

⑩ The newly elected president of Sri Lanka in a crucial parliament vote gives India an opportunity to take the lead in the foreign aid game in its neighbourhoods explain.

Sri Lanka is facing worst form of ECONOMIC CRISIS since its independence. consequently peoples protest force parliament to elect new President

Stagflation, runaway inflation, economic contract by 6% are some of current feature of Sri Lankan economy. Sri Lanka facing challenge to getting Foreign Aid

This creates an opportunity for India, as it is first responder to Sri Lankas desperate call for foreign aid, in last 6 months \$3.8 billion has flowed in form of loan, swaps & grant which is biggest bilateral aid programme in recent times.

China's deep trap diplomacy not unknown to Sri Lanka, even it offer loan to Sri Lanka with condition follows. thus India can take the advantage of

situation to deepen its trade & investment linkage with Sri Lanka.

IMF programme for Sri Lanka ask the country to open trade which create opportunity to India to expand the trade

Expanding aid also help India to contain refugee crisis problem which poses security issue in Indian ocean.

"The crisis brings opportunity", Sri Lanka economic trouble brings India an opportunity to expand bilateral relationship & reduce Chinese influence in Indo-Pacific region