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## Article For Reading: Inaugural drama: On the 47<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.

Republican Donald Trump has been sworn in as the 47th President of the U.S. after his decisive victory in the November 2024 election. He marked the start of his second innings with a slew of executive orders, actions and directives that set the tenor for his administration's policy agenda over the four years. Significant among these are the nearly 1,600 pardons issued to those prosecuted for their role in the riot at the U.S. Capitol in 2021, the U.S.'s exit from the Paris Climate Agreement and the World Health Organization, the ending of birthright citizenship, protected under the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, for children of undocumented migrants and those on temporary visas, a proposed 100% tariff on BRICS nations — both of which could impact Indians considerably — and 25% tariff on Canada and Mexico from February 1, a declaration of national emergency on the U.S.'s southern border with Mexico, and reversing 78 executive orders and memoranda of his predecessor, Joe Biden. Striking optics of Mr. Trump's swearing-in was the positioning of tech bosses Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Sundar Pichai, and Mark Zuckerberg, prompting speculation on whether the incoming administration would have shades of a de facto "oligarchy";

and Mr. Musk, who is heading the new government's efforts to reduce waste and inefficiencies, giving a crowd what appeared to resemble a Nazi salute. As it stands, however, some, if not most, of these executive orders will face legal challenges — the attempted **reading down** of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment has already been challenged in court.

The note that the second Trump administration has struck in terms of its policy agenda appears to be **innately hostile** to the progressive agenda of the Democrats. To a considerable extent, that is to be expected, as the two parties diverge significantly on matters such as the economy, immigration and reproductive rights. Yet, previous Republican governments have often **sought** to build bridges with Democratic colleagues in Congress and at the State level, to find bipartisan **consensus** in key policy areas rather than risk **deadlock** and **internecine** conflicts over policy design and resource allocation. In this instance, however, the federal government trifecta and a sympathetic Supreme Court **stacked** with conservatives might mean that the Trump team needs to rely even less on support from across the aisle than it did during the Trump first term. Further, Mr. Trump appears to be **emboldened** by the breadth of his election victory to allow unconventional,

**Even bizarre, policy priorities to enter the proposed agenda, including ideas such as the takeover of the Panama Canal, the de-recognition of transgender rights, threatening Denmark with a plan to takeover Greenland, and the prospect of travel bans for certain countries. Perhaps America is getting what it voted for.**

### **Summarization:**

**Donald Trump, sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> U.S. President, initiated controversial policies, including 1,600 pardons for Capitol rioters, ending birthright citizenship, and imposing tariffs on BRICS, Canada, and Mexico. His administration exited the Paris Climate Agreement, reversed Biden's executive orders, and declared a border emergency. Trump's agenda appears hostile to Democrats, relying on a conservative Supreme Court. Unconventional proposals like taking over Greenland and the Panama Canal highlight his bold approach, reflecting a shift in U.S. Governance under his leadership.**

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# **Vocabulary:**

## **1. Slew (Noun, Verb) (बड़ी संख्या या मोड़)**

**Meaning:** A large number or amount; to turn or slide violently.

**Synonyms:** Multitude, abundance, turn

**Antonyms:** Scarcity, lack, stability

**Example:** He issued a slew of executive orders on his first day in office.

## **2. Tenor (Noun) (स्वर या प्रवाह)**

**Meaning:** The general character, mood, or meaning of something.

**Synonyms:** Tone, essence, drift

**Antonyms:** Deviation, discord

**Example:** The tenor of his speech reflected his commitment to bold policies.

## **3. Innately (Adverb) (जन्म से)**

**Meaning:** Inherently; existing naturally from birth.

**Synonyms:** Naturally, inherently, instinctively

**Antonyms:** Artificially, externally, unnaturally

**Example:** His administration seemed innately opposed to progressive ideas.

#### 4. Hostile (Adjective) (विरोधी)

**Meaning:** Unfriendly or antagonistic.

**Synonyms:** Aggressive, unfriendly, antagonistic

**Antonyms:** Friendly, amicable, supportive

**Example:** The new policy was seen as hostile to immigrant communities.

#### 5. Sought (Verb) (चाहा गया)

**Meaning:** Past tense of “seek”; to attempt to find or achieve something.

**Synonyms:** Looked for, aimed, pursued

**Antonyms:** Ignored, neglected, avoided

**Example:** The government sought bipartisan support for its policies.

#### 6. Consensus (Noun) (सर्वसम्मति)

**Meaning:** General agreement among a group.

**Synonyms:** Agreement, unity, accord

**Antonyms:** Disagreement, discord, conflict

**Example:** They failed to reach a consensus on immigration policies.

#### 7. Deadlock (Noun) (गतिरोध)

**Meaning:** A situation where no progress can be made.

**Synonyms:** Impasse, stalemate, gridlock

**Antonyms:** Breakthrough, resolution, agreement

**Example:** The deadlock in negotiations delayed policy implementation.

## 8. Internecine (Adjective) (आपसी विनाशकारी)

**Meaning:** Destructive to both sides in a conflict.

**Synonyms:** Mutual, deadly, ruinous

**Antonyms:** Peaceful, constructive, harmonious

**Example:** The internecine conflicts harmed the party's reputation.

## 9. Stacked (Adjective) (सजाया गया)

**Meaning:** Arranged in layers; unfairly biased.

**Synonyms:** Piled, layered, loaded

**Antonyms:** Spread, dispersed, balanced

**Example:** The court was stacked with conservative judges.

## 10. Emboldened (Verb) (साहस देना)

**Meaning:** Given courage or confidence to act boldly.

**Synonyms:** Encouraged, inspired, fortified

**Antonyms:** Discouraged, intimidated, disheartened

**Example:** His election victory emboldened him to propose radical policies.

## **Idioms & Phrases:**

### **1. De facto:**

**Meaning - In practice or reality, even if not officially established.**

## **Phrasal Verbs:**

### **1. Sworn in:**

**Meaning: Officially inaugurated or inducted into office.**

### **2. Reading down:**

**Meaning - Interpreting or narrowing the application of a law.**

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