October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

- 2018 theme **– "Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity"**
- NITI Aayog launches guidelines for Public-Private partnership in NCDs
- NGT fines Delhi government Rs 50 crores
- Tamil Nadu CM announces 3% sub-quota in recruitments for sportspersons
- Palestinians win UN backing to lead developing country bloc
- Third parliamentary elections in Bhutan
- The festival of Fulpati was celebrated with traditional gaiety and religious fervour in various parts of Nepal.
- US announces fresh sanctions on Iran
- Ethiopian prime minister's new cabinet has 50% women
- RBI issues guidelines to facilitate payments among PPI

World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index - 2018

India – 58th most competitive economy, India's rank rose by five places from 2017.

1) USA 2) Singapore 3) Germany
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu left for Brussels in Belgium to attend the 12th Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit. Theme "Global Partners for Global Challenges".
- Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) is leading a contingent of 45 exhibitors to Expo Cihac in Mexico City.
- Road Show for Phase II of Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves launched
- The six-week long National Mission Series concluded with aworkshop on Health on GeM in New Delhi.
- Minister Maneka Gandhi has said that a victim of Child Sexual Abuse can file a complaint at any time irrespective of his or her present age through POCSO e-Box.

- The Indian Navy's submarine rescue capabilities have got a boost with the successful maiden trials of its newly inducted Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV).
- Irish Author Anna Burns **- Man Booker Prize 2018 [For Novel 'Milkman']**

Youth Olympics

- Indian Triple Jumper Praveen Chitravel has bagged a Bronze medal at the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics in the Argentina.

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