Glossary

Acceleration: Rate of change of Density: Mass of unit volume of a velocity with time.

Accuracy: Relative measurement reflected by the number of significant figures.

Artificial Satellites: Objects moving in fixed circular orbits around the Earth.

Base Quantity: Such quantity, which can be expressed independently without the reference of any other quantity.

Base Units: The units in System International, which are seven in number.

Biofuel Energy: Energy obtained from waste organic materials.

Centre of Gravity, The point of body where its weight acts.

Centripetal Acceleration: Acceleration produced by the centripetal force.

Centripetal Force: The force which keeps an object to move in a circular path.

Circular Motion: Motion of a body along a circular path.

Components of a Vector: Such vectors when added give the resultant vector.

Couple: When two equal and unlike parallel forces act at different points of a body, then they constitute a couple.

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Derived Quantity: A quantity which is expressed with reference to base quantities.

Derived Units: Units which can be derived from base units.

Displacement: The shortest distance between two points.

Dynamics: Study of motion of bodies under action of forces.

Efficiency: Ratio of output and input. Elastic Potential Energy: Energy of a compressed or stretched spring.

Elasticity: The property of the solids because of which they restore their original shape when external force ceases to act.

Electromagnet: A temporary magnet when electric current flows through a coil wrapped around an iron rod.

Energy: Ability of a body to do work. **Equilibrium:** A state of a body which has no acceleration.

Force: The agent that changes or tends to change the state of a body.

Fossil Fuels: Oil, gas and coal which can be burnt,

Friction: The force that tends to prevent the bodies from sliding over each other.

Geothermal Energy: Energy of the hot rocks deep under the surface of the Earth.

Gravitational Field: The region around an object where its force of gravity acts.

Gravitational Force: Mutual force of attraction between the objects.

Gravitational Potential Energy: Energy of body due to its position in the gravitational field.

Heat: The form of energy, which is transferred from one place to another because of difference of temperature.

HorizontalComponent: The component of a vector which is along horizontal or x-direction.

Hydraulic Brakes: Brakes Working according to Rascal's law.

Hydraulic Press: A press that work under Pascal's law.

Hydroelectric Generation:

Conversion of kinetic energy of flowing water into electrical energy.

Inertia: The characteristic of a body due to which it resists against any change in its state.

Internal Energy: Total energy of molecules of an object.

Joule: The unit of work in System International.

Kilowatt-hour: Work done in one hour at a rate of one Kilowatt.

Kinematics: Study of motion of bodies without taking into consideration of the mass and forces.

Kinetic Energy: Energy of a body due to its motion.

Kinetic Friction: Friction during motion.

Least Count: The minimum measurement recorded by an instrument.

Light Year: The unit of distance for celestial bodies equal to 9.46 x10¹⁵ m

Like Parallel Forces: Forces acting along parallel lines in the same direction.

Limiting Friction: The maximum value of static friction.

Line of Action of a Force: The straight line along which the force acts.

Linear Motion: The motion of body along a straight line.

Mass: That characteristics of a body, which determines the acceleration produced by the application of a force.

Mechanics: The branch of Physics which deals with the study of motion of bodies.

Magnet: It attracts magnetic materials and stays north-south direction when suspended freely.

Magnetic Compass: A direction indicating device using a magnetic needle.

Magnetic Field: Space around a magnetic in which force is exerted on another magnet.

Momentum: The product of mass and velocity of a moving body.

Neutral Equilibrium: The condition of a body in which its centre of gravity neither rises nor lowers of its original position after disturbance.

Orbital Speed: A critical speed of a satellite in order to keep on moving around the Earth at a specific height.

Parallel Forces: Forces acting along the parallel lines.

Physical Quantities: Measurable characteristics of objects.

Physics: That branch of Science, which explains the properties of matter, energy, space and time.

Plasma: A state of matter in which most of the atoms are ionized into positive ions and electrons.

Power: Rate of doing work.

Precision: Determined by the instrument used equal to its least count.

Prefix: Symbols added to a unit to write it by power of 10.

Pressure: Force exerted normally on unit area of an object.

Random Motion: Motion without any consideration of time and direction.

Perpendicular Components: The components of a vector which are mutually perpendicular to each other.

Resolution of a Vector: Division of a vector into its components.

Resultant Vector: Such a vector which shows the combined effect of two or more vectors.

Rolling Friction: The friction produced during the motion of one body over the other with the help of wheels.

Scalar Quantities: Quantities which can be specified by their magnitudes only.

Scientific Method: Logical applications of argumentsthat explain a certain phenomenon.

Scientific Notation: The number written as power of ten or prefix in which there is only one non zero number before decimal.

Significant Figures: In a measurement, the correctly known digits and the first doubtful digit.

Sliding Friction: The friction between two surfaces sliding against each other.

Solar Energy: Energy of the sunlight.

Speed: Distance covered by a body in one second.

Stable Equilibrium. The condition of a body in

which it comes to its original condition after being disturbed.

Static Friction: The force of friction arising due to applied external force before motion of one body over the other.

Temperature: Degree of hotness or coldness of a body.

Tension: The force acting along a string **Thermometry:** Art of measurement of temperature.

Torque: Product of force and its moment arm. **Trigonometric Ratios:** The ratios of the sides of a right-angled triangle.

Uniform Acceleration: Equal changes in velocity in equal intervals of time.

Uniform Speed: Equal distances covered by a body in equal intervals of time.

Uniform Velocity: Equal changes in displacement in equal intervals of time.

Unlike Parallel Forces: Forces acting along parallel lines but in opposite directions.

Unstable Equilibrium: The condition of a body in which it does not come to its original condition after disturbance.

Vectors Quantities: Quantities which can be specified by magnitude as well as direction.

Velocity: Rate of change of displacement with time.

Vertical Component: The component of a vector which is along vertical or y-direction.

Vibratory Motion: The to and fro motion of body about a fixed point.

Volume Expansion: Increase in volume.

Watt: The unit of power in System International.

Weight: The force with which the Earth pulls a body towards its centre.

Wind Energy: Kinetic energy of fast-moving air/wind.

Work: The product of force and the displacement in the direction of force.

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