

Decoding The Hindu Article

‘Gotabaya has no reason to resign’

President was elected by 6.9 mn. people: chief whip

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COLOMBO

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa “has no reason” to resign, the chief government whip told Sri Lankan Parliament on Wednesday, as citizens’ protests expand, now with state sector workers too demanding his resignation.

“The President has been given a mandate by 6.9 million voters. He does not need to resign,” said Johnston Fernando, who was among the four Ministers that Mr. Gotabaya recently re-appointed to a “new Cabinet”, after members of the old Cabinet resigned *en masse*.



Tide of discontent: Police officers try to stop medical students protesting outside the Health Ministry in Colombo. • AFP

In his first initiative yet to address the economic crisis after citizens’ protests erupted, President Gotabaya on Wednesday appointed a panel of eminent Sri Lankan economists to advise him on

debt restructuring and recovery, a statement said.

The “Presidential Advisory Group on Multilateral Engagement and Debt Sustainability” includes **Indrajit Coomaraswamy**, former Go-

vernor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Shanta Devarajan, former Chief Economist with the World Bank and Sharmini Coorey, a former Deputy Director at the IMF, the Presidential Media Division said.

The ruling Rajapaksa clan faces **unprecedented** public criticism as Sri Lanka battles severe shortage of fuel, food and medicines among other essentials, during one of its worst economic downturns.

Mr. Gotabaya’s government lost its majority in Parliament on Tuesday, as over **40 MPs from his party and its coalition partners sat separately, distancing themselves from the unpopular administration.**

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Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
En Masse	(Adverb): in a group; all together.	सामूहिक रूप से
Unprecedented	(Adjective): never done or known before.	अभूतपूर्व

Static News

Lieutenant Colonel Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa RWP, RSP, psc, GR is a Sri Lankan politician and former military officer currently serving as the 8th President of Sri Lanka since 2019

Coomaraswamy was born on 3 April 1950 in Colombo, Ceylon. He is a Sri Lankan economist and the 14th Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Grammar

A personal pronoun is a word that replaces a proper name of a person. These kinds of pronouns are generally associated with a particular person – first person (as I), second person (as you), or third person (as he, she, it, they)



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Veteran Bengali writer wins O. Henry Award

Amar Mitra wrote Gaonburo in 1977

BISHWANATH GHOSH
KOLKATA

Amar Mitra wrote the story back in 1977, today, it has fetched him the 1919-founded O. Henry Award, whose past winners include William Faulkner, Saul Bellow and Raymond Carver.

The award has reinforced Mr. Mitra's belief that the short story – titled *Gaonburo* in Bangla and *The Old Man of Kusumpur* in English – must have some “internal force” for even the Western audience to find it relevant.

“I don't remember the last time an Indian writing in an Indian language getting such a recognition,” said Mr. Mitra, who is also a recipient of the **Sahitya Akademi Award**. The story is about a man's journey to meet a seer-like figure who is supposed to have answers to all of life's problems.

The story, which drew from Mr. Mitra's experiences as an employee of the West Bengal's Land Reforms Department, lay for-



Amar Mitra •

gotten until it was translated by Anish Gupta in 1990, when it began to draw the attention of non-Bengali audiences. It **started** earning praise at **literary** gatherings in India. The principal of an American college, who happened to be present at one such festival, was so impressed by it that she urged Mr. Mitra to quit his day job and devote himself to writing full-time.

“I told her that quitting my job was out of the question because writing brought hardly any money in India, particularly in Bengal,” said the Kolkata-based writer.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Endeavour	(Adjective): concerning the writing, study, or content of literature, especially of the kind valued for quality of form.	साहित्यिक

Static News

Amar Mitra is an eminent writer in Bengali living in Kolkata, West Bengal, India. A student of chemistry, he has been working for the Land Reforms Department of The Government of West Bengal. He was awarded with Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel Dhurbaputra

The O. Henry Award is an annual American award given to short stories of exceptional merit. The award is named after the American short-story writer O. Henry. William Sydney Porter (September 11, 1862 – June 5, 1910), better known by his pen name O. Henry, was an American short story writer.

The Sahitya Akademi Award is a literary honour in India, which the Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, annually confers on writers of the most outstanding books of literary merit. Established in 1954, the award comprises a plaque and a cash prize of ₹ 1,00,000.

Grammar

Prepositions can form phrases with adjectives to give further context to the action, emotion or thing the adjective is describing. Like verbs and nouns, adjectives can be followed by: to, about, In, for, with, at and by.

I am happily married to David.

Ellie is crazy about this movie



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The child at the centre

Mission Vatsalya must bring together services and structures to help children in distress

Schemes designed for social good do well on intent, but their success depends on whether they are built on principles of sustainability and work within structures of accountability. While the Centre's intent to provide 'integrated benefits to children and women' is behind the comprehensive **revamping** of the Department of Women and Children's schemes, is this a rejig constructed with rules that will ensure maximising benefit for shareholders – women and children? **Mission Vatsalya**, which has been operationalised, is one of the new triad of schemes along with **Mission Shakti**, and **Poshan 2.0**, that aims at securing a healthy and happy childhood for every child. Components under Mission Vatsalya include statutory bodies; service delivery structures; institutional care/services; non-institutional community-based care; emergency outreach services; training and capacity building. The impact of this on one of the pillars of India's child protection services, the **ChildLine**, has been giving child rights activists sleepless nights. **ChildLine (1098)**, the 24-hour toll free helpline for children in distress, will be manned by the Home Affairs Ministry under Mission Vatsalya, Union Minister Smriti Irani said last year, citing the need to 'preserve data sensitivity'.

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Revamping	(Verb): give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to.	में सुधार

Static News

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has decided to classify all of its major programmes under three Umbrella Schemes– Mission Shakti, Mission POSHAN 2.0, and Mission Vatsalya.

This step has been taken to ensure the effective implementation of various programmes and schemes of the Ministry.

The three umbrella Schemes:

Mission Shakti:

About Scheme: Mission Shakti will consist of the schemes and policies for the empowerment and protection of women. Schemes covered under this: Mission Shakti will cover schemes under two categories:

SAMBAL: This category will include schemes such as One Stop Centre, Mahila Police Volunteer, Women’s Helpline, Swadhar, Ujjawala among others.

SAMARTHYA: This category will include schemes such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana among others.

Mission Shakti will run in convergence with the other two Umbrella Schemes.

Mission Vatsalya:

About Scheme: Mission Vatsalya will be looking into child welfare services and child protection services all over the country.

Schemes covered under this: Mission Vatsalya will include the Scheme for Child Protection Services, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Saksham Anganwadi and Mission POSHAN 2.0 scheme: Schemes covered under this: This will include schemes such as Integrated Child Development Scheme(ICDS), Anganwadi Services, PoshanAbhiyan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, NationalCreche Scheme among others.

Mission Poshan 2.0: The government will be merging the PoshanAbhiyan and supplementary nutrition programme to launch Mission Poshan 2.0.

Objective: Mission Poshan 2.0 will look into the ways and measures for strengthening the nutritional content, outreach, delivery, and outcomes.

Grammar

Conjunctions are used to join clauses, phrases, and words together for constructing sentences. Conjunctions make a link between/among words or groups of words to other parts of the sentence and show a relationship between/among them.

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Second edition of swarm drone contest launched

Minister addresses IAF conference

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the second edition of the '**Mehar Baba** swarm drone competition' by the Indian Air Force (IAF) for Indian start-ups to develop a swarm drone based system to detect foreign objects on aircraft operating surfaces. This was unveiled at the IAF Commanders Conference, which began on Wednesday.

Mr. Singh also addressed the Air Force commanders before the start of the deliberations. "He covered the challenges being faced on the northern and western borders and expressed his satisfaction at the way the armed forces have been able to respond to emerging situations," the IAF said in a statement.

The conference comes in the backdrop of an ongoing Court of Inquiry (CoI) into the incident in which a supersonic missile, flying at



Rajnath Singh

three times the speed of sound, was "accidentally released" on March 9, ending up 124 km inside Pakistan. Mr. Singh said in Parliament that a review of the Standard Operating Procedures for "operations, maintenance and inspections" was being conducted.

Stating that the during the three-day conference, the Air Force Commanders would discuss important issues related to future challenges in a hi-tech and evolving operational scenario, the IAF said.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Unveiled	(Verb): remove a veil or covering from, in particular uncover (a new monument or work of art) as part of a public ceremony.	निरावरण

Static News

The competition was named to honour the late Air Commodore Mehar Singh, and was conceptualised to evolve proprietary design, development, manufacturing and production of low cost-high impact solutions for swarm drone technology. Launched in October 2018, the Mehar Baba Swarm Drone challenge by the IAF was aimed at encouraging the development of swarm drones for the utilisation of varied domains, including response to disaster relief operations.

Grammar

TYPES OF CONJUNCTIONS

There are several different types of conjunctions that do various jobs within sentence structures. These include:

Subordinating conjunctions – Also known as subordinators, these conjunctions join dependent clauses to independent clauses.

Coordinating conjunction – Also known as coordinators, these conjunctions coordinate or join two or more sentences, main clauses, words, or other parts of speech which are of the same syntactic importance.

Correlative conjunction – These conjunctions correlate, working in pairs to join phrases or words that carry equal importance within a sentence.

Conjunctive adverbs – While some instructors do not teach conjunctive adverbs alongside conjunctions, these important parts of speech are worth a mention here. These adverbs always connect one clause to another, and are used to show sequence, contrast, cause and effect, and other relationships.

When people first learn to write, they usually begin with short, basic sentences like these: “My name is Ted. I am a boy. I like dogs.” One of the most important jobs conjunctions do is to connect these short sentences so they sound more like this: “I am a boy named Ted, and I like dogs.”

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City takes slender edge over Atletico

Liverpool has one foot in semifinals after winning big at Benfica

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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MANCHESTER

Kevin De Bruyne scored the only goal to give Manchester City a 1-0 win over Atletico Madrid in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday.

After a tight 70 minutes, City finally found its way through Atletico's tough rearguard helped by Phil Foden's vision. Just 79 seconds after coming off the bench, Foden slid in a fine through-ball and De Bruyne raced through to fire in a low shot from a tight angle. "We knew it was going to be pretty tough to create some opportunities," De Bruyne said. "The first half was tight, but we didn't give anything away and in the second half had a couple of chances."

In the night's other quar-



The clincher: De Bruyne slides City's winner past Atletico's goalkeeper Oblak. •AFP

terfinal first leg, six-time European champion Liverpool won 3-1 at Benfica. Luis Diaz set up one goal and scored

himself in the 87th minute on his emphatic return to Portugal to lead Liverpool's big win.

Both City and Atletico have reached the Champions League final but have never lifted the trophy.

Atletico played its usual cagey game as coach Diego Simeone had promised.

The first half was played at a slow tempo with City controlling most of the ball but, despite having all of its out-field players in the final third at times, being unable to create openings.

It was not until the second half that the hosts tried to inject more pace into their play. That did open the game up slightly and Atletico almost capitalised with a couple of breaks from deep. Antoine Griezmann wasted one opening with a poor pass and Marcos Llorente chipped tamely at goalkeeper Ederson from another.

The results (Quarterfinal first leg): Manchester City 1 (De Bruyne 70) bt Atletico Madrid 0; Benfica 1 (Nunez 49) lost to Liverpool 3 (Konate 17, Mane 34, Diaz 87).

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Rearguard	(Noun): (in team sports) a defending player or players.	चंडावल

Static News

Kevin De Bruyne is a Belgian professional footballer who plays as a midfielder for Premier League club Manchester City and the Belgium national team. He is widely regarded as one of the best players in the world, and pundits have often described him as a "complete footballer"

Grammar

The type 1 conditional refers to a possible condition and its probable result. These sentences are based on facts, and they are used to make statements about the real world, and about particular situations. We often use such sentences to give warnings. In type 1 conditional sentences, the time is the present or future and the situation is real.

Examples:

If I have time, I'll finish that letter.



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