



12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum

Why in News?

India is going to host **the 12th Regional 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and Circular Economy Forum** in Asia and the Pacific. It will take place at **the Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur** on **3-5 March 2025**.

Key Points

▪ About the Forum:

- The theme of the event will focus on **“Realising Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia Pacific”**.
- **Objective:**
 - This conference will serve as an important platform to promote **3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)** and **circular economy** in the Asia-Pacific region.
 - It aims to provide policy inputs to government officials and exchange best practices.
 - The forum focuses on promoting circular economies and supporting progress **towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and carbon neutrality in the Asia-Pacific region.**
- **India's Leadership and Vision:**
 - India's **'India Pavilion'** will showcase its **achievements in the field of 3R and Circular Economy**, reflecting India's holistic government approach.
 - India has hosted this forum earlier at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in 2018.

▪ Jaipur Declaration:

- The Forum will conclude with the adoption of the **'Jaipur Declaration'** to **promote the transition to a resource-efficient, circular economy in Asia-Pacific countries**.
- **The Jaipur Declaration (2025-34) will build on the Hanoi Declaration (2013-23)** and will provide a framework for developing 3R and circular economy policies.

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The Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum

- This forum was **launched in the year 2009** by [the United Nations Centre for Regional Development \(UNCRD\)](#).
- It plays an important role in **promoting sustainable development in Asia-Pacific countries**.
- It aims to **provide policy strategies** for mainstreaming 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and circularity in the Asia-Pacific region and to serve as a platform for sharing 3R best practices.

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