

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:

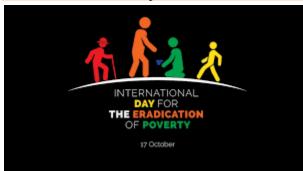
9. **Europa Clipper Begins Journey to Explore Jupiter's Moon**:



- 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.