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- **7th Int. Coffee Festival in Bengaluru**
 - The seventh edition of the India International Coffee Festival (IICF) will be held in Bengaluru from January 16-19.
 - The four-day IICF 2018 is being organized by the India Coffee Trust and State-run Coffee Board to promote the Indian coffees globally.
 - IICF 2018 would be a precursor to the International Coffee Organisation's World Coffee Conference being hosted by India in Bengaluru in 2020.
- **India to set up IT centre in Egypt**
 - India will be establishing a Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT) at Al Azhar University.
 - It is Egypt's highest religious authority and one of the world's most eminent seats of Sunni Muslim learning.
 - Cairo is the capital of Egypt and Abdel Fattah el-Sisi is its president.





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- **New species of scorpions discovered**
 - Tripura has identified a new species of scorpions in Tripura's Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - The Schaller's wood scorpion has large and powerful pincers.
 - The study was published in Zootaxa, an international journal devoted to new species descriptions. Mr. Mirza discovered them.
 - He named the new species Liocheles schalleri in honour of celebrated wildlife biologist George Schaller.
- **Book on Gauri Lankesh's writings**
 - A book containing selected writings by late journalist Gauri Lankesh was launched at the Mumbai Press Club.
 - The book named "The Way I See It" has been edited by writer and sociologist Chandan Gowda.
 - The six sections of the book comprise Lankesh's early reportage in various publications and selected articles.
 - 3 months ago Gauri was gunned down outside her home by unidentified men.
- **Package for paddy farmers: Maharashtra**
 - Maharashtra government announced a financial package to help paddy and cotton farmers whose crops have been damaged because of pests.
 - Farmers cultivating paddy will be provided with Rs 7,970 per hectare compensation for non-irrigated land. Farmers who have irrigated land would get Rs 14,670 per hectare.
 - The compensation will be allowed upto two hectares.
- **Bengali Singer Jatileswar Passes Away**
 - Acclaimed Bengali singer Jatileswar Mukhopadhyay passed away in Kolkata following a prolonged illness. He was 82.
 - The West Bengal government had conferred him with the Sangeet Samman award in 2012.



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- Among his popular numbers were E kon sakal, Tomar Sange Dekha Na Hole, Aamar Swapan Kinte Paare and Bondhuya Amar Chokhe Jal Enechhe.
- **MEA Launches 'SAMEEP' Policy**
 - With an aim to bring foreign policy to the masses the External Affairs Ministry has come up with an initiative called SAMEEP - 'Students and MEA Engagement Programme'.
 - Under this MEA officials will talk to students to help them better understand foreign policy.
 - The main objective of SAMEEP is to take Indian foreign policy and its global engagements to students across the country.
- **BPCL SBI Card launched**
 - SBI Card and Bharat Petroleum has announced the launch of the BPCL SBI Card – the most rewarding fuel co-branded credit card in the country.
 - The BPCL SBI Card will offer up to 70 litres of free fuel per year to cardholders.
 - Cardholders can earn rewards and save on fuel at 14000 Bharat Petroleum fuel stations across the country. It has been launched on the Visa platform.
- **Quikr acquires HDFC's Units**
 - HDFC has sold its realty brokerage business HDFC Realty and its digital real estate business HDFC Developers to Quikr.
 - The all-stock deal will see HDFC pick up around 3.5% stake in Quikr for the two businesses, which have collectively been valued at about Rs 357 crore.
 - Aditya Puri is the CEO of HDFC, which is headquartered in Mumbai.
- **MoU for Petrochemical park in Kochi**
 - A MoU for setting up a ₹ 1,800-crore petrochemical park in Kochi was inked by the Kerala government and 'FACT'.



- It will come up in 481 acres of land owned by the Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore.
- The park was aimed at making Kochi, a hub in petrochemical production chain on par with Jurong in Singapore and industrial complexes in South Korea.

- **Kisan Diwas - 23rd December**

- Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day) is observed every year on 23 December to celebrate the birth anniversary of the fifth prime minister, Chaudhary Charan Singh.
- A kisan leader, Late Chaudhary Charan Singh belonged to a peasant family.
- He also served as the Deputy PM during the reign of Morarji Desai. He introduced Budget 1979 which was designed to accomplish the needs of the farmers in all respects.

- **UN imposes new sanctions on North Korea**

- The UN Security Council unanimously approved tough new sanctions against North Korea.
- These sanctions are taken in response to its latest launch of a ballistic missile that Pyongyang says is capable of reaching anywhere on the US mainland.
- The resolution includes lower limits on North Korea's refined oil imports, the return home of all North Koreans working overseas within 24 months etc.

- **Peace Summit on Mandela's 100th b'day**

- The UN General Assembly has decided to mark the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's birth by holding a high-level meeting.
- The meeting will focus on world peace. In 2009, the General Assembly established "Nelson Mandela International Day" on July 18, the date he was born in 1981.



- Mandela died on December 5, 2013.
- **Jerusalem no longer Israel's capital**
 - The U.N. General Assembly denounced President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.
 - The resolution reaffirmed what has been the United Nations' stand on the divided holy city since 1967- that Jerusalem's final status must be decided in direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.
 - Benjamin Netanyahu is Israel's Prime Minister.
- **Lt Gen B S Sahrawat becomes DG, NCC**
 - Lieutenant General B S Sahrawat became Director General of National Cadet Corps.
 - He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.
 - He was commissioned in December 1980 in 13th Battalion (Reang La), the Kumaon Regiment.
 - He has been awarded the Sena Medal during the floods of Kosi River in Bihar in 2008.
- **'Blue Flag' Beach Project launched**
 - Ministry of Environment and Forests has launched a pilot project named "Blue Flag" for beach cleanup and development.
 - The objective of the project is to enhance standards of cleanliness and upkeep basic amenities at beaches.
 - Under the pilot programme, each of the coastal State/UT has identified a beach, to be funded through the ongoing Integrated Coastal Management Programme.
- **Russia's Deputy PM Dmitry Visits India**
 - Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin arrived in New Delhi.



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- He will co-chair the meeting of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).
- The meeting will enable the two sides to review the progress achieved by various working groups and sub-groups under the IRIGC-TEC.
- **Government Launched 'Ganga Gram' project**
 - The government had formally launched the 'Ganga Gram' project at the Ganga Gram Swachata Sammelan in New Delhi.
 - It is a part of clean Ganga mission.
 - Namami Gange, the Ganga Gram project is an integrated approach for the holistic development of villages situated on the banks of the holy river with the active participation of villagers.
- **Vijay Rupani Remains Gujarat CM**
 - Vijay Rupani will continue as chief minister of Gujarat and Nitin Patel as his deputy chief minister.
 - The BJP had won 99 seats, only seven more than it needed for a majority to form the government.
 - The decision was taken at a meeting of all the newly-elected BJP MLAs and the announcement was made by union minister Arun Jaitley
- **Rohit equals fastest century record**
 - Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma equalled David Miller's record for the fastest century in the shortest format of the game.
 - He scored a 35-ball century against Sri Lanka in the second T20 international in Indore.
 - David Miller had scored a century in 35 balls against Bangladesh in October this year.

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