for cyber-bullying

- Cyber-Bullying

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying or harassment using electronic forms of contact. Harmful bullying behaviour can include posting rumours about a person, threats, sexual remarks disclose victims personal information or pejorative labels (hate speech). There can be repeated behaviour and an intent to harm.

KTR rues lack of support for cantonment development

- Rue (V)
To feel regret, remorse or sorrow

Thaw in Sino-US trade war could lift market sentiments

- Thaw
To change from a frozen solid to a liquid by gradual warming

A softening of stance by China in its trade war against the US is likely to boost equity market

India, UK spar over protests

- Spar: (V)
To fight with an opponent in a short bout ,
argument, dispute

‘Media freedom in Valley throttled by clampdown’

- Throttle: (N)
A valve that regulates the flow of a fluid
- Throttle: (V)
to obstruct, to stop
- At Full Throttle: at maximum speed, effort

Letter to SEBI suggests Indigo promoters' tussle far from over

- Tussle: (V)
To struggle roughly, scuffle

India's unemployment rate could be on a graveyard spiral

- Graveyard Spiral:
In aviation, a graveyard spiral is a type of dangerous spiral dive entered into accidentally by a pilot who is not trained. It is a suicide spiral, deadly spiral

India wouldn't balk at using force to defend itself.

- Balk: (V)
 - To stop short & refuse to go on
 - To refuse abruptly
 - An incomplete or misleading motion

Assam NRC is an expensive farce; just bury it.

- Farce:
 - Alight dramatic work
 - A mockery
 - Empty show
 - A humorous play

Planning and full disclosure keys to bequeathing of wealth

- Bequeathing: (V)
 - to leave or give personal property by will
 - to pass to another
 - to dispose of by last will

Mid-range houses could be affordable as Government plans to tweak scheme

- Tweak: (V)
To pinch, twist sharply
To adjust, fine tune
Adjustment
Minor alteration
A sudden sharp pull

Time to strike the gavel

- Gavel: (N)
A small mallet one that an auctioneer raps to mark the end of transaction
One that judge raps to signal for order
Raps: Hit, strike, knock, tap

While the Jalan panel enables surplus payouts, it ring-fences RBI's legacy reserves from the centre

- Ring-Fence: is a virtual barrier that segregates of money protect the assets from the rest

Questions on RBI's credibility outlandish, says Nirmila

- Outlandish (Adj)
Conspicuously unconventional bizarre, strange, remote, idiosyncratic
Idiosyncratic (N): Temperamental peculiarity , An unusual reaction

Brilliant strategist who was known for pithy one-liners

- Pithy: (A)
 - Terse and vigorously expressive
 - Precisely meaningful, forceful and brief
 - Concise and full of meaning
 - a pithy comment
 - a pithy observation

Ahead of the visit of 15th Finance Commission to Telangana, the state government does not want a repeat of “robbing Peter to pay Paul”

- Robbing Peter to pay Paul:
It means to borrow money from one person to pay back money you borrowed from someone else

Intel agencies scramble for ways to fight fresh challenge

- Scramble: (V)
move hurriedly
struggle or compete with others for something in an eager or uncontrolled and undignified way

Government squeezes Pak trade, more curbs to follow

- Squeezes: (V)
Force someone or something out of an activity or post
manage to force into or through a narrow or restricted space

A village of 'hooch widows'

- Hooch Widows:

They are those who have lost their husbands to **hooch**, the noxious alcoholic concoction that sometimes comes mixed with deadly urea, battery fluid and chemicals for an instant and extra high. Pusaina itself has notoriously acquired the name of **'Widows' Village'**.

‘A shot in the arm’

- A shot in the arm:

Literally, an injection of drugs. This phrase can refer to both legal and illegal substances. that has a sudden, strong, positive effect on something:

Winning this award has been a **big shot in the arm for the team.**

Everyday voyeurism in a surveillance State

- Voyeur: (N)
A person who desires sexual gratification from covert observation of an unsuspecting person who is naked.
Engaging in sexual activity
To seek sexual gratification by secretively looking at sexual objects or acts

J&J ordered to pay \$ 572 million for opioid addiction crisis

- Opioid: Any of a various group of compounds that bind to specific receptors in central nervous system & have analgesic & narcotic effects.
Ex. Morpheme, methadone, oxycodone, endorphins

Market spooked by fading stimulus hopes, looming global recession fears.

- Spooked: frightened or startled
The guy looked sort of spooked.
Frightened from ghost spirit
Offensive slang A derogatory term for a black person

Stewing in the discount trap

- Stewing: (V)
 - To undergo cooking by boiling slowly or simmering
 - To suffer with oppressive heat
 - To be in a state of anxiety or agitation
 - Ex. In a stew over the lost keys

Miffed Zomato logs out of talks with restaurant owners

- Miffed: (N)
A bad-tempered mood, a petulant
A petty quarrel or argument, a tiff
To cause to become offended or annoyed

Karti's 'windfall' via share sale, asset buys during Chidambaram's tenure under lens

- Windfall:(N)
A sudden, unexpected piece of good fortune or financial gain
Something blown down by wind, esp a piece of fruit

Bankers underline need to tap the millennials

- Underline (V)
To emphasise, stress; to state forcibly, reinforce
- Millennials(N)
relating to the generation born from the early 1980s to late 1990s
- Millennial- relating to a millennium or span of a thousand year

When push comes to shove

- **When push comes to shove: Phrase**
When the pressure is on; when the situation is critical or urgent; when the time has come for action, even if it is difficult. He is not a particularly talented builder, but when **push comes to shove**, he can usually get the job done.
- **Shove: (V)**
To push quickly, forcefully, or roughly
Ex. Shoved the keys into his bag

A party engaging sports drama with a sense of deja vu.

- Deja vu: French word seen before; no originality, a feeling of having already experienced the present situation
It is a common intuitive experience
I entered the room and immediately felt a sense of deja vu

He stabbed her with knife and bludgeoned her with brick before driving away.

- Bludgeoned: (V) (bluj'en)
to hit with blunt instrument, to strike with strong force

a short heavy club= a short heavy stick thicker at one end

Corruption, nepotism reined in: PM

- Nepotism: (N)
The practice among those with power or influence of favouring relatives or friends by giving them jobs
- Rein: (N)
A means of controlling or checking
- Rein: (V)
To check or hold back by the use of Rein
Ex: The reins of government
Kept a tight rein on expenditure

With Amazon forest on fire, Brazil faces global backlash

- Backlash: (N)
a strong negative reactionary a large number of people, especially to a social or political development
Recoil

AP HC stays order nixing Polavaram power project

- Nix (V)
put an end to; cancel;
He nixed the deal just before it was to be signed

Enormity of money involved requires an in-depth probe

- Enormity: (N)
The great or extreme scale, seriousness, extent of something perceived as bad or morally wrong
I began to get a sense of the enormity of the task
- In-depth:(A)
Comprehensive and thorough

Ashwin's omission astonishing, says Gavaskar

- Astonishing: (V)
Greatly surprised

The leading voices of the world must be exemplars in every way

- Exemplars: (N)
One that is worthy of imitation; a perfect example or model

Government gives Beijing terse message at the meeting

- Terse: (A)
sparing in the use of words; stating to the point; crisp
- Tersely (Adverb)
- Terseness (N)

Governments must decide on religious congregations, keep courts out.

- Congregation: (N)
A group of people assembled for religious worship

A tribute to a quintessential finance man, BPR Vithal's traits of professionalism, pragmatism & an open mind, were what made him a colossus

- Quintessential: (N)
the most perfect example of a quality or class
A refined essence or extract of a substance
- Pragmatic (A)
dealing with things sensibly & realistically
- Colossus: (N)
a statue that is much bigger than life size

The then PM JL Nehru balked at the idea of using IAF to stem the Chinese tide

- Balked: (V)
hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or understanding
Thwart or hinder

Talk of unity was nothing more than a charade

- Charade: (N)
an absurd pretence intended to create a pleasant or respectable appearance

Talk gave leeway to India: China

- Leeway: (N)
 - The amount of freedom to move or act that is available
 - Margin of safety
 - The sideways drift of a ship to leeward of the desired course
 - The government having absolute majority has greater leeway to introduce reforms

Speaking at the Petrotech-2019, Modi said, “For too long, the world has seen crude prices on a roller-coaster

- Roller-Coaster: (N)
Something characterised by wild and unpredictable changes

Defaults became rampant.

- Rampant: (A)
Flourishing or spreading unchecked
Unrestrained in action or performance
A rich soil soon becomes home to rampant weeds

UK economy wilts as Brexit jitters hit business investments

- Wilt: (V)
loss of water, become limp through heat, lose energy vigour confidence
- Wilt (N)
fungal or bacterial disease of plants characterised by wilting of the foliage
- Jitters(N)
Feeling of extreme nervousness

ITC, Patanjali chart out plans to give haute couture an Indian touch

- Chart (N)
 - a geographical plan
 - a sheet of information in the form of table graph
 - Listing of the current bestselling books etc
- Haute couter (N)
 - expensive, fashionable clothes produced by leading fashion houses
 - the designing and making of haute couture clothing.

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