

National

Smart city Mission Projects in Pune

- 14 smart city projects in Pune, and commenced 69 other works in other smart cities in the country to be implemented at a **cost of 1,770 crore rupees**.
- **Make Your City SMART contest intended to spur the** participation in designing smart cities that making a strong pitch to consider urbanization as an opportunity to mitigate poverty.

purchase of 145 Ultra Light Howitzers guns from the US

- **Defence Ministry** cleared decks for purchase of **145 Ultra Light Howitzers**, worth about USD 750 million, from the US
- also approved bulk production of **18 Dhanush artillery guns**, the first acquisition of such weapon systems.
- **18 proposals including new schemes** worth Rs 28,000 crore for discussion.
- **Navy to issue tenders**, was the proposal to build six next generation missile vessels under 'Buy Indian' category for Rs 13,600 crore.

women's helpline '181'

- **a one stop Centre**, envisioned to support women affected by violence in Nagaland.
- helpline will also **provide 24 hour emergency response** to all women affected by violence, through referral and information about women related government schemes and Programmes across the country through a **single uniform number -181**.
- **Sakhi-One Stop Centre'** is a centrally backed scheme by the Women and Child Development Ministry to be funded through **Nirbhaya Fund**.

International

Colombia government, FARC rebels signed historic ceasefire

- **Colombian government** and **Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)** rebels signed an armistice and demilitarization agreement
- **Purpose of the Agreement:** Ended Latin America's longest war happened in its coca rich forests and hills

Indian-origin lawyer Yasmin Sooka to chair UN commission on human rights

- South African Indian-origin lawyer **Yasmin Sooka** has been named as the chairman of three member UN commission (committee) to monitor the human rights situation **in South Sudan**.
- committee was constituted by the United Nations Human Right Council (UNHRC)
- other two members of the committee are **Kenneth R. Scott (US)** and **Godfrey M. Musila (Kenya)**.

- Will have tenure of **one year** and shall present a written report to the UNHRC at its 34th regular session **in March 2017**.
 - will monitor the human rights violations and make recommendations for the process of transitional justice, healing and reconciliation.
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Nepal bans citizens from working in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Libya

- Nepal **to suspend issuing labor permits** to Nepalese nationals for Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Libya.
 - decision comes from cabinet meeting in the **aftermath of 13 Nepalese nationals** working in Afghanistan were killed when militants exploded a bomb in a minibus.
 - government in the wake **evacuated 24 other Nepalese nationals** who were working as security guard in the **Canadian Embassy in Kabul** following the terror outbreak
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Business and Economy

\$500 million loan for bridge over Ganga River in Bihar

- Asian Development Bank accorded **\$500 million to build bridge over India's longest river bridge is in Bihar having distance of 9.8 km road**
 - **Purpose:** Transport connection between the Northern and Southern parts of the state and the neighbour country like **Nepal**
 - will be benefited to middle sector people to commute to the state Capital Patna and other southern parts
 - State government will provide reinforcement which is equivalent to **\$215 million**
 - The project is expected to be completed by **December, 2020**
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Tata Trusts, Chicago University Tie Up To Work On Indian Development Challenges

- health vertical will scrutinize healthcare access through insurance with projects in **Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh**.
 - to jointly work on **developmental challenges** in crucial areas like sanitation, energy and the environment on a **three year pilot basis**.
 - water and sanitation vertical will initiate a major project on **decentralized irrigation** with water tanks in **Telangana**.
 - **energy and environment vertical** will examine projects to improve reporting of emissions by plants in **Gujarat and Maharashtra**, to provide rural electrical power via solar micro grids in Bihar, and to inspire individuals to pay for better electricity supply in Bihar.
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People in News

Pioneer of Indian quizzing Neil O'Brien died

- Former Lok Sabha and West Bengal Assembly member Neil O'Brien has passed away in Kolkata on 24 June 2016.
 - **Neil O'Brien** was nominated three-time from Anglo-Indian MLA in West Bengal and an educationist.
 - Also served as the chairman of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and managing director of Oxford University Press, India.
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Science and Technology

new bio-ink for 3D printing

- **University of Bristol scientists** have revealed a **new Bio-Ink for 3D printing using stem cells**
 - allows printing of living tissue called as Bio-Printing
 - Bio ink consists of two various Polymer Components: A natural polymer extracted from seaweed and A sacrificial synthetic polymer used in the medical industry.
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First flight of BrahMos missile from SU-30 MKI aircraft successfully conducted

- integration will extract the weapon a multi-platform capability while making the IAF the only Air Force in the world in possession of a **supersonic cruise missile system**.
 - **BrahMos Aerospace** successfully demonstrated the integration of most daunting supersonic cruise missile system **BrahMos on Su-30MKI front-line strike fighter aircraft**
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Sports

Sprinter Dutee Chand qualifies for 2016 Rio Olympics

- **Odisha sprinter Dutee Chand** has qualified for the **women's 100 metres at the Rio**
 - **Odisha sprinter Dutee Chand has qualified for the women's 100 metres at the Rio**
 - She clocked 11.30 seconds beating the Olympic qualifying mark of 11.32 seconds in the women's 100m heats at a meet in Kazakhstan.
 - She became the 99th Indian to make the cut for **the Rio 2016**, also Dutee is the first Indian woman to qualify for the fashionable 100m
 - Legendary **sportsperson PT Usha** had qualified for the same event in **1980 Moscow Olympics**.
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Jitu Rai wins silver in ISSF World Cup

- Indian shooter Jitu Rai has settled with a silver medal
 - He finished in **second place and finished at 10th in the men's 50m air pistol**, he made up for that finish in the 10m category.
 - Rai has been very successful at the ISSF World Cup by **winning six medals at the contest over the past three years**
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