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No-trust vote dismissed, Imran gets Pak. Parliament dissolved

Opposition turns to top court after President acts on Prime Minister's advice

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Pakistan's beleaguered Prime Minister Imran Khan bowled a yorker at his rivals on Sunday by getting the presidential nod for the dissolution of Parliament, a move dubbed "unconstitutional" by the Opposition parties. The latter have approached the Supreme Court to challenge the decision.

In a *suo motu* hearing on the issue later on Sunday, the Pakistan Supreme Court barred all state institutions from taking any "extra-constitutional" steps in the wake of the dismissal of the no-confidence vote in the National Assembly. A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Umar Ata Bandial heard the matter.

Court hearing today

Chief Justice Bandial observed that public order must be maintained and no state functionary shall take any "extra-constitutional" steps in the prevailing political situation, adding that all



New turn: Supporters of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party raising slogans in favour of Prime Minister Imran Khan, outside the National Assembly in Islamabad on Sunday. •AP

orders and actions initiated by the Prime Minister and the President regarding the dissolution of the National Assembly will be subject to the court's order. The top court adjourned the hearing till Monday.

Earlier, Deputy Speaker Qasim Khan Suri dismissed the no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition against Prime Minister Khan, terming it against the Consti-

tu-tion and rules of Pakistan.

Mr. Suri chaired the crucial session after Opposition parties filed a no-confidence motion against Speaker Asad Qaiser.

The stunned Opposition termed the entire process unconstitutional and its lawmakers refused to leave the premises of the Parliament House which was protected by security personnel.

Mr. Khan, who had effec-

tively lost majority in the 342-member National Assembly, made a brief address to the nation in which he said he has recommended dissolution of the House and sought fresh elections.

Later, President Arif Alvi's office said he has dissolved the National Assembly according to the advice of the Prime Minister.

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Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Beleaguered	(Adjective): in a very difficult situation.	परेशान
Suo moto	(Adjective): relating to an action taken by a court of its own accord, without any request by the parties involved. .	अपने आप से

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Justice Umar Ata Bandial is a Pakistani jurist who currently serves as the 28th Chief Justice of Pakistan. His appointment as the new Chief Justice was approved by President Dr. Arif Alvi on 13 January 2022, after which he assumed his office on 2 February 2022.

Qasim Khan Suri is a Pakistani politician who is the current and 19th Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan. He has been serving office since August 2018

Arif-ur-Rehman Alvi is a Pakistani politician serving as the 13th and the current president of Pakistan, in office since 9 September 2018. He was a member of the National Assembly of Pakistan from June 2013 to May 2018 and again from August to September 2018.

Grammar

Types of uncountable nouns:

Material Noun: A material noun is simply the names of various raw materials or elements which exist in nature or the environment. These nouns are not countable means we cannot count them because they are in the forms of liquid, semi-liquid or solid.

Example: Joey bought a diamond ring to propose Rachael. ('Diamond' here refers to a material that is found naturally in our environment which makes it a material noun.)

Abstract Noun: An abstract noun is a noun that indicates an intangible thing such as an emotion, a feeling, a quality, or an idea. In other words, an abstract noun does not refer to a physical object. you cannot see, hear, touch, smell, or taste such things.

Example: Leonardo Di Caprio displays love at an excellent level in all of his movies. (Here 'love' is an emotion which makes it an abstract noun.)



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Cong. on the brink of renewed factional feud

V.D. Satheesan's controversial remarks about INTUC kick up a row

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The State unit of the Congress appears to be on the brink of a renewed **bout of factional fighting** that threatens to further divide the arguably beleaguered party as it forged ahead with the troublesome reorganisation process.

Speculation was **rife on Sunday that the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), the trade union wing of the Congress, had asked the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) to make its position clear on Mr. Satheesan's controversial remark about the union.**

Compelled to distance the Congress from strike-related violence, Mr. Satheesan had

said that the INTUC was the Congress's feeder organisation. Later, Mr. Satheesan clarified that the INTUC played a different political role and was neither the "Mahila Congress nor the Seva Dal". Most Congress leaders had an INTUC background.

Nevertheless, the comment provoked INTUC workers who demonstrated against Mr. Satheesan at Changanassery. Mr. Satheesan alleged that the demonstrators were party to a plot to weaken the Congress leadership. He urged the KPCC to punish the "mutineers."

Meanwhile, there was an unconfirmed report that the INTUC had complained against Mr. Satheesan to the KPCC. The **grapevine** had it

 **The INTUC has asked the KPCC to make its position clear on Satheesan's statements.**

that the INTUC district presidents had **lambasted** Mr. Satheesan in an online meeting chaired by State president **R. Chandrasekharan.**

KPCC president **K. Sudhakaran** is yet to reveal his mind on the matter publicly. Top factional leaders of the 'A' and 'I' groups are also silent.

However, Mr. Satheesan has seen an intra-party plot against the leadership. He told a television channel that the Congress was wise to the tricks of the disruptive cabal, and the party would draw

the rein. Some insiders viewed Mr. Satheesan's insinuation as a reflection of the ongoing tussle between an emergent group led by the Leader of the Opposition and the 'I' faction purportedly led by Ramesh Chennithala. Others alleged that the INTUC had the tacit support of Mr. Sudhakaran. Both claims remained in the realm of rumour.

Party's bane

Factional struggles, the traditional evil of Congress politics in Kerala, was generally blamed for the party's poor show in the previous Assembly polls. It could also weaken Congress's campaign against the ruling front on K-Rail and liquor policy.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Faction	(Noun): a small organized dissenting group within a larger one, especially in politics.	दलबंदी
Bout	(Noun): a short period of intense activity of a specified kind. a wrestling or boxing match.	मुकाबला
Grapevine	(Noun): used to refer to the circulation of rumours and unofficial information.	ग्रेपवाइन
Lambasted	(Verb): criticize (someone or something) harshly.	आलोचना की

Static News

Indian National Trade Union Congress is the trade union wing of the Indian National Congress. It was founded on 3 May 1947 and is affiliated with the International Trade Union Confederation

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee is the state unit of the Indian National Congress, working in the state of Kerala. Its head office is situated at Thiruvananthapuram. It first met in 1921 at Ottapalam, the banks of the River Bharathappuzha. K Sudhakaran is the current president of KPCC. V.D.

Grammar

A subject complement is the noun that follows a linking verb. The following verbs are linking verbs: any form of be (am, is, are, was, were, has been, are being, might have been, etc.), become, and seem. Linking verbs do not express any action. A subject complement is something that completes our idea of the subject of a sentence by giving us more information about it.



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Sensitise all stakeholders to child rights: commission

Directive based on a complaint by Seema Lal against the conduct of a teacher during NIOS Class 10 exams

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The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has directed the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) authorities to take steps to sensitise all teachers and other stakeholders, including those engaged in teaching activities or examination duties, to child rights to ensure that basic rights of children are not violated.

Acting on a complaint by Seema Lal, founder of a child

rights advocacy forum, commission member K. Nazeer directed the NIOS Director (Evaluation) and its Regional Director to give proper instructions to the stakeholders regarding the norms and procedures of the NIOS.

If any instructions were issued for compliance by students, it should be communicated to the students in advance, the panel said.

Ms. Lal's complaint said that her child, who had reached Irshadiyya Public School, Koovalloor, Kotha-

mangalam, to sit for the Class 10 board examinations was asked by the Principal of the school why he was dressed indecently in T-shirt and shorts and was told to summon his parents.

However, there was no mention of a dress code on the hall ticket or the NIOS portal.

The complainant chanced upon the Principal outside his office. In front of other parents, school staff, and an NIOS observer who was shooting a video on the inte-

raction without permission, he asked her about her child's attire.

He also denied not allowing the child to appear for the examination. The child was then allowed inside the exam hall.

The complainant was worried that if her child was treated in such a manner, what would differently abled children, a large number of whom appear for the examinations under the NIOS, face from the authorities who were supposed to safeguard

children's rights.

The Regional Director's report said when informed of the matter, the centre authorities were contacted over phone and they assured him the child was taking the examinations. No complaint had been raised with the Regional Director. The parent's concern had been taken in good spirit for students' benefit. The NIOS had not prescribed any dress code, and the children were free to wear comfortable attire, the authorities said.

The Principal contended that he never intended to insult the child, and he was ready to apologise.

The commission observed that the incident occurred owing to non-sensitisation of stakeholders, including invigilators and exam supervisors. As students were involved in various levels of educational programmes in the NIOS, its officers and all stakeholders needed to be sensitised to child rights and ways of conducting courses and examinations.

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Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Complainant	(Noun): a plaintiff in certain lawsuits.	शिकायतकर्ता
Summon	(Verb): order (someone) to be present.	बुलाने

Static News

The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights came into existence on 3rd June 2013. Created under the provisions of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005, and the Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Rules 2012, with the objective of protecting the rights of children and promoting their best interests

In 1951, the Naga National Council Nation'. There was a boycott of the first general election of 1952 which later extended to a boycott of government schools and officials. In order to deal with the situation, the Assam government imposed the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Autonomous District) Act in the Naga Hills in 1953 and intensified police action against the rebels.

Grammar

Prepositions are followed by a noun which acts as their object. Prepositions indicate relationships between other words in a sentence. Many prepositions tell you where something is or when something happened. above, across, against, along, among, around, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, by, down, from, in, into, near, of, off, on, to, etc. are examples of prepositions.

Example: This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind. (Quote of Niel Armstrong) (Here, 'for' is the preposition and 'a man' is the object and therefore the object of the preposition.)



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A heady concoction of devotion and frenzy

Hundreds attend Kavutheendal ritual at the Kodungalloor Kurumba Bhagavathy temple

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A **hysterical** mob of devotees led by **oracles** in red clothes thronged the Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy temple at Kodungalloor for the 'Kavutheendal' ritual in connection with the annual Bharani festival on Sunday.

The temple premises turned into a sea of red as men and women, in red robes, from across the State thronged the temple. **Brandishing** traditional swords adorned with tiny bells, the flurry of oracles in a **trance** stormed the temple creating a **delirious** ambiance. They **smote** their heads with swords, proclaiming their devotion to the Goddess. Blood could be seen dripping from their foreheads smeared with sandalwood and turmeric paste. While the oracles ran around the temple in the depths of trance, devotees struck the temple **rafters**



Unconditional devotion: Devotees led by oracles moving around the Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy temple at Kodungalloor during the Kavutheendal ritual in connection with the annual Bharani festival on Sunday. **•K.K. NAJEEB**

with sticks and threw offerings over the roof.

Breaks all rules

The largest congregation of oracles in the world, the

Bharani festival of the **Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy temple, Kodungalloor**, breaks all rules and taboos of temple rituals. It is a celebration of raw energy

and rustic devotion. This mystic ritual is enacted at the temple every year between March and April.

Dedicated to Goddess Bhadrakali, the slayer of

demon king Daruka, the Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy temple is one of the oldest temples in the State. The idol of Bhadrakali, made of jackfruit tree wood, has eight hands and one of them carries the severed head of Daruka. Another popular lore says, the temple was built by the then ruler **Cheran Chenguttavan** dedicated to Kannaki, the heroine of Tamil epic *Silappadikaram*.

Dalit assertion

Historians say that the festival could be an example of Dalit assertion. Long before Dalits were allowed entry into temples in the State through the enactment of the Temple Entry Proclamation, they were allowed to enter the Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy temple during the Bharani festival. Though rooster sacrifice was part of the rituals here earlier, it has been banned now.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Hysteric	(Adjective): a wildly emotional and exaggerated reaction.	उन्मादी
Scorching	(Noun): a priest or priestess acting as a medium through whom advice or prophecy was sought from the gods in classical antiquity.	आकाशवाणी
Brandishing	(Verb): wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement.	दिखाते
Trance	(Noun): a half-conscious state characterized by an absence of response to external stimuli, typically as induced by hypnosis or entered by a medium.	ट्रांस
Smote	(Verb): strike with a firm blow.	स्मोटे
Delirious	(Adjective): in an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium.	भ्रान्तचित्त

Static News

Sree Kurumba Bhagavati Temple (alternatively Kodungallur Devi Temple) is a Hindu temple at Kodungallur, Thrissur District, Kerala state, India. It is dedicated to the goddess Bhadrakali, a form of Maha Kali or Parashakthi worshipped in Kerala

Cheran Chenkuttuvan (Tamil: சேரன் செங்குட்டுவன்), literally the Alluring Kuttuvan Chera, identified with Katal Pirakottiya Vel Kezhu Kuttuvan, (c. 2nd century CE) was the most celebrated ruler of the Chera dynasty in early historic South India.

Grammar

It is mandatory to use an article before a common noun when it is in singular form. But it is not mandatory to use an article before a common noun when it is in plural form. A plural common noun can have the article 'the' if we want to make the noun specific or particular.

Examples:

I saw a tiger. (Refers to a random tiger)

I saw tigers in a zoo. (No article is required) I have seen the tiger again. (Refers to the tiger I have already seen earlier)

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Karnataka men win big against Services

Punjab dominates Gujarat; Railways women prove too good for TN

NATL. BASKETBALL

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The Karnataka men's team has never been a contender in nearly five decades. Its women's team has fared slightly better, finishing runner-up in 1986.

In a Group-B contest of the 71st senior National basketball championships at the Nehru Indoor Stadium here on Sunday, Karnataka men, with full support from three senior players – Shashank J Rai, A. Arvind and B.K. Anil Kumar – showed a glimpse of their potential by upsetting multiple champion Services 117-76.

Though the tie was lopsided from the first quarter, Services did put up a fight in the second (18-25).

Karnataka's Anil Kumar emerged the top-scorer with 28 points while Arvind scored 25. Anil converted four three-pointers out of six attempts that altered the proceedings from



Slotting in: Railways' Poonam poised to score in the match against Tamil Nadu. •M. VEDHAN

time-to-time.

Joginder Singh and Gaurav Chandel shared the bulk of the scoring for Services with 15 and 18 points respec-

tively.

Earlier, defending champion Punjab got off to a blazing start as it pummelled Gujarat 105-69 in a Group-A

tie. Punjab never let down its guard in any quarter and maintained a healthy lead in each of them, with Amjyot Singh top-scoring with 27 points. Later Tamil Nadu had the measure of Delhi 85-47.

In the women's section, Indian Railways eased past Tamil Nadu 100-62 in a Group-A match.

The results: Men: Group-A: Punjab 105 (Amjyot Singh 27, Navkarman Singh 12, Kanwar G.S. Sandhu 14, Amritpal Singh 10, Princepal Singh 15) bt Gujarat 69 (Sahaj Patel 11, Kuldeep Tamaliya 12, Kasi Rajan 13).

Group-B: Karnataka 117 (B.K. Anil Kumar 28, A. Arvind 25, Pratyanshu Tomar 21) bt Services 76 (Gaurav Chandel 18, Joginder Singh 15, Vivek Goti 11)

Group-C: Tamil Nadu 85 (J. Justin Gnanaraj 12, A. Arvind 14, M. Lokeshwaran 12, P. Baladaneshwar 15, H. Muin Bek 13) bt Delhi 47 (Manik 15).

Women: Group-A: Indian Railways 100 (Shruti Arvind 21, T. Dharshini 11, Madhu Kumari 12, Niam Doma Bhutiya 14, M. Nishitha 11) bt TN 62 (A. Ashmitha 14, J. Ishwarya 10).



Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Fared	(Verb): perform in a specified way in a particular situation or over a particular period.	प्रदर्शन किया

Static News

The National Basketball Championship is India's top basketball tournament. The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) is the governing and controlling body of basketball in India. First national level tournaments were organized in India in 1934. The India national basketball team became a member of FIBA in 1936. The governing body, BFI, was formed in 1950. Poonam Mahajan was the president (and also the first female president) of Basketball Federation of India. The current head of BFI is K Govindraj

Grammar

Following are the rules you need to remember in order to make use of material nouns in the sentence.

Rule 1 - Generally, articles (a, an or the) are not used with material nouns when they are uncountable such as: Honey is wholesome food and beneficial to health. Water boils only at 100°C temperature.

Rule 2 - Articles (a and an) may be used with material nouns when they are countable (denoting types of material or showing helping nature) such as: I would like to eat a Dutch cheese. It is a very healthy wine.

Rule 3 - Use of 'the' and 'some' can also be done in the following way: The honey in the bottle is mine. Don't give it others! I saw there is some milk in the glass.



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