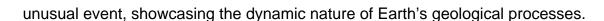


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## **Important Current Affairs- 16 January 2025**

- Jan 16 observed as Start up day
  - During this event, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the Bharat Startup Grand Challenge. India is now the third-largest startup hub globally, with an estimated 26,000 startups emerging in the country.
- The Indian government has recently announced a cashless treatment scheme for road accident victims, which will provide up to â?¹1.5 lakh per person for medical expenses. This initiative was confirmed by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- The Kishan Samrudhi Market Portal is part of the broader initiative under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSK), which aims to serve as a one-stop shop to meet the various needs of farmers in India.
- Mission Mausam was recently inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 150th anniversary of the India Meteorological Department
  - This initiative aims to enhance India's weather forecasting capabilities and address climate change challenges. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved a budget of â?¹2,000 crore for this mission, which focuses on improving weather and climate science in the country.
  - The headquarters of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is located at Mausam Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- The government has approved the addition of **two reserve battalions to the Central Industrial Security Force** (CISF), each consisting of **1,025 personnel**. This decision will increase the total number of CISF battalions from **13 to 15**, adding a total of 2,050 new positions.
- The latest **wolf census** in India, specifically conducted in **Gujarat**, revealed that the state has a total wolf population of around 80 in Bhavnagar district, followed by 39 in Narmada and 36 in Banaskantha.
- Tata Elxsi has formed a strategic partnership with CSIR-NAL (National Aerospace Laboratories) to advance air mobility technologies.Â
- The World Economic Forum (WEF) recently released its Future of Jobs Report 2025 which states that while 92 million jobs are set to be displaced, 170 million new jobs will be created globally.
- Recently, the Caspian Sea witnessed the formation of a temporary "ghost island" due to a mud volcano eruption. This phenomenon occurred in early 2023 and was notable for its quick disappearance, likely eroding away by the end of 2024. NASA satellites documented this



- Smriti Mandhana recently scored the fastest century by an Indian woman in One Day Internationals (ODIs), reaching the milestone in just 70 balls. This achievement surpassed the previous record set by Harmanpreet Kaur, who made a century in 87 balls against South Africa.
- Mount Ibu, located on the island of Halmahera in Indonesia, erupted recently.

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