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Impeachment of a SC judge

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- Recently four Supreme Court judges went public with charges against Chief Justice of India.
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- According to constitution a judge of the SC can be removed from his office by an order of the president.
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- The president can issue the removal order only after an address by parliament has been presented to him in the same session for such removal.
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- The address must be supported by special majority of each house of the parliament (i.e. a majority of the total membership of that house and a majority of not less than 2/3rd of the members of that house present and voting).
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- Article 124 (4) specifies the grounds of removal as proved misbehaviour or incapacity.
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- So far no SC judge has been impeached in India.
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Ice sheets found in Mars

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- NASA has detected thick underground ice sheets along the middle latitudes of the Mars.
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- This is believed to be a potential source of water that could help sustain future human outposts.
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- The water could be used for drinking and potentially conversion into

oxygen to breathe.
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U5MR

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- India registered a significant decline in under-five child mortality.
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- It is calculated per 1000 live births, in India it is 39 out of 1000 births.
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- India with the current rate of decline of U5MR is on track to meet the SDG target for under-five child mortality of 25 by 2030.
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- Infant mortality rate is number of deaths per 1000 child births under one year of age.
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- In India this number is 34 out of 1000 births.
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International termination charges (ITC)

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- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) cut termination charges for international incoming calls to Land line and wireless connections.
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- International termination charges (ITC) are payable by an international long-distance operator (ILDO), which carries calls from outside the country, to an access provider in the country in whose network the call terminates.
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- ITC is one of the source of foreign earnings for the country.
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North Koel reservoir

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- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation for completion of North Koel reservoir project.
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- Part of a fund for this project is derived under PMKSY's LTIF- Long term Irrigation Fund and rest from state governments contribution
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- The project situated on North Koel River, a tributary of Sone River.
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- It will provide irrigation to most backward and drought prone districts in Jharkhand and Bihar.
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Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)

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- This scheme has been formulated with the vision of extending the coverage of irrigation and improving water use efficiency in a focused manner.
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- It focuses on end to end solution on source creation, distribution, management, field application and extension activities.
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- The scheme now comes under Ministry of Agriculture and farmer's Welfare.
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- PMKSY has been formulated amalgamating schemes of
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1. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR,RD&GR),
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2. Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) of Department of Land Resources (DoLR).

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3. On Farm Water Management (OFWM) of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC).
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