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## The time for male: On Maldives' UNGA presidency

The article at hand talks about the appointment of Maldives' Foreign Minister Mr. Abdulla Shahid as the president of the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations general assembly. The author believes that this is a major boost to the international profile of the small island nation. It is the first time a Maldivian will hold this post in the UN's history and the margin of Mr. Abdulla's victory is quite remarkable.

Mr. Abdulla's victory over the former Afghan Foreign minister is remarkable too. For India, which supported the Maldives in this, this is a welcome step. However, our country must ensure that Afghanistan does not hold a grudge against us over this. And since the Afghans decided to field a candidate so late in the race for the post, it seems we can analyze the outcome from that perspective as well.

Now that the focus shifts to the tenure of Mr. Abdulla, various issues need to be addressed. However, Mr. Abdulla's tenure is expected to be a smooth ride for India, considering the last president's remarks regarding India-Pakistan issues.

Our country is closely associated with Mr. Abdulla and it seems things will be better this term. Besides, it is expected that Maldives and India will work simultaneously as India looks to chase its goals in global affairs.

### Words to look out for

#### Tenure:

- **Synonyms:** occupancy, possession, holding
- **Antonyms:** claim, debenture, emptiness
- **Word usage:** The university granted him to make him stay there.

#### Tandem:

- **Synonyms:** cooperation, synergy, collaboration
- **Antonyms:** individually, separately, unaided
- **Word usage:** Ramesh and Priya worked in tandem on this project.

#### Dormant:

- **Synonyms:** latent, inactive, sleeping
- **Antonyms:** active, lively, dynamic
- **Word usage:** The volcano has been dormant for quite some time.

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## Beating the third wave: Early signs of complacency as second wave wanes. Can govts learn from mistakes and get India battle-ready?

The article at hand, written against the backdrop of a diminishing 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID-19 pandemic, talks about the need to stay alert for the arrival of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave. The author believes that even though there is a sense of relief regarding the declining 2<sup>nd</sup> wave, chances are we might go back to the mistakes we did while planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave.

As states begin to open up, we need to make sure we don't resort to complacency this time around. Our country never reached 1 lakh cases a day during the 1<sup>st</sup> wave but now, it has become our sweet spot. That's how tremendously the pandemic shifted gears when we dropped our guard when it was time to prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave. Hence, we need to ensure we don't take anything for granted and prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave.

There are a lot of things we can do to fight back this time around, judging by our experiences of last year or so. But, we are up against a race alongside mutation. Besides, when the pandemic penetrated our rural spaces, things escalated pretty quickly. Hence, we need to make we stay hyper-vigilant to brush off the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave.

### Words to look out for

#### Prodigious:

- **Synonyms:** extraordinary, phenomenal, unusual
- **Antonyms:** usual, normal, ordinary
- **Word usage:** He was a prodigious kid.

#### Hubris:

- **Synonyms:** pride, arrogance, haughtiness
- **Antonyms:** humility, modesty, reticence
- **Word usage:** The minister's hubris led to his downfall.

#### Interim:

- **Synonyms:** temporary, provisional, acting
- **Antonyms:** permanent, enduring, perpetual
- **Word usage:** The interim officer took some bold steps to reform the law and order situation at the district.

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