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- **Gokul to be Signed by NBA G-League Side**
 - Gokul Natesan is the 97th pick in the NBA draft.
 - He became the second Indian-origin player to be signed by an NBA G-League side.
 - Natesan, 23, was picked by Canton Charge, a minor league affiliate team of Cleveland Cavaliers, completing a remarkable journey of the computer science graduate, who shuffled between playing college basketball and designing apps.
- **EDII bags AICTE award**
 - Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) has received an award from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for supporting start-ups.





- The premier Institute received the award for its contribution towards promoting and mentoring technology start-ups.
- The award was given during the International Science Festival's Start-up Summit 2017 at Chennai.
- **Jacinda became PM of New Zealand**
 - Jacinda Ardern was officially sworn in as the Prime Minister of New Zealand.
 - At the age of 37, Ardern is the youngest New Zealand PM in 150 years.
 - She is also the country's third woman leader and says she will lead a government that is active, focused, empathetic and strong. This was the first time New Zealand adopted proportional voting since 1996.
- **RIL Cross Rs 6 Trillion Market Capital**
 - Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) became the first Indian company to cross Rs 6 trillion market capitalization after its shares surged over 75% so far this year and hit a fresh lifetime high.
 - Currently, its market cap is at Rs 6.02 trillion.
 - The recent rally in the stock was due to tariff hike by its telecom arm Reliance Jio which, analysts expect, will improve the company's profitability.
- **Jeff Bezos: World's richest person**
 - According to Forbes magazine, Jeff Bezos surpassed Bill Gates as the richest person in the world.
 - The fortune of Amazon's founder reached some \$90.6 billion, compared with the \$90.1 billion that the online edition of the magazine attributes to Gates.
 - This is not the first time that Bezos has outpaced Gates - it previously happened in July 2017 when Amazon shares hit a historic high.
- **Infantry Day - 27 October**
 - On 27th October 2017, Infantry Day was celebrated by the Indian Army.
 - Wellington Military Station celebrated the 71st Infantry Day on 27th October 2017. A wreath laying ceremony (laying flowers at a memorial site) was organized at the war memorial of the Madras Regimental Centre.
 - Wreaths were laid in the honour of infantry men who made sacrifice for India.
- **Punathil Kunjabdulla passes away**



- On 27th October 2017, Malayalam writer Punathil Kunjabdulla passed away at a private hospital, in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- Kunjabdulla was suffering from an aging-associated disease for a long time.
- He was a doctor by profession. He was a well-known Malayalam writer. He had published more than 45 books, including 7 novels, 15 short story collections, memoirs, an autobiography and travelogues.
- **Manikchand Group chairman died**
 - Rasiklal Dhariwal, an industrialist popularly known as the 'gutkha baron', died due to parotid gland cancer, at Ruby Hall Clinic, in Pune.
 - Rasiklal Dhariwal was 78 years old. He died due to parotid gland cancer.
 - He is survived by his wife, son and four daughters. Rasiklal Dhariwal was the chairman of Manikchand group of companies. He was born in Shirur tehsil of Pune district.
- **Amanpreet wins bronze at ISSF World Cup**
 - India's Amanpreet Singh secured third place in the 50-metre pistol final at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup Final in Delhi on October 27, 2017.
 - He shot 76 out of 80 targets, three behind gold medallist Hu Binyuan (79).
 - Amanpreet shot 202.2 to win the bronze in the final of men's 50m pistol at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting ranges.
- **Jurassic-era 'fish lizard' fossil found**
 - In almost completely fossilized skeleton of 'fish lizard', a type of marine reptile that lived in the Jurassic-era, has been discovered for the first time in India from Kutch district of Gujarat.
 - The skeleton was discovered by a team of Indo-German geologists near the Kaas hills of Bhuj town.
 - After a year-long study experts have concluded that fossil was of ichthyosaur from the Jurassic era.
- **Naidu receives 'Golden Peacock Award'**
 - Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu received the Golden Peacock Award, at the 17th London Global Convention, held in London.



- Chandrababu Naidu received the 'Golden Peacock Award' under the category, Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation.
- The Golden Peacock Award was instituted by the Institute of Directors (IOD) of India in 1991.
- **First SAP Leonardo Centre in Bengaluru**
 - SAP launched the Asia Pacific Japan region's first SAP Leonardo Center, in Bengaluru.
 - The Leonardo Centre in Bengaluru is the first in Asia Pacific Japan region and the fourth SAP Leonardo Center globally.
 - The Leonardo Centre in Bengaluru will consist of digital transformation elements like IoT, Blockchain, Analytics, Machine Learning, Big Data, Data Intelligence and SAP Cloud Platform.
- **ADB signs \$65.5 mn Loan with GOI**
 - Asian Development Bank has signed a USD 65.5 million loan agreement with Government of India for checking coastal erosion on the western coast of Karnataka.
 - This is the second tranche of a USD 250 million financing facility under the Sustainable Coastal Protection and Management Investment Programme.
 - Funds procured through this loan will be deployed for immediate coastal protection needs.
- **India to build houses in Sri Lanka**
 - India and Sri Lanka signed two agreements for construction of 1,200 houses through 50 model villages in Sri Lanka.
 - 1200 houses will be constructed with Indian grant assistance of 600 million rupees.
 - Indian Government had committed 50000 houses for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the war-affected Northern and Eastern part of Sri Lanka.
- **Burundi becomes 1st country to leave ICC**
 - African country Burundi has withdrawn from International Criminal Court (ICC) with effect from October 27, 2017 and has thus become the first nation to do so.



- International Criminal Court is an international tribunal located in Hague, Netherlands.
- It has authority to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.
- **India, US to implement HOSTAC**
 - In a bid to strengthen maritime security, India and the United States have agreed to implement the programme for Helicopter Operations from Ships other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC).
 - India, US to implement HOSTAC to strengthen maritime security.
 - This decision was taken during a meeting between Indian Defense Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharama and US Secretary of Defence Jim Mattis.
- **Centre for Disaster Research at JNU**
 - Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Special Centre for Disaster Research at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi.
 - The centre will offer Masters and Doctorate programmes in Disaster Risk Management.
 - For the first year, the centre will focus on disaster research in North Eastern states of India.
 - He also released the book 'Disaster Law, Emerging Thresholds' by Prof. Amita Singh.
- **Railway's first set of solar plants**
 - Piyush Goyal launched railway's first set of solar plants with a total capacity of 5 megawatt peak installed on the roof tops of Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi, Anand Vihar and Delhi railway stations.
 - Plants were inaugurated at the International Conference on Green Initiatives and Railway Electrification.
 - These plants will generate will generate 76.5 lakh units of solar power per year.
- **Conference on Consumer Protection**
 - Modi inaugurated 2-day International Conference on Consumer Protection for east, south and Southeast Asian countries in New Delhi.



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- This conference is being hosted by the Department of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
- Theme of this conference is 'Empowering Consumers in New Markets'.
- **Karnataka approves transgender policy**
 - Karnataka cabinet approved a policy which seeks to provide legal protection to transgender community and thereby safeguard them from social and sexual exploitation.
 - The objective of this policy is to remove the stigma attached to the community and integrate them into mainstream of the society.
 - An awareness drive will be conducted to sensitise general public about the rights of transgenders.

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