

National

Greenfield Electronic Park in Odisha

- final approval for setting up of a **Greenfield Electronic Park** which is a dedicated IT hub **near Bhubaneswar**.
 - to be set up under **Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)** scheme of the Centre
 - 203 acres of land at a cost of Rs 205 crore out of this centre will give **Rs 95 crore** with the rest will borne by the Odisha government.
 - intends to provide employment potential of **10,000 to 12,000 persons** and common facilities for training, incubation **and R & D activities to the interested entrepreneurs**.
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Yoga departments in six universities

- **Smriti Irani** announced during the National Seminar on Yoga that government has decided to open Yoga departments in **six central universities**
 - universities that will come up the **Yoga Department**. These recommendation was made by a panel headed by **Professor H R Nagendra**.
 - Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University of Uttrakhand,
Visva Bharati University of West Bengal,
Central University of Rajasthan,
Central University of Kerala,
Indira Gandhi National Tribal University of Amarkantak
Manipur University
 - Universities will start offering bachelors, masters, and postgraduate diploma, PhD and certificate courses in yoga from the new academic session this year.
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nod to form 10 coastal police stations

- formation of 10 coastal police stations in the coastal states of the country with jurisdiction over Exclusive Economic Zone.
 - **move likely to boost coastal security over crimes committed that included crimes of piracy in the high seas, investigation of any apprehensions made by the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard, any other major and minor crimes.**
 - India has only one coastal police station, Mumbai's Yellow Gate police station,
 - It has jurisdiction over all the crimes committed in **India's EEZ** in the west coast and east coast.
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International

Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Thapa Visited India

- landed in New Delhi on 10th June on a **three day visit to India**
- Discussion with **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** on bilateral Issues

- Attended the Convocation of the **South Asian University** in New Delhi
 - **Fifth Visit** to India by Nepal Minister
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Thailand Prime Minister Chan-o-cha's Three-day visit to India

- **Focus:** Enhance bilateral cooperation in the fields of
 - i. Trade and Investment
 - ii. Defence
 - iii. Security
 - iv. Tourism
 - **Axis Bank of India and Kasikorn Bank of Thailand** inked pact for trade and investment
 - India and Thailand signed key pacts in the field of **culture and education**.
 - Thailand companies planned to construct **five high-end hotels for Buddhist circuit**
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Pranab Mukherjee made visit to three-nation tour to Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Namibia

- **First Indian President to Visit Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire** and became the **second Indian President to visit Namibia after a gap of 21 years**.
 - **India and Ghana** signed **three** bilateral agreements to tighten co-operation in various fields
 - Opened a bust of **Mahatma Gandhi** in the **University of Ghana** and conferred a Joint Business Forum to highlight 'Brand India'
 - Enhance scholarship in **ITEC slots from 250 to 300 and ICCR scholarships from 16 to 40**
 - announced of 1 million USD for the **India – Ghana Kofi Annan Centre for IT excellence**
 - Conferred with the highest national honour of the **Grande Croix Commandeur** by Cote d'Ivoire Country
 - Agreements were approved between CII & CEPICI and Tata Motors & SUTRA for **supply of 500 buses**.
 - India's **EXIM Bank** to provide loan of **\$176.3** million to Ivory Coast
 - **India, Namibia** signed two MoUs on capacity building for **civil servants, centre of excellence in ICT**.
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Ganges-Danube Cultural Festival of India inaugurated

- **Ganges-Danube Cultural Festival** of India inaugurated at Vigado Theatre in Budapest in Hungary.
 - inaugurated **Yoga workshop on 18th June**. Hungarian artists, proficient in Indian art forms took part in the programme.
 - **Festival will showcase Indian culture, i.e. dance**, music, yoga, film and exhibitions. Indian martial art experts and puppet artists are also performing.
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S Jaishankar visits China ahead of NSG plenary in Seoul

- Foreign secretary **S. Jaishankar** made a unannounced **visit to China to gain** support for India's for membership into the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).
- Secretary had made a two-day visit on 16-17 June to Beijing which came a week ahead of the plenary meeting of the **48-nation NSG bloc** scheduled to be held in **Seoul on June 24**.

- visit comes from India as obvious opposition from China which arguing that it was not a signatory to the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**.
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Business and Economy

annual conference of tax administrators held in New Delhi

- two day conference named **Rajswa Gyansangam** is Annual Conference of **Tax Administrators-2016** concluded in **New Delhi**
 - marks a new height in the generation of innovative ideas and opened new frontiers for the tax administrators
 - first time that two Revenue Boards **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** & **Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC)** are holding the conclave at the same time.
 - purpose of the move is to prompt the revenue officers towards achieving high standards in taxpayer friendly services.
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Awards

Kannada film 'Thithi' wins best film award at Shanghai International Film Festival

- **Thithi** has won the **Best Film and Best Script Writers Award** at the ongoing **19th Shanghai International Film Festival** in Shanghai.
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 - also selected for 2016 New Directors/New Films in New York.
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People in News

Former Maharashtra DGP Suryakant Jog passes away

- Maharashtra Director General of Police **Suryakant Jog** passed away in Mumbai.
 - He served as the **DGP of the state from 1985 to 1987**
 - Jog implemented some of the projects which include collecting rainwater drained from the narrow village roads, construction of small **bunds in Amravati**.
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Science and Technology

world's first 1,000-processor microchip

- **US Scientists** has developed world's first microchip **called KiloCore** that equipped with 1,000 processors
 - thought to be the fastest chip designed in a university lab.
 - designed by a team at the **University of California's** Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering,
 - fabricated by **IBM using their 32nm CMOS technology**.
 - energy-efficient chip and has a maximum computation rate of **1.78 trillion instructions per second** and contains **621 million transistors**
 - each processor core can run its own small programme independently of the others.
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Ariane 5 launches two satellites into space

- **Europe's Ariane 5 rocket launcher** successfully took off with **two telecoms satellites** into space from KOUROU, in French Guiana
 - one for an USbased communications service provider and **one for an Indonesian bank**.
 - **Echo Star XVIII** was the third launch of the year **for** satellite service provider **Dish Network, and BRIsat for Rakyat Indonesia bank**.
 - esigned to provide direct broadcasting services for 15 years to the continental US, Alaska and Hawaii for Dish Network.
 - **Satellite BRIsat is** the first telecommunications satellite committed to a **financial institution**, Bank Rakyat Indonesia.
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South Pole CO2 levels cross 400 ppm first time in 4 million years

- South Pole of the **Earth carbon dioxide** levels **exceeded 400 parts per million(ppm)** for the first time in 4 million years.
 - South Pole has shown continuous **upward trend** in carbon dioxide (CO2) as the rest of world
 - its remote location means it is the last to **register the impacts of amassed emissions** from fossil fuel consumption, the primary driver of greenhouse gas pollution.
 - This upsurge is caused totally by **human activities**.
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Sports

106-year-old Aida Gemanque becomes oldest Olympic torch bearer

- she carried the flame in the Amazonian city of Macapa.
 - Gemanque broke the record formerly held by Alexander Kaptarenko, who was 101 when he took part in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics relay.
 - She when aged 103 entered the Guinness Book of World Records by becoming the 'oldest skydiver', earning her the nickname **extremegranny**.
 - 95-day long torch relay will pass through 325 cities in Brazil which include 12,000 sprinters before ending at **Rio's Maracana Stadium** for the set alight of the **Olympic cauldron** on **August 5**.
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