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- **‘Sachin: A Billion Dreams’ won 2 awards**
 - “Sachin: A Billion Dreams”, a biopic on cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar has won two awards at the recently concluded 11th Tehran International FICTS Festival 2018.
 - Helmer James Erskine won the trophy for the Best Director of a Long Documentary and an honorary diploma.
 - Producer Ravi Bhagchandka received the Special Award for the Best Film in the Long Documentary section.
- **Unilever arm invests Rs 65 cr in IDG**
 - Unilever Ventures, an investment arm of Unilever Plc, has put Rs 65 crore (\$10 million) into the IDG Ventures India Fund during the year.
 - The company helps early and growth-stage startups receive equity investment and operational support from Unilever.



- These investments in IDG will create the necessary infrastructure for Unilever Ventures.
- **IOB, NHB Tie up for Rural Housing Push**
 - Indian Overseas Bank has signed an MoU with NHB for the Rural Housing Interest Subsidy Scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development.
 - Aim of the RHISS is to provide subsidy for housing loans taken by those living in rural areas for construction and modifications of their dwelling units.
 - The interest subsidy under the scheme is 3% for a loan amount of Rs2 lakh for 20-year tenure.
- **Menon to be next Ambassador of Angola**
 - Shri Srikumar Menon, presently Ambassador of India to South Sudan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Angola.
 - He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.
 - Angola officially the Republic of Angola is a country in Southern Africa. It's capital is Luanda.
- **Nutrition scheme for HIV +tve children**
 - Himachal Pradesh launched nutrition scheme for children affected by HIV under which they would be provided nutritional supplement.
 - The initiative would go a long way providing nutritional supplement & it would boost immunity of around 400 youth up to 18 years of age, who had been tested positive for HIV.
 - In addition, awareness campaign should be intensified in schools and colleges.
- **India to host 16th Int Energy Forum meet**
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- The 16th International Energy Forum Ministerial meeting will be held on April 10 to 12, 2018, which will be hosted by Government of India in New Delhi and co-hosted by the Government of China and South Korea.
- Representatives from 92 countries will participate in the conference.
- **Int. Dam Safety conference held**
 - India will host the International Dam Safety Conference - 2018 at Thiruvananthapuram on January 23-24, which will be inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
 - The conference will be presided by Arjun Ram Meghwal.
 - Dam safety conferences were organised as an annual event under the Dam Safety Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) project.
- **Ganga Gram Project launched**
 - The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation launched 'Ganga Gram' – a project for sanitation based integrated development of all 4470 villages along the River Ganga.
 - The Ganga Gram Swachhta Sammelan was attended by more than 1400 delegates including 500 village sarpanches.
 - Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is the nodal agency for implementation of the Ganga Gram Project.
- **World Eco. Forum Meeting concludes - 2**
 - Mr Modi outlined climate change, terrorism and protectionism as three global threats.
 - He also met his Canadian counterpart, Justin Trudeau.
 - The Prime Minister also held a meeting with Queen Maxima of the Netherlands and discussed steps to deepen the bilateral relationship.
 - At the end, Mr Modi interacted with top global CEOs at the International Business Council event.
- **World Eco. Forum Meeting concludes - 1**



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned home after concluding his visit to Davos, Switzerland.
- During the visit, the Prime Minister delivered a keynote address at the plenary session of the 48th annual meeting of World Economic Forum.
- He became the first Indian prime minister in two decades to join the world's top business leaders in the Swiss resort town of Davos.
- **NIIF Makes its Investment with DP World**
 - The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund announced its first investment project since its announcement in the Union Budget 2015-16.
 - "NIIF has partnered with DP World to create an investment platform for ports, terminals, transportation and logistics businesses in India," said the Finance Ministry.
 - The venture will invest in opportunities in the ports sector as well as river ports.
- **GoI, Uttarakhand, and WB Sign loan**
 - The Government of India, the Government of Uttarakhand and the World Bank Board signed a \$120 million Loan Agreement.
 - It will help increase access to improved water supply services in peri-urban areas in the State of Uttarakhand.
 - The Uttarakhand Water Supply Program for Peri-Urban Areas will help the State increase water supply coverage as well as ensure sustainable water supply service.
- **Moss that can remove lead from water**
 - Scientists have identified a type of moss that can efficiently absorb a large amount of lead, providing a green alternative for decontaminating polluted water and soil.
 - Lead-contaminated water is a serious environmental concern.
 - Researchers from RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science (CSRS) in Japan conducted the research.

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- **WEF to set up C4IR in Mumbai**

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) in partnership with RIL has agreed to set up a new Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) in Mumbai.
- It will promote Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India and Startup India programmes to promote young entrepreneurs.
- This would be first (C4IR) opened outside Silicon Valley at San Francisco.

- **CPI(M) plans impeachment against CJI**

- CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said that the party was trying to build a consensus on moving an impeachment motion against CJI Dipak Misra.
- On January 12, four senior-most Supreme Court judges held a press conference raising questions on "selective" allocation of cases to certain Benches.
- In A.124(4), the guidelines for the Impeachment of Judges are given.

- **Hugh Masekela, Passes Away**

- Trumpeter, composer and singer Hugh Masekela, affectionately known as the 'father of South African jazz', has died after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 78.
- In a career spanning more than five decades, Masekela gained international recognition with his distinctive Afro-Jazz sound.
- He opened the 2010 FIFA World Cup Kick-Off Concert and performed at the event's opening ceremony.

- **FICCI Appoints Dilip Chenoy as DG**

- Industry Chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has appointed Dilip Chenoy as its Director General.
- Prior to this, he was Chairman of Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology and Member, Board of Advisors, IILM.



- He was awarded the Game Changer Award in 2015 and the Rashtriya Media Ratan Award in 2013.
- **Andhra-Zurich Sign Sister State Agrmnt.**
 - The Andhra Pradesh Government and the Canton of Zurich signed a letter of intent, to promote mutual prosperity and development.
 - The agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N Chandrababu Naidu.
 - This will bring the State of Andhra Pradesh and Canton of Zurich closer and ensure that a framework is created, which supports the exchange between both the parties.
- **Shah Rukh Khan Honoured at WEF**
 - Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan was honoured with the 24th Crystal Award at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.
 - According to the WEF, Shah Rukh Khan received Award for "his leadership in championing children's and women's rights in India".
 - Shahrukh received the award alongside Elton John and Hollywood actress Cate Blanchett.
- **Homeopathy Research Institute in Jaipur**
 - Minister of State, for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik laid the foundation stone for Central Research Institute in Jaipur.
 - This will be the 3rd CRI under the aegis of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy.
 - In his address during the stone laying ceremony, Sh. Naik stated that Ministry of AYUSH is determined towards a focused infrastructural push to Homoeopathy and other systems of AYUSH.

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