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Topic 1: Advantage BJP: On Maharashtra Assembly polls

WORD		MEANING	SYNONYMS
DISORIENTATE	VERB	Cause (someone) to lose their sense of direction.	Confused, Bewildered, Perplexed, Nonplussed
DECIMATE	VERB	Kill, destroy, or remove a large proportion of.	Get Rid Of, Eliminate, Do Away With, Remove, Suppress
MEEKLY	ADVERB	In a quiet, gentle, and submissive manner.	
TRUMP	VERB	Surpass (something) by saying or doing something better.	Outshine, Outclass, Upstage, Put In The Shade
FRAY	NOUN	A situation of intense competitive activity.	Battle, Engagement, Conflict, Armed Conflict, Figh
COCKTAIL	NOUN	A mixture of substances or factors, especially when dangerous or unpleasant.	
DISSENT	NOUN	The holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held.	Disagreement, Lack Of Agreement, Difference Of Opinion, Argument
CHIEFTAIN	NOUN	The leader of a people or clan.	Leader, Chieftain, Head, Headman, Ruler, Overlord, Master
PATRIARCH	NOUN	An older man who is powerful within an organization.	
APATHY	NOUN	Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.	Indifference, Lack Of Interest, Lack Of Enthusiasm, Lack Of Concern
ASCENDANT	ADJECTIVE	Rising in power or influence.	Rising, Rising In Power, In The Ascendant, On The Up And Up

Topic 2: A delicate balance: On the Socialists' win in Portugal

WORD		MEANING	SYNONYMS
RIGOUR	NOUN	The quality of being extremely thorough and careful.	Meticulousness, Thoroughness, Carefulness
SOBER	ADJECTIVE	Serious, sensible, solemn.	Severe, Earnest, Sedate, Staid, Dignified, Steady
FORGE	VERB	Create (something) strong, enduring, or successful.	Build, Build Up, Construct, Form, Create, Establish
LEVERAGE	NOUN	The power to influence a person or situation.	Influence, Power, Authority, Weight, Sway, Control
CONTRAPTION	NOUN	A machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe.	Device, Gadget, Apparatus, Machine
AUSTERITY	NOUN	Sternness or severity of manner or attitude.	Severity, Harshness, Rigidity, Rigidness
IMPASSE	NOUN	A situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock.	Deadlock, Dead End, Stalemate, Checkmate, Stand-off
ESCHEW	VERB	Deliberately avoid using; abstain from.	Abstain From, Refrain From, Give Up, Forgo, Forswear
WOEFULLY	ADVERB	In a manner expressing sorrow or misery.	Very Badly; Deplorably
PLAUDIT	NOUN	An expression of praise or approval.	Praise, Acclaim, Acclamation, Commendation, Congratulations,
RECTITUDE	NOUN	Morally correct behaviour or thinking; righteousness.	Righteousness, Goodness, Virtue, Moral Virtue, Morality, Honour