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- **US ambassador to India**
 - President Trump has announced his intent to nominate Kenneth I Juster, a top economic aide & an expert on India, as the US ambassador to India.
 - Juster, who is Deputy Assistant to US president for International Economic Affairs would replace Richard Verma if nominated & confirmed by Senate.
 - The position has been lying vacant since 20 Jan when Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of U.S.
- **Kenyan court scraps presidential vote**
 - Kenya's Supreme Court has nullified the result of August 8 presidential election won by President Uhuru Kenyatta
 - The court said the electoral board committed "irregularities & illegalities" during last month's vote, harming the integrity of the election
 - The court ordered another presidential election to be held within 60 days
 - No presidential election in Kenya has ever been nullified before





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- **Kalraj Mishra resigns**
 - Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister of Micro, Small & Medium enterprises has submitted his resignation from the cabinet.
 - Departure of Mishra, 76, from cabinet had been talked about during the reshuffle last year too as unofficial age limit for ministers in Modi's council is 75.
 - Along with Mishra, Labour minister Dattatreya & Skill Development minister Rudy have also submitted their resignations.
- **Baru takes charge as Secretary General**
 - Sanjaya Baru has taken over as the Secretary General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry.
 - Prior to this, Baru was Media Advisor to P.M. Manmohan Singh & Director for Geo-economics & Strategy, International Institute of Strategic Studies, London.
 - He was also Member of NSA Board of India, India-ASEAN Eminent Persons Group & Indian National Defence University Committee.
- **Hockey India sacks Roelant Oltmans**
 - Hockey India has sacked national coach Roelant Oltmans after a string of unimpressive outings at the international level.
 - David John will be in charge till a suitable replacement is found for a smooth transition of the men's team.
 - The decision was taken during the three-day meeting of the Hockey India High Performance and Development Committee.
- **Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017**
 - PM Modi inaugurated the annual conference – Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017 in New Delhi
 - Objective of the Conference was to enable a 2 way communication b/w policy-makers & senior officers in field offices with a view to increase revenue collection & facilitate effective implementation of law & policies
 - He also urged officials to use data analytics & proactively track & determine undeclared wealth
- **Anita Karwal is new CBSE chief**



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- IAS officer Anita Karwal has been appointed as the new chairperson of Central Board of Secondary Education.
- Karwal, a Gujarat-cadre IAS officer, who is Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Human Resources Development replaces Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi as the chairperson of CBSE.
- Karwal, was the Gujarat Chief Electoral officer during the Lok Sabha election in 2014.
- **Hindu Conference begins in Nepal**
 - 3 day International Hindu Conference has begun in Nepal with an aim of reinstating Kathmandu as the global capital of Hinduism.
 - Conference will discuss papers on various contemporary issues including, scientific basis of Hinduism, climate change & global warming.
 - Hindu scholars, religious leaders, Hindu activists & officials from India, Bangladesh, Pak, US & UK are attending the conference.
- **Nepal signs UN assistance framework**
 - Nepalese govt has signed UN Development Assistance Framework for 2018-2022, which lays out development strategy for next 5 years.
 - \$635 mn package involving 26 UN agencies is aimed at assisting Nepal in economic growth, social development, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
 - The assistance framework will contribute to achieving Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.
- **New CMD of Coal India**
 - Govt has given interim charge of Coal India Ltd Chairman to Gopal Singh, Chairman of Central Coalfields.
 - Singh has been given the charge after the position of Coal India chairman fell vacant following superannuation of incumbent chairman Suthirtha Bhattacharya.
 - Selection process of chairman for Coal India was scrapped last month after govt said it did not find anybody suitable for the post.
- **'Exhibitor Of the Year' Award**





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- Ajay Bijli, Chairman & MD of PVR, will receive “Exhibitor of the Year” Award at CineAsia Awards Ceremony in Hong Kong.
- Bijli has also been honored with E&Y Entrepreneurial Award for Business Transformation, CNBC's Emerging India Award and Most Admired Multiplex Professional.
- PVR currently operates a cinema circuit comprising of 597 screens at 130 properties in 51 cities.
- **Aksh Optifibre bags contract from BoB**
 - Aksh Optifibre's services division has bagged a national level banking correspondent contract from Bank of Baroda.
 - Under this programme, the company plans to set up 5,000 banking kiosks through its flagship services arm, 1 STOP AKSH in the upcoming year.
 - It also plans to mobilize "1 STOP AKSH" kiosks to offer 360 degree banking services, which will be operated on behalf of BoB in rural areas
- **AP, J&K are fastest growing economies**
 - According to a new series of gross State domestic product data published by CSO, Jammu and Kashmir & Arunachal Pradesh were the fastest expanding State economies in 2015-16.
 - Arunachal Pradesh's gross GSDP expanded 16.5% and that of Jammu and Kashmir 14.7% at constant 2011-12 prices.
 - The two States also reported the fastest rise in per capita income in the same year.
- **Asia's most corrupt country**
 - A recent survey by the Transparency International states that India is the most corrupt country in Asia with 69% bribery rates.
 - According to the report, With 69% bribery rate, India tops the list which is followed by Vietnam, Thailand, Pakistan and Myanmar.
 - The organisation had put India at rank 76 out of 168 countries in its Corruption Perception Index last year.
- **Joint Proposal by India & China**



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- India & China has jointly submitted a proposal to WTO calling for elimination of most trade-distorting form of farm subsidies known as Amber Box.
- It counters efforts by some countries to target subsidies of developing countries while letting developed countries retain their huge farm subsidies.
- Developed countries have more than 90% of global AMS entitlements amounting to \$160 bn.
- **State govt extends Afspa in Assam**
 - For the first time in 27 years, the Assam govt has on its own extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act for 6 months.
 - Earlier, the Act was always enforced by the central govt. AFSPA has been in force in parts of Assam since 1990.
 - Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act gives military sweeping powers to search & arrest and to open fire if they deem it necessary for maintenance of Public Order.
- **Gaurav Bidhuri Clinches Bronze**
 - Wildcard entrant Gaurav Bidhuri's remarkable run at World Boxing Championships ended with a bronze medal after he lost his semifinal clash to Duke Ragan in Hamburg.
 - India thus ended the tournament with a bronze medal, equalling performance of 2009, 2011 & 2015.
 - Despite the loss, he joined a rare club of world championship medallists from India – the past winners being Vijender, Vikas & Shiva
- **UAE topples Saudi Arabia**
 - As per the immigration clearance data for the first 6 months of 2017, The United Arab Emirates has emerged as the leading destination for Indians migrating to the Gulf in search of work.
 - As many as 74,778 Indians (or 40.6%) obtained immigration clearances for the UAE.
 - Bihar edged Uttar Pradesh to occupy the top slot as the leading source state during the first half of 2017.
- **Sports Ministry to constitute ESC**





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- Sports Ministry has approved constitution of a 13-member Empowered Steering Committee which will shape & influence India's preparation for multi-disciplinary events, including 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
- Steering Committee will have the mandate to work till December 31, 2020.
- It will have the power to recommend specific plans or packages for TOPS beneficiaries, picked by the TOPS Committee.
- **India's first World Heritage City**
 - Gujarat's commercial capital Ahmedabad was formally accorded the status of India's first World Heritage City by UNESCO.
 - UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova handed over the certificate declaring Ahmedabad as a 'World Heritage City' to Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
 - In July, the UNESCO had inscribed Ahmedabad as India's first World Heritage City at a meeting held in Poland.

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