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## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Government imposed standard Environment Clearing conditions for 25 sectors**

- AIM – This would ensure uniformity on stipulated terms and conditions across the projects and sectors.
- 25 sectors include : Iron, Steel, Cement, Coal, Petroleum Refineries industry, Paper & Pulp industries, Hydro-Electro projects, Industrial Estates.
- The government has also constituted green panel called **Expert Appraisal Committee**.

### **Sustainable Development in Indian Himalayan region by NITI Aayog : 5 Thematic reports on Sustainable Development**

- AIM – Five working groups discuss the significance, the challenges, the ongoing actions and future roadmap in that region.
- Setting up of ‘Himalayan Authority’ for coordinated and holistic development of entire Himalayan region.
- Launching ‘Himalayan Calling’, an awareness to action campaign as people’s movement.

### **Committee of Secretaries approved – National Logistics Portal as a e-Market place**

- Objective – To ease transportation of goods across the country and export.

- Background – Logistics costs in India are pegged at 13-14% of the GDP, and the government aims to reduce it to 10% by 2022.
- The major challenge are multiple Regulatory Policy regimes, no seamless movement of goods and lack of single window clearance and coordination among various stakeholders.

## **STATE AFFAIRS**

### **India’s largest Business Incubator – ‘Bhamashah Techno Hub’ launched in Jaipur by Rajasthan Govt.**

- CM of Rajasthan Vasundhara Raje launched this programme.
- AIM – It will provide free space, easier funding avenues and mentorship to startups.

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **SCO military drill in Russia from 22-29 August – India, Pakistan troops take part for first time**

- This takes part in Mega anti-terror bill of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**.
- The Peace Mission 2018 in Russia.
- AIM – It is aimed at Expanding cooperation among the member countries to deal with **terrorism and extremism**.

**LEPV- SCO - Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** ❖ H.Q. - Beijing, China ❖ Formation – 15 June, 2001 ❖ Founders - Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

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## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

### Flipkart's dedicated portal for Refurbished goods – 2gud'

- Refurbished goods including Mobile phones, Laptops and Tablets.
- AIM – To bring affordability, accessibility and availability to the refurbished market.
- It will be categorized in 5 grades based on their physical condition – 'Like New', 'Superb', 'Very Good', 'Good & Okay'.

### Paytm partners with Alibaba to launch 'Paytm AI Cloud for India'

- It's launch for developers, start-ups and enterprises in partnership with Alibaba a global tech giant.
- It offers ready to use services to automate work flow, easy to integrate payments, messaging and customer engagement without the trouble of managing hardware and software, in-built CRM, campaign management.

**LEPV** - Paytm ❖ H.Q. – Noida, Uttar Pradesh ❖ CEO – Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Anil Kumar Pathak

- Appointed as **Member of Planning** at **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.
- He was Executive Director of Planning and Engineering at the Headquarters.

**LEPV** - AAI ❖ H.Q. – New Delhi ❖ Ownership – State owned ❖ Chairman – Guruprasad Mohapatra

### U. K. Varma

- Appointed as **Assocham Secretary General**.
- He will succeed D. S. Rawat.
- Mr. Varma was former Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

**LEPV** - Assocham - Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India ❖ H.Q. – New Delhi ❖ President – Sandeep Jajodia.

