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## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Government bans Pet Coke import for fuel use**

- **Pet Coke (Petroleum Coke)** is one of the World's largest consumes and import over **27 million tons** from the United State.
- Petroleum Coke, it is a dark solid carbon material that emits 11% more greenhouse gases than coal.
- There are 4 types of petroleum coke, namely Needle Coke, Honey comb Coke, Sponge Coke and Shot Coke.

### **New set of specified health warnings for all tobacco products – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

- Tobacco products must have **'tobacco causes cancer'** & **'tobacco causes painful death'** written in white on a red background, and the words **'Quit Today call 1800-11-2356'**.
- The new set Warnings for all tobacco products has been bough in by making an amendment **Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging & Labeling) Rules**.

### **'Calamity of Sever Nature' – Kerala Floods declared by Centre**

- The Central Government has also scaled up its Relief & Rescue operations.
- **National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)** chaired by Cabinet Secretary P. K. Sinha.
- Ministry of Power has moved equipment such as Electricity Meters, Coils and Transformers to restore the distribution network.

### **Centralised Secretariat, Panchkula in Haryana to tackle Drug Menace**

- This Secretariat is for 5 Northern states – Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand & 2 Union Territories – Delhi & Chandigarh.
- This decision was tkane in the conference of **'Drug Menace, Challenges & Strategies'**.
- This will help to exchange information on drug trends, cases registered and persons named, wanted or arrested.

### **'Aditya Choubey Center for Re-Water Research' – launched by IIT Kharagpur**

- It has been set up by a seed fund created by IIT Alumni Anant Choubey and Aneesh Reddy.
- Has been launched to handle the issues of sewage disposal in urban areas and access to clean potable water.

## **STATES**

### **Naya Raipur to bbe named as 'Atal Nagar'**

- On the behalf of **Chhattisgarh Government** paying tribute to **Atal Bihar Vajpayee**.
- The Bilaspur University will be known as **'Atal Bihari Vajpyee University'**.

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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### 11<sup>th</sup> World Hindi Conference (WHC) held in Mauritius

- WHC was held at **Swami Vivekananda International Convention Center** in Port Louis, Mauritius.
- Theme of the Conference : **'Hindi Vishwa Aur Bhartiya Sanskriti'** (Hindi World and Indian Culture).
- **Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth** announced Mauritius Cyber Tower as **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Tower**.

**LEPV** MAURITIUS ❖ Capital – Port Louis ❖ Currency – Mauritian rupee ❖ Acting President - Parmasivum Pillay Vyapoory.

## BANKING & FINANCE

### New Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for refilling of ATMs

- The new SOPs have been formulated to prevent attacks on Cash Vans, Cash Vaults, ATM frauds and other internal frauds.
- New Rules of Cash Loading timings :
  - After 9 PM – in Urban areas
  - After 6 PM – in Rural areas
  - Before 9 PM or after 4 PM – in districts notified by Central Government as left wing extremism affected areas or naxal-hit areas.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### 'Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award' to Gopalakrishna Gandhi

- **Former West Bengal Governor** (Gopalakrishna Gandhi) was awarded **24<sup>th</sup> Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award**.
- This award is for promoting communal harmony and peace.

## SPORTS

### Rishab Pant becomes 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Wicket Keeper to take 5 catches on Test Debut

- He is the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Wicket-Keeper to take 5 catches on Test Debut during the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of third cricket test against England.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### Shane Warne to come out with Autobiography – 'No Spin'

- He is a Australian Cricketer and bowling Spin legend.
- 'No Spin' – will be published on **October 2018**.

### V S Laxman pens autobiography – '281 and beyond'

- The title is borrowed from Hyderabad Stylist fabulous series-turning innings of 281 against Australia at the Eden Gardens in 2001.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 21<sup>st</sup> August – International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

### 21<sup>st</sup> August – World Senior Citizen Day

- AIM – To raise awareness of the condition of Elder people and support them through the process of Senescence.