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- **Modi Inaugurated World Food India 2017**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the most anticipated International Mega Food event-World Food India 2017.
 - It is the biggest congregation of global investors and business leaders of major food companies.
 - The event is organised by the Food Processing Industries Ministry in Delhi.
 - The three-day event aims to transform food economy and realise the vision of doubling of farmers' income.
- **India Slips 21 Slots on WEF Gender Index**





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- India slipped 21 places on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap index to 108, behind neighbours China and Bangladesh.
- It is primarily due to less participation of women in the economy and low wages, according to the WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2017.
- India's latest ranking is 10 notches lower than its reading in 2006 when the WEF started measuring the gender gap.
- **Srikanth Achieves World No. 2 Ranking**
 - India ace Kidambi Srikanth has grabbed a career-best ranking of World No. 2 after jumping two places in the latest BWF ranking.
 - Srikanth, who reached five finals and clinched four titles this year so far, now has 73,403 points, 4527 points away from World Champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark.
 - In women's singles, P V Sindhu, who also reached the semifinals at France, was static at World No. 2.
- **21st World Congress of Mental Health**
 - The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 21st World Congress of Mental Health.
 - It is being organized by the World Federation for Mental Health in partnership with Caring Foundation and other institutions in New Delhi.
 - The World Congress of Mental Health is taking place in India for the first time.
- **Hong Kong to host of Gay Games**
 - Hong Kong will become the first Asian city to host the Gay Games in 2022.
 - It is organised by the LGBT community.
 - The Gay Games features a range of sports and is open to all participants, "without regard to sexual orientation, and there are no qualifying standards".
 - The next edition will be held in Paris in August 2018.
- **India's first black buck cons. reserve**



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- UP Pradesh State cabinet took a decision to make India's first conservation reserve for black buck in Meja Forest Division of Allahabad.
- This decision will not only protect black bucks but will also attract tourists.
- The blackbuck is also known as the Indian antelope. It is found in India, Nepal, and Pakistan. As per Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, hunting black bucks is prohibited in India.
- **Rajesh: High Commissioner to Malta**
 - Shri Rajesh Vaishnaw has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malta.
 - He is a 1996 batch IFS Officer. Rajesh presently holds the office of Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
 - He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.
- **Sudhanshu as CFO of Paytm Payments Bank**
 - Paytm Payments Bank has appointed former ICICI Bank executive, Sudhanshu Jain as its Chief Financial Officer.
 - He will be in charge of all financial and regulatory management functions for the Payments Bank and play a key role in overseeing its finances and expansion plans.
 - Jain comes with around 14 years of experience across internal audit, finance and borrowings roles.
- **Royal Opera House bags UNESCO award**
 - Royal Opera House in Charni Road, Mumbai, was awarded the 2017 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
 - The Royal Opera House was closed to the public in 1993. It was reopened in 2016 after restoration.
 - It was originally inaugurated by Britain's King George V in 1911. It is currently owned by Maharaja Joytendrasinhji Jadeja and Maharani Kumud Jadeja of Gondal, Gujarat.
- **Forbes 100 most powerful women list**



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- Five Indian women have featured on the list of the world's 100 most powerful women compiled by Forbes.
- ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar is ranked 32 while CL Corp. CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra took the 57th position. Priyanka Chopra who emerged as “the most successful Bollywood actor to cross over to Hollywood”, is at 97 positions.
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel has topped the list.
- **Walmart's first fulfillment centre**
 - Walmart India launched its first fulfillment centre in Mumbai.
 - The global chain recently signed a MoU with the Maharashtra government to build 15 Cash and Carry stores under the brand 'Best Price' in the state.
 - This FC will bring in almost 1,500 direct and indirect jobs to the city and help develop SME suppliers in the state.
- **Yes Bank Unveils Bhim Yes Pay**
 - Yes Bank unveiled BHIM YES PAY, an upgraded version of the existing payment wallet service.
 - The new version will support a comprehensive set of applications provided by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
 - The wallet not only gives Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as a service but also allows for easy and quick peer-to-peer (P2P) payments through money loaded in wallets.
- **“Prabal Dostyk- 2017” begins in HP**
 - Indian and Kazakhstan armies began a 14-day joint exercise “Prabal Dostyk- 2017” in Himachal Pradesh.
 - This is the second joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan. The first edition of “Prabal Dostyk” was held in Kazakhstan in 2016.
 - The exercise is aimed at improving the military relationship between India and Kazakhstan and achieving interoperability between the two armies.
- **Indiana, Karnataka signs pact**



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- Indiana, a State in the US, and Karnataka have signed an agreement to establish sister-state ties for cooperation in economic, educational and cultural fields.
- The agreement was signed between Indiana Governor Eric J Holcomb and Priyank Khage, Karnataka Minister for IT, BT and Tourism.
- Indiana and Karnataka will focus on workforce development and academic co-operation.
- **Highest no. of malnourished kids: India**
 - As per a joint study by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India and Ernst & Young, India has the largest number of malnourished children in the world.
 - Nearly 40% of Indian children were reportedly undernourished.
 - India is home to 50% of undernourished children of the world. As per the study, 37% of Indian kids, under five years of age are underweight while 39% are stunted.
- **Protection of Olive Ridley sea turtles**
 - With the Olive Ridley sea turtles' breeding season approaching, Odisha government agencies have imposed a ban on sea fishing activity to protect the endangered marine animals.
 - The seven-month ban on fishing activity was clamped along the stretch of Dhamra-Devi-Rushikulya river mouth, in view of the commencement of the mass nesting.
 - Turtles come here for mass hatching.
- **Native dog breed to serve Army**
 - The lean and lanky indigenous Mudhol breed of hunting hound is all set to be drafted by the defence forces for guard duty by the end of the year.
 - The Mudhols currently training at Meerut will go to operational areas like Jammu and Kashmir for validation and testing.
 - With satisfactory ratings, they are expected to be drafted by the Army.



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- **Assam signs MoUs with Singapore**

- Assam signed MoU and ToR with Singapore for skilling youth of the state.
- The MoU and ToR for North East Skills Centre were signed between Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, of Assam and ITE Education Service, Singapore, in Guwahati, Assam.
- A MoU for Guwahati City Greening was signed between the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority and Singapore Corporation Enterprise.

- **Inter-State Council reconstituted**

- The Inter-State Council has been reconstituted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as its Chairman and six Union ministers and all chief ministers as members.
- Inter-State Council investigates and advises on disputes between states.
- Article 263 of the Constitution of India provides for the establishment of an Inter-State Council and PM is the head of it.

- **Gender Vulnerability Index**

- Goa ranked at the top and Bihar featured at the lowest in the first ever Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) released by child rights organisation 'Plan India'.
- GVI provides information on nature and magnitude of various problems affecting children, particularly girls, in difficult circumstances.
- Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) has been compiled by 'Plan India' a non-government organisation.

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