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## History of December 16

- ◆ **1929** : The Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation started digging a canal within the Hooghly River.
- ◆ **1971** : After the ceasefire agreed between India and Pakistan, Bangladesh separated from Pakistan and became an independent nation.
- ◆ **1985** : The first Fast Breeder Test Reactor was established in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- ◆ **1993** : Education for All Conference started in New Delhi.

## Current Affairs Related to 16 December

- ◆ The echo of economic and industrial development in Uttar Pradesh will now be heard on the global stage. Uttar Pradesh has also been invited to participate in the World Economic Forum as an annual summit to be held in Davos in January next year. The delegation aims to showcase the state's progress towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has nominated a delegation to participate in the meeting to be held in Davos from January 15 to 19.
- ◆ The Central Government's decision to remove Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir will remain intact. Constitution bench of 5 judges of the Supreme Court Article 370 was a temporary provision. It is clear from Articles 1 and 370 of the Constitution that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. All the provisions of the Indian Constitution can be applied there. Along with this, the Supreme Court ordered to hold assembly elections in the state by 30 September 2024.
- ◆ Indian activist Nikhil Dey, who pioneered policy reforms that empower Indian workers, was honored by the US government as the International Anti-Corruption Champion for 2023. The honor highlights his decades-long commitment to empowering farmers and workers while exposing corruption in the delivery of government services.
- ◆ REC Ltd, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power, has received a loan of Euro 200 million from German bank KfW, marking a significant step in enhancing the distribution infrastructure of the discom. This agreement, marking REC's sixth credit line under Indo-German Development Cooperation, emphasizes the Corporation's commitment to strengthen the distribution infrastructure of Discoms in line with the Revised Distribution Sector Plan of the Government of India.
- ◆ Indian Army conducts table top exercise for ASEAN women peacekeepers.
- ◆ Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI is a collaboration initiative of National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and Intel India. GPAI Summit begins in New Delhi. This program is designed to equip youth with essential AI skills. The program is gaining attention for its innovative approach and commitment aimed at enabling a future-ready workforce. Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI aims to promote deeper understanding of AI.
- ◆ A task force was formed by Thailand and Myanmar as border unrest increased. The task force will be established to promote humanitarian assistance to people displaced by the fighting between junta forces and rebel groups. The Myanmar side will soon send a working group to Thailand to discuss the matter.
- ◆ The 26th meeting of the Eastern Regional Council was held under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Patna, Bihar. He appealed to all the members to work in the spirit of cooperative federalism for all-round development. He said that the Eastern Regional Council has achieved great success in the last nine years, more than 1100 disputes have been settled through negotiations on this platform.
- ◆ ICGS Sajag enhanced maritime cooperation with UAE in Sadbhavna Yatra. The visit is part of the Goodwill Initiative in the Gulf Region, which will strengthen relations and cooperation between the Indian Coast Guard and UAE maritime agencies. The ship was welcomed by Colonel Marwan Mohammed Hassan Almazrookri of the UAE Coast Guard. The objective of the visit is to promote business relations, including joint exercises and interactions, and contribute to collaborative efforts in the maritime sector.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 76, leaving his peers behind by more than 10 points.



## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is Vijay Diwas celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th December (B) 16th December  
(C) 17th December (D) 18th December

**(B)** Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 16 December due to India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war. After the end of this war, 93,000 Pakistani army had surrendered. India defeated Pakistan in the 1971 war, after which East Pakistan became independent.



### 2. Recently, the 2027 Artistic Gymnastic World Championships will be hosted in Chengdu, the capital of China.

- (A) Sichuan Province (B) Minchu Province  
(C) Kinua Province (D) None of these

**(A)** Chengdu, the capital of southwest China's Sichuan province, will host the 2027 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships. This championship will take place from 28 September to 6 October 2027. FIG Secretary General Nicolas Buompain said in an official letter that the Executive Committee of the FIG has decided to allocate the championship to the city of Chengdu, China through electronic voting.



### 3. A task force will be formed by Thailand and which country on the recent increase in border unrest?

- (A) India (B) Pakistan  
(C) Australia (D) Myanmar

**(D)** A task force will be formed by Thailand and Myanmar in view of the recent increase in border unrest. The decision was taken during discussions between the foreign ministers of Myanmar and Thailand at a meeting in China. The Myanmar side will soon send a working group to Thailand to discuss the matter.



### 4. Where was GPAI Summit 2023 held recently?

- (A) Mumbai (B) New Delhi  
(C) Kolkata (D) Kanpur

**(B)** GPI Summit Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence summit at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. It aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by facilitating cutting-edge research and practical activities on priorities related to artificial intelligence.



### 5. Recently the Ministry of Tourism has organized the music festival Krishnaveni Sangeet Neerjanam.

- (A) Vijayawada (B) Gwalior  
(C) Varanasi (D) None of these

**(A)** Krishnaveni Sangeet Neerajam was organized on the banks of Krishna River in Vijayawada in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, Sangeet Natak Academy and Andhra Pradesh State Government, Government of India. The Ministry of Tourism is making continuous efforts to bring innovation and diversity in the country's tourism offerings through the development and promotion of niche tourism.





6. Who has recently been announced by Mumbai City FC as the new head coach of the club?

- (A) Andrew Kratky (B) Amit Kratky  
(C) Narendra Kratky (D) Petr Kratky

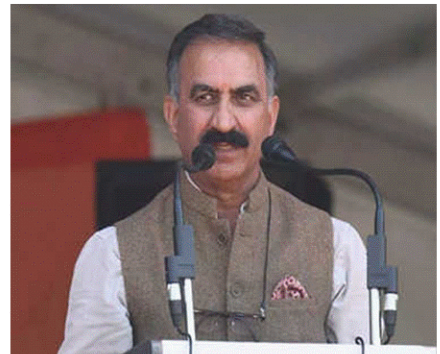
**(D)** Recently Mumbai City FC has announced Petr Kratky as the new head coach of the club. Kratky will serve as the head coach of Mumbai City Club until the end of the Indian Super League 2024-2025 season. Kratky has previously served at sister club Melbourne City.



7. Which Chief Minister has recently earned a place in the list of Changemakers of the Year-2023?

- (A) Pushkar Singh Dhami (B) Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu  
(C) Nitish Kumar (D) None of these

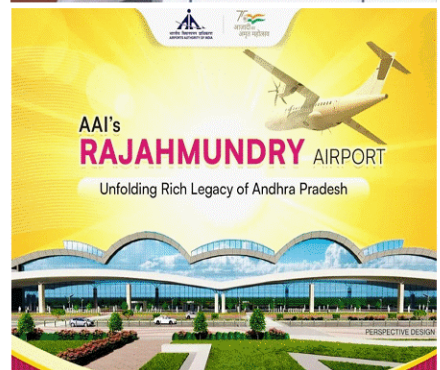
**(B)** Recently, Himachal Pradesh CM Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has been included in the list of Changemakers of the Year 2023 by the prestigious Outlook magazine. According to the government spokesperson, this honor has been given to CM Sukhu in view of his extraordinary leadership and remarkable contribution in dealing with the natural disaster that occurred in the state this year.



8. Recently the foundation stone of a terminal building has been laid at Rajahmundry Airport of which state?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Kerala  
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Karnataka

**(A)** Recently, Civil Aviation and Steel Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia laid the foundation stone of the new terminal building at Rajahmundry Airport in Andhra Pradesh. The terminal ensures thermal insulation and energy efficiency. LED lighting provides a vibrant and eco-friendly solution.



9. Recently Vishnu Dev Rai has been declared the new Chief Minister of which state?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Chhattisgarh

**(D)** Recently, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader cum Bihar State Executive Committee member PM Amresh has expressed happiness over the announcement of the name of Vishnudev Rai as the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh by the Bharatiya Janata Party high command. He said that Vishnu Dev Rai, who comes from the tribal community, is a strong leader of the party.



10. To which state/union territory does the Hatti community belong?

- (A) Uttarakhand (B) Ladakh  
(C) Himachal Pradesh (D) Arunachal Pradesh

**(C)** Recently, Hatti community has announced to protest to get Scheduled Tribe status. The Hattis are a close-knit community, which gets its name from the tradition of selling vegetables, crops, meat and wool etc. in small markets called haats in cities. The homeland of the Hatti extends from Himachal to the Uttarakhand border in the basin of the Giri and Tons rivers, both tributaries of the Yamuna.

