

The verdict: Donald Trump has not been impeached.

The US Senate voted yesterday on whether or not to impeach Donald Trump, and the answer was a clear no. This was largely expected. He will continue to be President of the United States until November 2020 when the next Presidential elections will be held. Will he get re-elected? Or will America vote for a change? Stay tuned!

Why was Trump almost impeached? Read here to find out.

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President Trump gets impeached by the House of Representatives



The News: President Donald Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives.

Background: The House voted on two charges:

1. That the President abused his power when he asked the Ukrainians to help him with digging up information on his rivals in the upcoming Presidential elections, and
2. That he obstructed Congress by refusing to provide documents and access to witnesses as this issue was being investigated.

Three US Presidents have been impeached so far by the House of Representatives – Johnson, Clinton, and now Trump.

Nearly all Democrats in the House voted for the charges and all Republicans against them.

What's the next step? There will be a trial early next year in the Senate. They will decide if Trump remains in office or not. He will be removed only if 2/3 of the Senate vote to charge him and if that happens, current Vice President Mike Pence will take Office.

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5 Stories to Stay Current this Week!

Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel are in trouble deep! Cell phone network providers, Vodafone-Idea and Bharti Airtel, are under a lot of pressure to pay the Government of India more than Rs. 90,000 Crores in fees!

Why? The Supreme Court of India has ruled that telecommunications providers need to pay the government taxes on a larger part of their revenues than the telecom companies think they should be paying for, in addition to very high fees and royalties to license the airwaves.

At the same time, the revenues they get per customer for voice calls has reduced drastically as Reliance Jio entered the telecom market in 2016 with very low prices and changed the competitive landscape.

Vodafone Idea and Airtel have been arguing that the license fees, royalties and taxes should be lower. They have also been asking for some time to pay these fees. The Supreme Court has given them 3 months. It is a very real possibility that with the losses that companies like Vodafone Idea are posting, and with this huge fee demand from the government, they may actually go out of business in India!

What does this mean for us? If this happens, it will again change the competitive landscape and give newer entrants, like Reliance Jio, an advantage. Fewer competitors will mean that us cell phone users could suffer as there will be nothing to stop higher prices for us.

Impeachment Hearings in the US: Witnesses started testifying before the House Intelligence Committee in the impeachment of US President Donald Trump.

US President Donald Trump is being investigated as it is suspected that he was pressuring the President of the Ukraine, to give him information on Joe Biden, his potential rival in the 2020 US Presidential election. It is suspected that he indicated that he would only give US military aid to the Ukraine if they helped him on this front.

What happens next? If it is proved that he did this, it could be an impeachable offence. These witnesses will finish testifying, or giving their version of what they saw and heard, by the end of November, 2019. The House Intelligence Committee will then present its report in December 2019 and the House will vote on whether or not there is enough evidence to impeach. If they say there is, the matter goes to the Senate and there will be an impeachment trial.

Maharashtra is under President's rule. None of the political parties got a majority of the votes in the recent State elections, and they have not yet been able to work out deals and alliances. The Governor of Maharashtra has therefore asked for the State to be placed under President's rule until a coalition (group) of parties can demonstrate a clear majority in the legislature, and announce a leader of the coalition to assume the Chief Ministership. This gives the political parties 6 months to make a deal.

Congratulations to Rohit Sharma! India's superstar cricketer, Rohit Sharma just made history by becoming the second Indian cricketer to play 100 T20 International matches. Who beat him? India's Harmanpreet Kaur who has played 100 T20 International matches in Women's Cricket!

Music Update: Swifties on high alert! Taylor Swift will receive the Artist of the Decade Award at the American Music Awards this year. These will be held in Los Angeles on November 25, 2019.

Get ready for the OnePlus Music Festival in Mumbai this weekend! Katy Perry and Dua Lipa will perform live on November 16. Here's a clip of what you can look forward to!

What you should know about President Trump, the Ukraine and the impeachment investigation.

News: US President **Donald Trump** has been in the news again, but this time a number of people are asking for him to be impeached, or removed from office. This is because it is suspected that he asked officials in Ukraine for some information he could use against his opponents in next year's US Presidential race, in exchange for millions of dollars worth of military aid to Ukraine. If this is true, it is illegal and could be grounds for his removal from office.

What is impeachment? Impeachment is a process by which the government can remove a high-ranking official from political or public office. This can be started in very specific cases where the leader is suspected of committing a grave crime against the government, or when the people or the country or have acted in a way that is not in the best interest of the country.

Many countries have provisions for impeachment in their laws. These include Brazil, France, India, Ireland, the Philippines, Russia, South Korea, and the United States. Even the President or the Prime Minister of a country can be impeached.

OK! Why are we talking about impeachment today? In 2020 the US will hold a presidential election and President Trump will contest for a second term. An anonymous whistleblower sent in a phone transcript from July 2019 that reveals President Trump repeatedly asked President Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine's top leader to dig up information on his political

opponent Joe Biden. He would use this information to defame Joe Biden just before the election.

This matters because it is illegal to ask foreign parties to interfere and help in winning a US election. Apparently, this call was made shortly after Mr. Trump had personally blocked millions of dollars in military aid to Ukraine. They suspect he used this aid as a haggling tool but President Trump and his allies deny this.

What happens next? The investigation into Mr. Trump's action is being led by the Intelligence Committee assisted by other divisions of the US Government. At the end of the investigation, one of the committees will draft the Articles of Impeachment and present them to the House of Representatives (the House), which is the lower level of the US Parliament.

If the Articles are passed by a simple majority in the House, the vote will go to the Senate, which is the higher level of the US Parliament. The Senate will then hold a trial on the Articles of Impeachment and only if a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Senate vote in favour of impeachment, can President Trump be removed from office.

If at any stage in the process, the House or the Senate is not able to secure the required number of votes to go to the next stage, the process will end and things will remain as they are now. As it stands, this is unlikely given that Mr Trump's party controls the chamber. Unlikely, but not impossible as members of his own Republican party will have to turn against him.

Stay tuned to know how the impeachment process progresses and if a sitting US President will be removed from office by impeachment for the first time in history!

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