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- 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 **₹1.5 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 Samridhi 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 **₹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.
- 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

unusual event, showcasing the dynamic nature of Earth's geological processes.

- **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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