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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>IN NEWS</u>
POLITY	Removal of Chief Election Commissioner.
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POLITY

In news: Removal of Chief Election Commissioner.

Election Commission of India: Permanent and independent body: The Election Commission of India is a permanent and independent constitutional authority, established under Article 324 of the Indian Constitution.

Members :

One Chief Election Commissioner and two other Election Commissioners.

Removal:

Article 324(5): Subject to the provisions of any law made by Parliament, the conditions of service and tenure of office of the Election Commissioners and the Regional Commissioners shall be such as the President may by rule determine:

Provided that the Chief Election Commissioner shall not be removed from his office except in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court and the conditions of service of the Chief Election Commissioner shall not be varied to his disadvantage after his appointment:

Provided further that any other Election Commissioner or a Regional Commissioner shall not be removed from office except on the recommendation of the Chief Election Commissioner.

Removal process:

- Shall be initiated in either houses of the Parliament.
- If in Lok shabha, it requires 100 members recommendation and if in Rajya shabha, it requires 50 members recommendation.
- It the discretion of the preceding officer (i.e., Speaker of the Lok shabha and chairman of the Rajya shabha) to accept the removal motion.
- Then a three member commission consist of :
 - Chief Justice of India,
 - Chief Justice of any of the States, and
 - An eminent Jurisc by the President, is formed to inquire on the alligation on CEC of India.
- If they pronounce it as malinformation, then the process of removal stops then and there.
- If it proven, then the motion voting proceeds in the Parliament.
- The motion should be pass in both the houses separately with the special majority in both the houses.
- Then the final assent will be given by the President.

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