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14th, 15th and 16th January 2023

INTERNATIONAL

1) EU's first mainland orbital launch complex

- European officials and Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf inaugurated the EU's first mainland orbital launch complex.
- The European Union wants to bolster its capacity to launch small satellites into space with a new launchpad in Arctic Sweden. The new facility at Esrange Space Centre near the city of Kiruna should complement the EU's current launching capabilities in French Guiana.

2) R'Bonney Gabriel

- The United States candidate R'Bonney Gabriel has crowned Miss Universe 2022 at a ceremony held in New Orleans, Mexico. The crown was presented to her by India's Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu who had won the
- She was handed a bouquet of flowers, draped in the winner's sash and crowned with a tiara onstage at the 71st Miss Universe Competition. The second runner-up was Miss Dominican Republic, Andreina
- Miss Curacao, Gabriela Dos Santos, and Miss Puerto Rico, Ashley Carino, rounded out the top five finalists.



3) Michele Santelia

- A 63-year-old Italian man, Michele Santelia has achieved a world record by typing copies of 81 books backwards, a technique that he calls 'mirror writing', as per a report by the Guinness World Records (GWR).
- For the purpose of this record, the books must be typed using 'mirror writing', such that the result is the mirror image of any given language's normal writing.























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NATIONAL

1) MAARG (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth)

- The MAARG (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth) platform will be launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. The Commerce Ministry said MAARG, a portal to facilitate mentorship for start-ups across diverse sectors, and geographies, will go live on January 16.

2) Vande Bharat Express

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually flag off the semi-high speed train Vande Bharat Express from Secunderabad Railway Station on January 15 as a gift to the Telugu people on the occasion of Sankranti. Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw and Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy will be physically present at Secunderabad Railway Station. The Vande Bharat Train will run between Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam in approximately eight hours.



3) 'Aarogya Maitri'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a new 'Aarogya Maitri' project under which India will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crisis and proposed to set up a 'centre of excellence' to facilitate development solutions to these countries.

4) "Womaniya on Government eMarketplace"

- The success of "Womaniya on Government eMarketplace" was commemorated in New Delhi.























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- The event was held by Government eMarketplace (GeM) in partnership with the self-employed women's association, Bharat (SEWA Bharat), and attended by women entrepreneurs and participants from stakeholders' organizations and associations.

STATE NEWS

1) Mongeet

- Mongeet is a festival of music, poetry, art, craft, food, culinary techniques, indigenous herbs, and culture celebrated in Majuli, Assam.
- The Mongeet festival started in the year 2020 as a movement of arts and music and it aims to nurture the upcoming musical talents of Assam. It was started by actor Adil Hussain and Kaushik Nath, an actordirector-turned-entrepreneur.



2) 'Saharsh'

- The 'Saharsh' was launched in 40 schools of the state on a pilot basis in August last year.
- This year, it will be extended to all government and aided schools in Tripura from the second week of January.

3) 'Kamla Devi'

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Kamla Devi' the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) which is designed, built, and delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd to Indian Coast Guard was commissioned in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Indian Coast Guard ship Kamla Devi is officially the fifth and last vessel of the series of FPVs designed and built by GRSE as per the specifications of the Indian Coast Guard.

4) Software Technology Parks of India

- Digital India Startup Hub, through the Software Technology Parks of India, shall set up India's first Centre of Excellence in Online Gaming at Shillong by March 2023.





















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- This was announced by Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, at a function in Meghalaya's capital

5) Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology

- Startup firm IG Drones, which was born out of the Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) campus in Odisha's Sambalpur has developed a 5G-enabled drone that is capable of vertical take-off and
- As it's a VTOL (Vertical Take-off and Landing), it can be operated from any terrain without the need for a conventional runway.

6) Regional Office of Employees provident Fund Organization

- Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated the Regional Office of Employees provident Fund Organization (EPFO) at Alwar, Rajasthan.
- The Regional Office will help more than 2 lakh workers, 12,000 establishments, and 8,500 pensioners from Alwar and the neighboring districts of Bharatpur and Dholpur.

The major industrial areas served by Regional Office are Bhiwadi, Khushkhera, Tapukara, Karoli, Neemrana, Behror, Gheelot, and Khairthal.



7) "Soul of Steel"

- In an effort to test one's high-altitude endurance, a new challenge called "Soul of Steel" will be launched in India. Spearheaded by venture CLAW Global, which is run by veterans and supported by the Indian Army, the challenge will take place in the state of Uttarakhand and is similar to the "Ironman triathlon" long-distance triathlon challenge in Europe.
- The expedition will officially launch on January 14th, and will include 12 Indian participants and six international teams, with the age group for applicants being between 18 and 30 years.
- 8) Nataraja Idol of the Archeological Department official in Chittorgarh Fort in Rajasthan

























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- Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal handed over the 9th to 10th century Nataraja Idol of the Archeological Department official in Chittorgarh Fort in Rajasthan.
- Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal noted that there are only 13 idols of ancient importance that could be brought to India by the year 2023 but after 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought 229 idols to India.

9) Flybig commenced its services from Itanagar to Guwahati

- Regional carrier Flybig commenced its services from Itanagar to Guwahati. The Flybig carrier has commenced flights from Hollongi in Arunachal Pradesh to Guwahati in Assam.
- With this, Itanagar becomes the 10th destination on the Flybig network while the third destination in Arunachal Pradesh alone.



10) Jallikattu bull-taming competition

- The renowned Jallikattu bull-taming competition got underway on Sunday in the Tamil Nadu village of Avaniyapuram.
- Aneesh Sekhar, the district collector of Madurai, as saying that preparations had been made to ensure a successful Jallikattu. ensuring the players' and bulls' safety. Bulls are protected in the play area by three levels of barricading, as are spectators.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Captain Surbhi Jakhmola

- Captain Surbhi Jakhmola of the Indian Army's 117 Engineer Regiment will be the first woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- The officer will be sent to Bhutan as part of Project Dantak. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is an executive road construction force in India that supports the Indian armed forces.

2) Clare Lombardelli

- Chief Economic Adviser to the Treasury, Clare Lombardelli, has been appointed as the new Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Chief Economist.























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- She will lead the OECD's economic work, replacing France's Laurence Boone, who has held the post since 2018. A British national, Clare holds a Master's Degree in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science and Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University.

SPORTS

1) Men's Hockey World Cup, 2023

- Men's Hockey World Cup, 2023 has began with a spectacular opening ceremony at the picturesque Barabati Stadium in Cuttack that was witnessed by thousands of hockey lovers in attendance from across the country and abroad.
- Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, International Hockey Federation president Tayyab Ikram and Hockey India chairman Dilip Tirkey were present at the glittering ceremony. 16 teams are participating in the global tournament.

2) Falak Mumtaz

- Falak Mumtaz, an 11-year-old girl from Jammu and Kashmir has bagged a gold medal in National Sqay Championship. Falak Mumtaz has achieved a gold medal in the National Sqay Championship which was held in Jammu. She is currently studying sixth standard at Aisha Ali Academy in Kulgam.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Armed Forces Veterans Day

- The Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on 14th January since 1953, the First Indian Commander in Chief (C-in-C) of Indian Army- Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who led Indian Forces to Victory in the 1947 war, had formally retired from the Services.
- The Day is celebrated as Armed Forces Veterans Day and dedicated to our esteemed Veterans. The First Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated on January, 14, 2016 and it was decided to commemorate this day every year by hosting such interactive events in the honor of our Armed Forces Veterans and their families. This year 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day celebrates on 2023.

























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2) Indian army day 2023

- Indian army day 2023 is celebrated on 15th January 2023 and it mark the 75th anniversary of the Indian army day. Every year on January 15, India celebrates its Army Day.
- It is the day on which Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa (then a Lieutenant General) took over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from the last British Commander-in-Chief of India, General Fransis Bucher in the year 1949.
- Parades, medal presenting and other ceremonies are organized to celebrate the Army Day. With "Service before self" as its motto, the Indian Army is the largest component of the Indian Armed Forces.

OBITUARY

1) Ray Cordeiro

- Ray Cordeiro, who interviewed music acts including the Beatles during a six-decade career on Hong Kong radio that earned him the title of the world's longest-working disc jockey, has passed away. Cordeiro, who was born in Hong Kong in 1924 of Portuguese descent, was recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's longest-working DJ.
- He joined Hong Kong's public broadcaster in 1960 after working as a prison warden and bank clerk. His "All the Way With Ray" show of easy listening music was on RTHK Radio 3 for 51 years until his retirement.













