Political turmoil in Brazil

Why in news?

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The incumbent Brazilian President, Michel Temer, has been indicted in a scandal.

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What is the reason?

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- The President is accused of his involvement in the authorisation of heavily subsidised public loans for a private corporation in return for political patronage.
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- He has denied the charges.
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- The requisite vote in the lower House of Congress to authorise a criminal trial may not materialise eventually, as most members are themselves facing investigations.
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- Last year, the then President, Dilma Rousseff was impeached.
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- She was implicated over a scandal in the state-owned oil giant and its construction arm.
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- Mr. Temer was the Vice-President then.
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What should be done?

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- This continuing turmoil puts at risk assurances of reforms to Brazil’s labour laws and generous pension system.
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- Brazilian Left leaned too much towards an unsustainable populist agenda

during the years of the commodities boom.
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- On the other hand, Right appear ill-equipped as a realistic alternative despite attempts to attract overseas investment.
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- Brazil badly needs a strong centre that is not tempted to populism and assure accountability.
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