

# Current Affairs: October 16, 2024

## National News:

### 1. **\*\*BEML Secures Contract for India's First Indigenous Bullet Trains\*\***:



- BEML has won a ₹866.87 crore contract to design, manufacture, and commission India's first indigenously built bullet trains with operational speeds of 250 km/h.

### 2. **\*\*Omar Abdullah Takes Oath as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir\*\***:



- Omar Abdullah becomes the Chief Minister after JKNC's victory, marking a key political transition in Jammu and Kashmir.

## International

### 3. **\*\*World Health Organization Secures \$1 Billion in Funding\*\***:



- WHO received \$1 billion in pledges to enhance its global health emergency responses.

#### 4. **\*\*Abu Dhabi Crowned World's Richest City in Sovereign Wealth Funds\*\***:



- Abu Dhabi now holds \$1.7 trillion in sovereign wealth funds, the highest globally.

### State News:

#### 5. **\*\*129 Wetlands to be Revived in Assam\*\***:



- Assam plans to restore 129 wetlands to reduce flood risks and boost fish production.

#### 6. **\*\*Kerala Assembly Passes Resolution Against Wakf Amendment Bill\*\***:



- Kerala opposes the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, raising concerns over Waqf board autonomy.

## Defence

### 7. **\*\*Indian Army Honors Heroes of the 1962 Walong Battle\*\***:



- A month-long series of events commemorates soldiers who fought in the 1962 Sino-Indian War.

## Schemes

### 8. **\*\*EAM Jaishankar Launches e-Migrate Portal\*\***:



- The revamped portal ensures safe overseas travel for Indian citizens and aligns with SDG 10.

## Science & Technology:

### 9. **\*\*Europa Clipper Begins Journey to Explore Jupiter's Moon\*\***:



- NASA's Europa Clipper mission will explore Europa's icy surface and subsurface ocean to assess its potential to support life.

## Important Days:

10. **\*\*International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2024\*\*:**



- Observed on October 17th to raise awareness on eradicating poverty worldwide.