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- **Rajesh Nath gets civilian honour**
  - Rajesh Nath, Managing Director of VDMA India, has been conferred the 'Cross of the Order of Merit', the highest civilian honour awarded by Germany.
  - The award, also known as Federal Cross of Merit was instituted in 1951 and is Germany's only honour that is awarded to both Germans and foreigners.
  - It is given for achievements in the economic, social, political or intellectual realms.
- **Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme – Series III**
  - Government of India has decided to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds 2017-18 – Series III.
  - These bonds will be issued by RBI. Applications for the bond will be accepted from October 09, 2017 to December 27, 2017. The Bonds will be issued on the succeeding Monday after each subscription period.





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- The Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme was first announced in Union Budget 2015-16.
- **22nd GST council meeting held in Delhi**
  - 22nd meeting of the Good and Services Tax (GST) Council was held on October 6, 2017 in New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.
  - Government reduced GST rates on 27 items which gave relief to small and medium businesses.
  - It also said that PAN card not required for jewellery purchase of above Rs 50,000.
- **First fully Aadhaar-enabled airport**
  - Bangalore International Airport Ltd. is planning to make Kempegowda International Airport, the country's first airport to have complete Aadhaar-enabled entry and biometric boarding system.
  - The initiative is in line with its endeavours to become a Smart Airport, a digitized, seamlessly connected and intuitive one.
  - The process enables a passenger to be verified in just 5 seconds at checkpoint.
- **Haj Committee presents report**
  - Ministry of Minority Affairs had constituted a Committee to review the existing Haj Policy of the Government for 2013-17 and to suggest framework for new Haj policy 2018-22.
  - Shri Ameising Luikham was the chairman of Haj Committee of India.
  - Haj is one of the most complex organizational tasks undertaken by Government of India which was established under the Haj Committee Act 2002.
- **Dialogue of Civilizations IV begins**





- 4th Dialogue of Civilizations is being jointly organized by the Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture and National Geographic in New Delhi from 8th to 15th October, 2017.
- It will be inaugurated by the Minister of State (Independent charge) for Culture Dr. Mahesh Sharma on 8th October, 2017 (Sunday).
- The theme of the Conference is "Technology and Civilization".
- **Greenfield airport at Hirasar**
  - Modi laid the foundation stone of greenfield airport in Chotila to be developed by Airports Authority of India by 2021.
  - It will be developed at a cost of Rs 1,405 crores.
  - It will be situated 27 km from the existing airport at Rajkot, whose capacity is constrained and cannot be expanded because of commercial development around it.
- **Recommendations of Uday Kotak Committee**
  - The SEBI panel on corporate governance led by Uday Kotak proposed sweeping changes.
  - It aimed at tightening standards, including splitting the posts of chairman and managing director besides amending rules on independent directors, disclosures, and accounting and auditing practices.
  - The suggestions assume greater relevance in the background of high-profile boardroom battles.
- **First test to screen Zika virus in blood**
  - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved for the first time a test for detecting the Zika virus in donated blood.
  - The Zika virus is transmitted primarily by mosquitos (*Aedes aegypti*), but it can also spread through blood transfusion and sexual contact.
  - Screening blood donations for the Zika virus is critical in preventing infected donations from entering the U.S. blood supply.
- **Scientists develop smart bandage**



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- Scientists have developed a smart bandage that can precisely control the dose and delivery schedule of the medication tailored for a specific type of wound, leading to faster healing.
- The bandage consists of electrically conductive fibres coated in a gel. It is developed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- The gel can be loaded with infection- fighting antibiotics.
- **A new study about Bacteria**
  - Researchers including one of Indian origin from North Carolina State University in US have found that antibiotic resistance can be passed between bacteria found in the soil.
  - The study was published in the journal Applied and Environmental Microbiology.
  - The study could explain why we find antibiotic resistant salmonella strains even on farms that do not use antibiotics
- **Study group to examine border issues**
  - The Centre has set up a study group to examine the problems being faced by the people living near the International Border and the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir due to ever-present threat of cross-border firing by Pakistan.
  - The group will meet the people living in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.
  - It will be headed by Rina Mitra, Special Secretary in Home Ministry.
- **First marine police training institute**
  - Modi announced the setting up of the country's first "Marine Police Training Institute" at the newly created Dev Bhoomi Dwarka district of Gujarat.
  - The training will be different compared to the training to the police force, because they will be connected to providing security within 5 kilometers boundary along the coastline.





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- Modi arrived Gujarat on a two-day tour.
- **Solar panels to light governor's house**
  - Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao, has decided to transform all his homes in Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur, to function on solar energy.
  - Raj Bhavan officials have decided to use the bhavan's six acre land to set up ground-based solar panels, capable of generating more than 15 lakh units of power annually.
  - The Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA) is the nodal agency for this project.
- **Kundan Shah passes away**
  - Veteran director Kundan Shah, best known for the dark comedy Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro, passed away. He was 69.
  - Shah passed away after suffering a heart attack.
  - He had studied direction at the Film and Television Institute of India in Pune and made his feature film debut in 1983 with the cult classic Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro (1983).
- **Three river bridges in West Bengal**
  - The West Bengal government has decided to construct 3 river bridges, two over the Hooghly and one over the Ajay.
  - One bridge over the Hooghly river would connect Shantipur in Nadia district to Kalna in East Burdwan district, while the other one would link Budge Budge in South 24 Parganas district to Howrah district's Fuleshwar.
  - It will boost trade and connect places of cultural importance.
- **Aadhaar must for post office deposits**
  - The government has made Aadhaar mandatory for all post office deposits, PPF, the National Savings Certificate scheme and Kisan Vikas Patra.
  - Existing depositors have been given time till December 31, 2017 to provide the 12-digit UID number.





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- Government has insisted on quoting Aadhaar for bank deposits, obtaining mobile phone and several other utilities to weed out benami deals and black money.
- **Repair Of border pillars**
  - India and Bangladesh will undertake a major project to repair and maintain damaged pillars along the 4,096-km long border they share.
  - The border guarding forces of India and Bangladesh will take care of the pillars on an 'odd-even basis'.
  - It will stop criminal activities on both the sides (of the Indo-Bangla border)".
- **Madhya Pradesh loses 17 tigers in 2017**
  - Madhya Pradesh, once popularly known as the 'tiger state', has lost 17 big cats so far this year, as per National Tiger Conservation Authority.
  - India is currently home to 70% of the world's tiger population in over 17 states and 50 sanctuaries across the country.
  - At present, there are 38 tiger reserves, while 6 of them, namely – Kanha, Panna, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Satpura and Sanjay are in MP.
- **India, EU to fight against terror**
  - India and the European Union have named three globally proscribed terrorists, Hafiz Saeed, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and Dawood Ibrahim in their joint statement and shown convergence in views to combat terrorism.
  - While Saeed and Lakhvi are accused of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, Dawood is accused of the 1993 Mumbai blasts.
  - The announcement was made following talks at the 14th India-EU summit.

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