







16 Aug 2024 National and International News		
Jiyo Parsi Scheme	Context: • Shri Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs, launched the Jiyo Parsi scheme portal on 13th August 2024.	
	 About: Jiyo Parsi is a uniqe 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. 	
	 The scheme has three components, Medical Assistance, Advocacy & Health of Community: A. Under Medical Component of the scheme, financial assistance is provided to Parsi Couples for medical treatment under standard medical protocol; B. Under Health of Community Component, financial assistance is provided to Parsi Couples for child care and assistance of elderly people and C. Under the Advocacy Component, advocacy/outreach programmes are conducted to generate awareness among the Parsi Population. 	
70th National Film Awards	 Context: 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. 	
	 Major Awards: Best Actor: Rishab Shetty for his outstanding performance in the Kannada film Kantara. The movie, 	









	 also directed by Rishab Shetty, was recognized as the Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment. 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.
Person in News: R.N. Agarwal	 Context: R.N. Agarwal, celebrated as the Father of the Agni Missile passed away on August 15, 2024. About: 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.
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Death Anniversary	 Context: 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. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a revered Indian politician and statesman, held the position of the 10th Prime Minister of India for three distinct periods.







	 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.
	Do you know?
	 In recognition of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's contributions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared December 25th, his birthdate, as Good Governance Day.
National Coal Index	Context:
	 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.
	Overview of the National Coal Index:
	 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.





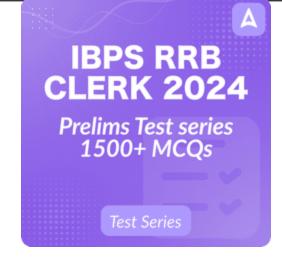












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