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<p>Jiyo Parsi Scheme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shri Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs, launched the Jiyo Parsi scheme portal on 13th August 2024. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jiyo Parsi is a unique Central Sector Scheme for arresting the population decline of the Parsi Community.The scheme was launched in 2013-14.The objective of the scheme is to reverse the declining trend of Parsi Population by adopting scientific protocol and structured interventions to stabilize their population in India. <p>The scheme has three components, Medical Assistance, Advocacy & Health of Community:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Under Medical Component of the scheme, financial assistance is provided to Parsi Couples for medical treatment under standard medical protocol;Under Health of Community Component, financial assistance is provided to Parsi Couples for child care and assistance of elderly people andUnder the Advocacy Component, advocacy/outreach programmes are conducted to generate awareness among the Parsi Population.
<p>70th National Film Awards</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The 70th National Film Awards, honoring cinematic excellence for the year 2022, were announced on August 16, 2024.The awards were revealed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in a press conference held in New Delhi.Winners will be honored by President Droupadi Murmu in a ceremony scheduled for October 2024. <p>Major Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Best Actor: Rishab Shetty for his outstanding performance in the Kannada film Kantara. The movie,



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	<p>also directed by Rishab Shetty, was recognized as the Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Actress: The award was shared by Nithya Menen for her role in Thiruchitrambalam (Tamil) and Manasi Parekh for her performance in Kutch Express (Gujarati). • Best Feature Film: Aattam, a Malayalam suspense drama directed by Anand Ekarshi, bagged the top honor along with awards for Best Editing and Best Screenplay. • Best Director: Sooraj R. Barjatya received this award for the Hindi adventure drama Uunchai, featuring an ensemble cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, and Boman Irani.
<p>Person in News: R.N. Agarwal</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.N. Agarwal, celebrated as the Father of the Agni Missile passed away on August 15, 2024. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.N. Agarwal made significant contributions to India's missile development program. • He played a pivotal role in the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) launched in 1983 and served as the founding director of the Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL) in Hyderabad. • Agarwal was honored with the Padma Shri in 1990 and the Padma Bhushan in 2000, recognizing his exceptional contributions to India's defense technology.
<p>Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Death Anniversary</p>  <p>Atal Bihari Vajpayee 1924-2018</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tribute to former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his Punya Tithi. • The homage was paid at 'Sadaiv Atal,' a memorial dedicated to Vajpayee. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a revered Indian politician and statesman, held the position of the 10th Prime Minister of India for three distinct periods.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially, his tenure lasted a mere 13 days in 1996, followed by a 13-month term from 1998 to 1999, and ultimately a complete term from 1999 to 2004. Notably, he was the first non-Indian National Congress Prime Minister to serve a full term, marking a significant shift in Indian political history. He is the first Prime Minister after Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to become Prime Minister twice in a row. He was elected nine times to the Lok Sabha (House of the People) and twice to the Rajya Sabha (House of States), which is a record in itself. <p>Do you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In recognition of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's contributions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared December 25th, his birthdate, as Good Governance Day.
<p>National Coal Index</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Coal Index (NCI) for June 2024 showed a decline of 3.48%, dropping to 142.13 points from 147.25 points in June 2023. This reduction reflects the adequate availability of coal in the market, which is sufficient to meet the increasing demands. <p>Overview of the National Coal Index:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NCI is a composite price index that incorporates coal prices across various sales channels, including Notified Prices, Auction Prices, and Import Prices. It takes into account prices of both coking and non-coking coal across different grades, relevant to regulated sectors (such as power and fertilizer) and non-regulated sectors. The index, established with the base year of FY 2017-18, serves as a key indicator of coal market dynamics, offering valuable insights into price fluctuations.



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