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Title: Tactical abstention: On the U.N human rights council resolution on Sri Lanka

The article at hand talks about India refraining from voting on the United Nations Human Rights Council resolution on Sri Lanka as the author explores the reason behind this move.

India's stance regarding Sri Lanka's resolution clearly shows India is unwilling to go after its neighbour. Also, India does not want to be seen as supporting Sri Lanka's lack of accountability for its war-time past and its refusal to meet the political demands of the Tamils.

And while the opposition might seem to believe it to be an intent to protect Sri Lanka from allegations of war-crime, the author believes it to be India's way to preserve its bilateral ties with Sri Lanka in the wake of China's growing influence over the region. India's worries regarding Sri Lanka have always been different from the rest of the world, driven by Tamils' well-being.

But despite its willingness, India can't just force Sri Lanka to share power with local bodies and work for the welfare of the Tamils, particularly at times like these when China's influence in the region is growing larger by day. Hence, the centre decided to keep a neutral stance to avoid an uproar altogether.

Words to look out for

Stubborn:

- **Synonyms:** obstinate, tenacious, inflexible
- **Antonyms:** flexible, adaptable, compliant
- **Word usage:** Riya's stubborn attitude could cost her this job.

Pervasive:

- **Synonyms:** widespread, ubiquitous, prevalent
- **Antonyms:** rare, unknown, distinctive
- **Word usage:** The coronavirus is pervasive in India now.

Credible:

- **Synonyms:** plausible, convincing, believable
- **Antonyms:** incredible, unbelievable, remarkable
- **Word usage:** A credible source of information is a must in a democratic society.

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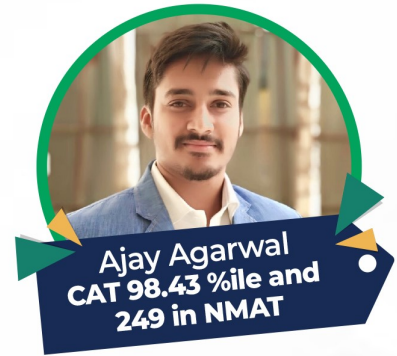
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