

National News

foundation stone of Ujh bridge in J&K laid

- foundation stone of bridge at **Ujh Bridge** laid in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.
 - **Rs 44 crore** has been earmarked that will **have 1020 metre length** to be constructed over river Ujh
 - bridge will be completed in two years by **Border Roads Organization** that would benefit over three lakh people in this border belt.
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Manohar Parrikar Visits Oman

- Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar set to visit to the **Sultanate of Oman** from 20 to 22 May 2016
 - he visited the **Military Technology College** and the **Sultan's Armed Forces Museum** in Muscat.
 - also attended a reception at **Sultan Qaboos Port** to mark the goodwill visit to Oman of INS Delhi, INS Deepak and INS Tarkash.
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'E-municipal council' building to come up in Bundi, Rajasthan

- to provide files at a click, and detailed digital mapping with a database of its demographical and geographical information.
 - the municipal **data files** will soon be digitised and can be accessed from anywhere **on phones and computers**.
 - council office would make its revenue by **selling accurate data** and documents to the other government and **non-government departments**.
 - proposed office comes with **solar panels** and biometric entry and exit, that allows anyone would be able to view data on **screen with a click** through an '**e-processor**'.
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International

Prime Minister Modi Visit to Iran

- the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 15 years
 - India and Iran sign **12 bilateral agreements including Chabahar port development**
 - India, Iran, Afghanistan **ink historic trilateral transit pact**
 - Persian service of All India Radio has launched a multimedia website and mobile app
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Pune tops India's value 5 star hotel destinations

- **Pune has emerged** as the **best five star hotels** destination where Indian travellers paid in 2015.
 - Eight Indian cities featured as prominent destinations that offer best value five star accommodations, including cities **like Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore and Kolkata**.
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India, Thailand, Myanmar to be connected with a 1400-km road

- to give fillip to trade and **cultural exchanges** between the three countries

- Will link India with Southeast Asia by land for the first time in decades.
 - There are 73 bridges totally in Myanmar, built more than **seven decades ago** were being repaired with funding from India for highway safe movement.
 - Repair work will take about **18 months from** the commencement of the work.
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Business and Economy

Bayer offers to acquire Monsanto for \$ 62 billion

- German pharmaceutical and chemical giant **Bayer AG** has offered to **buy U.S. seeds** company **Monsanto** for \$62 billion
 - both the sides would benefit from Monsanto's leadership in seeds and traits and Bayer's broad crop protection product line across a wide-ranging **indications and crops**.
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People in News

Jayalithaa sworn-in as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister for the second continuous Time.

- AIADMK won **134 seats out of 232 seats**
 - **Jayalithaa** was sworn in as **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister** for a record of Sixth Time
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Lt General Saini new commandant of Indian Military Academy

- Prior to his new appointment Saini was earlier a senior directing staff in National Defence College in New Delhi.
 - an alumni of National Defence Academy **and IMA**.
 - In 1981, he was commissioned to the seventh battalion of **the Jat regiment**.
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Veteran CPI(M) leader K Anirudhan passes away

- **K Anirudhan** has died due to old age related ailments
 - part of the CPM's state committee earlier was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly three times.
 - in 1967 Lok Sabha elections he represented from **Attingal constituency**
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Science and Technology

Reusable launch vehicle tested successfully

- **Necessity:** Capable of **launching satellites into orbit around earth** and reentering the atmosphere
 - It re-entered to earth's atmosphere at a **hypersonic speed of more than 5 Mach**.
 - Touched down the Bay of Bengal between Chennai and the Andaman archipelago.
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INS Tarmugli Joins the Indian Navy

- for deployment of coastal patrol and surveillance operations along the East Coast of India.
 - first Follow-on **Water** Jet Fast Attack Craft.
 - Tarmugli is conceived, designed and built indigenously
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New technology to generate electricity from seawater

- **Osaka University Scientists** have used sunlight to powerfully convert seawater into hydrogen peroxide
 - may be used in fuel cells to **generate electricity**.
 - produces a high enough efficiency that can be used in a fuel cell.
 - the negatively charged chlorine particles present in seawater is responsible for increasing the photo-catalytic activity and producing the **higher concentration**
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Environment & Ecology

Cyclone Roanu hits Bangladesh

- Killed 23 people in floods and rain-triggered landslides.
 - Earlier the country was hit by the cyclone **Aila** in 2009 which killed 300 people while in 2007 **Cyclone Sidra** claimed 4,000 lives.
 - Road networks have been disrupted after strong winds uprooted trees **blocking highways**
 - **Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong** has suspended all of its flight operations.
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Sports

Pankaj Advani wins Asian 6-Red Snooker title

- **Pankaj Advani** made history by clinching the **Asian 6-Red Snooker title** in Abu Dhabi.
 - first in the world to hold both world and continental titles at the same time
 - he defeated top seeded **Malaysian Keen Hoh Moh** by 7-5
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Denmark wins first Thomas Cup badminton tournament

- In the final match played at Kunshan, China, the Danish team defeated Indonesia 3-2.
 - Denmark team has won the trophy after a 67-year jinx also makes first ever win in the international tournament.
 - Thomas Cup is hosted every three years, was the BWF's first major **international tournament**.
 - Known as Men's World Team Championships is an international badminton competition. It was first conducted in **1948-49**.
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Awards

Sikkim CM Chamling honored with Nepal's literary award

- For His **contributions** towards promoting **Nepali literature** in India
 - The award is given by the Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma.
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film I, Daniel Blake wins Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival

- British director Ken Loach has won his second **Palme D'Or** at the **69th Cannes film festival**
 - one of the nine directors to have won the top **prize at Cannes twice**
 - Earlier Loach had won in 2006 with *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*.
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