



THE HINDU EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

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- Complete Article Discussion ✓✓
- Vocabulary ←
- One word substitution ✓✓ (related or from any other exam)
- Idioms and phrases ←
- Phrasal verb ✓✓
- Grammar ✓✓

ARTICLE

Good

negativity

that

Relative Pronoun

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Nepal in turmoil

Rule → only / any / some

* N.P.'s only recommendation was to dissolve the parliament

KP. Oli put his greed for power over the interests of democracy and political stability

* One word = Megalomania

which

that

suggestion

cease to operate

Nepal Prime Minister KP. Sharma Oli's recommendation to dissolve Parliament, which has been duly approved by President Bidya Devi Bhandari, has pushed the young democracy into an unprecedented constitutional crisis and political turmoil. Mr. Oli, whose Nepal Communist Party with a near (two-thirds) majority in Parliament, took the drastic step as he came under increasing pressure from his own party to withdraw an ordinance his government issued last week.

1st time

radical

* ✓

two-thirds

* Fraction — $\frac{N}{D} > 1$ — Plural

ARTICLE

~~Both - and~~ ^{Singular} ~~* Both the / opposition~~ as well as / other leaders

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Both the opposition and other leaders within the ruling party alleged that the ordinance to amend the Constitutional Council Act would undermine the checks and balances in the system and empower the Prime Minister in making crucial appointments (Mr. Oli had reportedly agreed to withdraw the ordinance in a party meeting) (But on Sunday, his Cabinet made the unexpected move to recommend a dissolution of Parliament. Elections will now be held in April-May 2021, a year ahead of schedule. Constitutional experts have challenged the legality of Mr. Oli's decision) (Nepal's 2015 Constitution allows the dissolution of the House before its five-year term ends only if there is a hung assembly and no party manages to form a government.) Since the President has cleared his recommendation, the issue will now be decided by the Supreme Court.

how...

as well as

(S) = Verb

* Both - and = Verb (P)

* Blot from the blue

ARTICLE

monarchy → republican democracy

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When Mr. Oli's Communist Party of Nepal (UML) and its alliance partners came to power in 2017 with a huge majority, many hoped that it would be a new beginning. Nepal was in a painful transition from a monarchy to a republican democracy. In less than a year, the CPN-UML and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre), led by former Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, merged to form the country's largest communist force, the NCP. It was a historic opportunity for the NCP, especially for Mr. Oli, to steer the fledgling democracy out of its many crises. But the merger did not dissolve the fundamental differences between the NCP's two factions. Mr. Oli's authoritarian impulses and refusal to share power with the Maoist faction made matters worse.

Freshers

the

* Superlative

→ never put 'the' before it if it is related to any possessive case

group

Idiom

greenhorn

ARTICLE

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In recent months, there were calls from within the NCP for Mr. Oli to step down. When the party asked him to withdraw the amendment, it was clear that he had lost internal support. But instead of following the party line, Mr. Oli decided to sink his government. Given the seriousness of the crisis, a split cannot be ruled out. And if that happens, Nepal would be pushed back to political instability, at a time of multiple challenges, from a slowing economy to the coronavirus crisis. (Mr. Oli could have gone down in history as a statesman.) Instead, he has cut a sorry figure as Prime Minister, and his obsession with power risks unravelling the party he co-founded.

Analytical

VOCABULARY

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1. **Drastic (adj)**– likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect.

synonyms– dire/forceful/harsh/radical

antonyms– nice/calm/collected/easy/mild

Exas
1 ment

2. **Undermine (adj)**– to subvert or weaken insidiously.

synonyms– blunt/cripple/erode

antonyms– aid/assist/build

3. **Fledgling (noun)**– a person or organization that is immature,

synonyms– apprentice/colt/greenhorn

antonyms– expert/professional

VOCABULARY

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4. **Factions (noun)**- dissension within an organization
synonyms- bloc/clan/gang/junta
antonyms- individual/whole/agreement/conformity
5. **Uhravelling (verb)**- investigate and solve or explain
synonyms- decipher/resolve/solve
antonyms- question/wonder/entangle

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

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CW

1. Avaricious – (Money)

One who is extremely desirous of money

2. Curator ✓

One who is in charge of a museum

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

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1. He went on sowing wild oats; he reaped suffering in his later life.

(1) inviting troubles as a boy

(2) warning others as a youngman

(3) irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age

(4) sowing grains called oats when young

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

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2. Why don't you put an end to blowing your own trumpet?

→ (One word) →

— (ist) = person involved

(1) playing your own trumpet to produce music

(2) making too much noise ✕

(3) praising your own abilities and achievements

(4) None of these

(me-first)

✕ (Ego)

(+)= talk

Egoist = self-centered

{ Egoist = one who
Speaks of one's
achievements

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