

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 16, 2024

### NATIONAL

- **India's First Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS)**
- ✓ India is set to launch its **first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS)** from **Uttarakhand**, marking a significant milestone in the country's healthcare and aviation sectors.



- ✓ The inception of HEMS aligns with the Indian government's broader initiative to enhance healthcare accessibility, particularly in remote and mountainous regions.
- ✓ By leveraging helicopters for emergency medical services, the initiative aims to minimize response times and deliver vital medical care to those in inaccessible areas promptly.

### INTERNATIONAL

- **Germany Overtakes Japan As Third-Largest Economy**
- ✓ Official data reveals that Germany has surpassed Japan as the world's third-largest economy, primarily due to a significant depreciation in the yen compared to the stability of the euro.



- ✓ Japan's economy, despite growing 1.9% last year, contracted in the fourth quarter, leading to its relegation to the fourth position.
- ✓ The yen depreciated by over 18% against the dollar in 2022 and 2023, facilitating Germany's ascendancy due to the stability of the euro against the dollar.

