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History of January 16

- ◆ **1761** : The British removed the authority of the French from Pondicherry.
- ◆ **1769** : Suniyajit horse racing was organized for the first time in Calcutta.
- ◆ **1899** : The Soviet Union announced its plans for a two-year manned mission to Mars.
- ◆ **1992** : An extradition treaty was signed between Britain and India.
- ◆ **1556** : Philip II became the Emperor of Spain.

Current Affairs Related to 16 January

- ◆ Taking air defense cooperation forward, a joint air exercise between India and Japan is starting. The name of this bilateral exercise is Veer Guardian. This is the first edition of this aerial exercise between India and Japan. Its objective is to enhance defense cooperation between the two countries. It will be organized from 12 to 26 January 2023 at Hyakura Air Base in Japan. This will be the first time that a woman fighter pilot of the Indian Air Force will be part of an Indian contingent for an aerial combat in a foreign land.
- ◆ The Board of Control for Cricket in India has found a replacement for one of the two jersey sponsors of Team India. The cricket body has signed only Kiran Clothing, makers of Killer Jeans, as the official partner of the Indian cricket team for five months (till 31 May 2023). Keval Kiran Clothing, which also owns brands like Lawman and Integrity, has replaced gaming firm MPL. Under this deal, the flagship brand will be displayed on the right upper chest of Team India's jersey.
- ◆ Anurag Kumar was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Electronics Corporation of India Limited. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Kumar to the post till January 31, 2026, the date of his superannuation.
- ◆ The World Bank released the Global Economic Prospects Report 2023. In the report, the World Bank has once again reaffirmed its faith in the Indian economy. According to the World Bank, India is expected to be the fastest growing economy among the seven largest emerging markets and developing economies.
- ◆ India's fastest payment app RuPay launched in India. RuPay is built with the best of Web 3.0 technology. RuPay provides an enhanced digital payment experience with an excellent user experience.
- ◆ Aparna Sen was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Jaipur Film Festival.
- ◆ The Khelo India Senior Women's National Kho Kho League has been held at Chandigarh University Punjab from 10 to 13 January. The league, to be organized in three phases, is being organized by the Kho Kho Federation of India with full financial support from the Union Sports Ministry. A total of 12 teams will participate in the tournament and around 200 players will participate. Apart from this, Kho Kho Women's League for Junior and Sub-Junior age group has been scheduled from January 16 to 19 at Alberta Ekka Kho Kho Stadium, Hotwar, Ranchi.
- ◆ Neeru Yadav aka Hockey Sarpanch has started a new initiative to support the farmers of Lambi Ahir village. Yadav and NABARD have signed an agreement to start Farmer Producer Organization with the help of Society of Indian Institute of Rural Development. Farmer Producer Organization is a company that was formally established by farmers.
- ◆ India's High Commissioner to the UK Vikram K Doraiswamy and Matthew Rycraft signed and exchanged letters to formalize the plan. PM Modi and UK PM Rishi Sunak announced the launch of the Young Professional Scheme at the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia. The Young Professional Scheme will enable graduates aged 18.30 years to obtain a 2-year visa to study in each other's countries and help youth understand each other's culture.
- ◆ The Center has adopted new standards for making digital TVs, security systems and chargers. BIS, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, has issued new country specific standards for manufacturing Digital TV receivers, USB Type C receptacles, plugs and cables, and video surveillance systems.
- ◆ The 7th edition of the Global Investors Summit was inaugurated by PM Modi in Indore. The inaugural session was also attended by Chandrika Prasad Santokhi, President of Suriname and Dr. Mohamed Irfan Ali, President of Guyana.

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National & International Current Affairs

1. Road Safety Week is being celebrated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways under Swachhta Pakhwada.

- (A) 11th to 16th January (B) 11th to 17th January
(C) 12th to 18th January (D) 13th to 19th January

(B) Road Safety Week is being observed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways from 11 to 17 January 2023 as part of Swachhta Pakhwada. The aim of the program is to promote the cause of safe roads for all. Various activities including various awareness campaigns will be organized during the week. This year 34th Road Safety Week is being celebrated.



2. Space Kids India satellite made by how many school girls to be launched by ISRO?

- (A) 350 (B) 550
(C) 750 (D) 1000

(C) Space Kidz India a Chennai based space technology start-up is going to launch its satellite made by 750 girls from government schools on the launch vehicle of Indian Space Research Organisation. The date of January 16 has been fixed for the launch of the satellite named Azadi Sat.



3. Who became the fastest batsman to score 1500 runs in T-201 recently?

- (A) Suryakumar (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Yuvraj Singh (D) Rohit Sharma

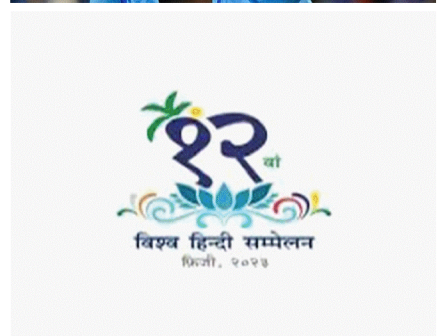
(A) Suryakumar achieved a great feat during his innings against Sri Lanka. He became the fastest batsman to score 1500 runs in T20 Internationals. Surya, who made his debut against England in February 2021, completed 1500 runs in 42 innings. He faced 843 balls for 1500 runs.



4. In which country was the 12th World Hindi Conference held?

- (A) Pakistan (B) Bangladesh
(C) China (D) Fiji

(D) The event is being organized in Fiji from 15 to 17 February 2023. The decision to hold the 12th World Hindi Conference in Fiji was taken at the 11th World Hindi Conference held in Mauritius. For the first time in the year 1975, the World Hindi Conference was organized in Nagpur.



5. Recently, the first advance estimate of NSO has estimated what percent of India's GDP growth rate in the financial year 2023.

- (A) 6.8% (B) 6.9%
(C) 7% (D) 7.5%

(C) According to the latest estimates of the National Statistical Office, the Indian economy will grow at the rate of 7 percent in the financial year 2023. The growth forecast of NSO is higher than that of RBI and World Bank. The Reserve Bank of India and the World Bank have projected GDP growth rates of 6.8 percent and 6.9 percent, respectively, for the financial year 2023.



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6. How many Indian films have been selected for the Oscar Awards 2023 in the first list?

- (A) 1 (B) 3
(C) 5 (D) 7

(C) Five Indian films were selected for the Oscar Awards 2023 in the first list. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has released a list of 301 feature films eligible for Oscars. In this, the Indian film Kashmir Files has been chosen, which is based on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in the year 1990.



7. Which film has recently been selected for the Oscars?

- (A) The Kashmir Files (B) Munnibai Nautankiwali
(C) Pathan (D) Prithviraj

(A) The film The Kashmir Files has been shortlisted for the Oscars 2023. Means now this film has qualified to get Oscar. But it will compete with other films on the Oscar shortlist. While Anupam Kher, Mithun Chakraborty, Pallavi Joshi and Darshan Kumar have all been selected in the Best Actor category. This time 301 feature films from around the world have been selected for the Oscars.



8. With whom is the Kedar Nath Singh case related?

- (A) Insurance (B) Goods and Services Tax
(C) Sedition Act (D) Citizenship Act

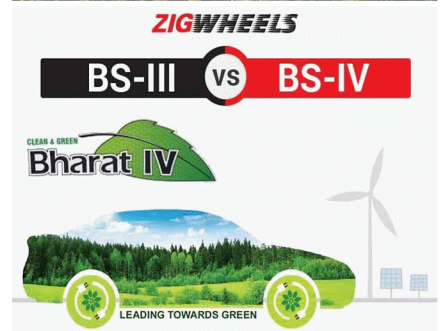
(C) The Supreme Court is about to hear petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the sedition law. Sedition Law Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code for causing disaffection towards the Government. provides for life imprisonment. It was included in the Indian Penal Code in the year 1890.



9. Recently popular words BS-III and BS-IV are related to?

- (A) Press regulation (B) Petrol and diesel engines
(C) Drone technology (D) Quantum computer

(B) Recently, the Delhi government has decided to impose a temporary ban on BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel four-wheelers in the national capital. This decision has been taken after the air quality fell in the critical category. In the past, the air quality index of the national capital crossed 400.



10. The recently discussed title 42 word is related to which country?

- (A) Japan (B) America
(C) Russia (D) India

(B) Recently the United States announced that it would extend the COVID-19 pandemic era restrictions. These restrictions are known as Title 42. Their purpose is to send migrants from Nicaragua, Cuba and Haiti across the US-Mexico border back to Mexico.



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