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National and International News

<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">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 andC. Under the Advocacy Component, advocacy/outreach programmes are conducted to generate awareness among the Parsi Population.
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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:

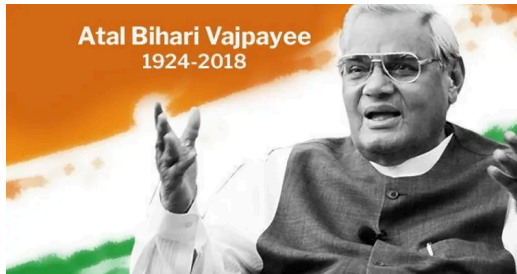
- **R.N. Agarwal**, celebrated as the Father of the Agni Missile passed away on August 15, 2024.

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.

About:

- 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.



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- 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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