



12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum

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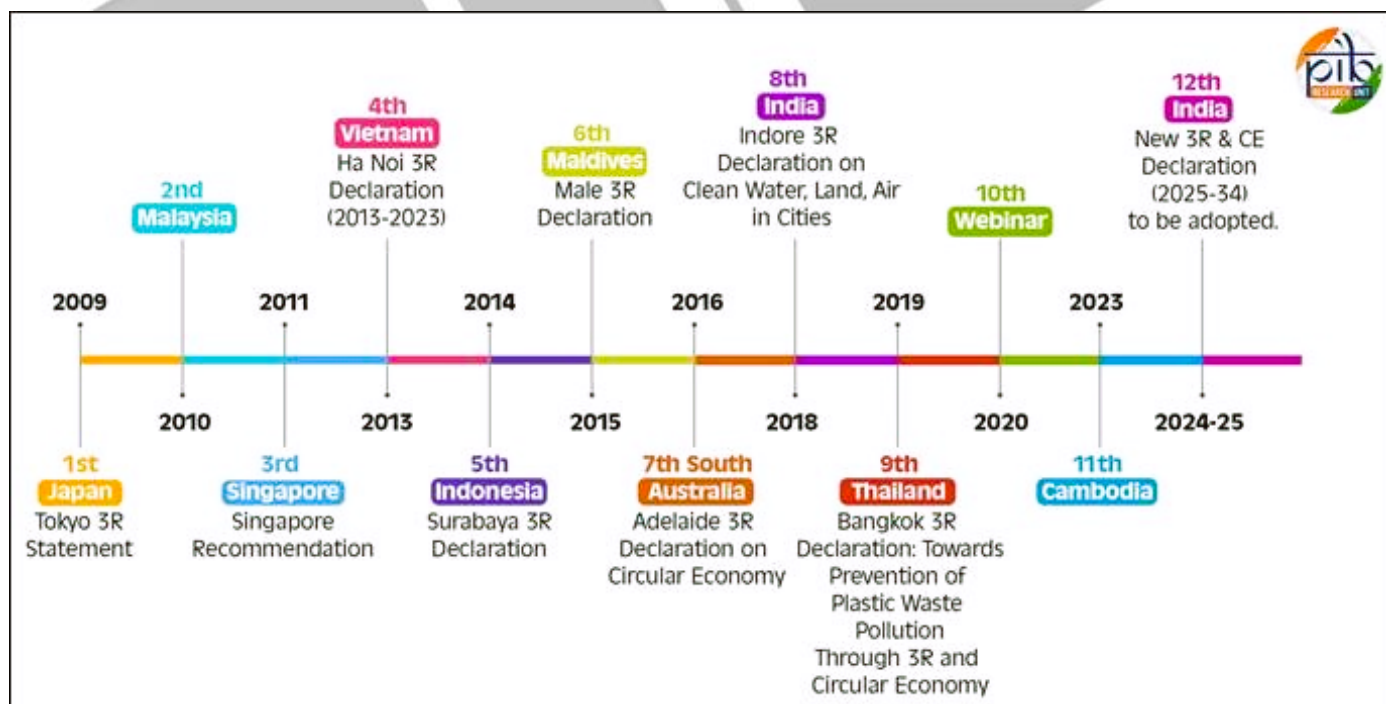
Why in News?

India (Jaipur, Rajasthan) hosted the **12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific** emphasising on sustainable waste management and [circular economy](#).

- A circular economy focuses on **durable, reusable, and recyclable products**, ensuring materials are continuously **repurposed, remanufactured, or used** for various purposes.

What are the Key Highlights of the 12th Regional Forum Meeting?

- **About:** It is a regional platform that promotes [3R \(Reduce, Reuse, Recycle\) principles](#) and **circular economy** practices across the **Asia-Pacific region**.
 - It brings together **policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and partners** to advance resource efficiency strategies.
- **Historical Context:** It was **launched in 2009** to promote **3R principles** and resource efficiency.
 - The **Hanoi 3R Declaration (2013-2023)** set **33 voluntary goals** for a resource-efficient and circular economy.



- **Theme: Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in**

Asia-Pacific.

- **Objectives:** Discuss and agree a **voluntary, non-binding “3R and Circular Economy Declaration (2025-2034)”** for a resource-efficient, low-carbon, and resilient Asia-Pacific.
 - Discuss and pave way towards realization of a **Circular Economy Alliance Network (CEAN)** towards **Zero Waste Cities and Societies**.
 - Discuss circular economy strategies to achieve **net-zero targets and SDGs**.
- **Key Announcements:**
 - **P-3 (Pro Planet People) Approach:** India’s PM advocated the **P-3 approach** for sustainable lifestyles and eco-friendly behavior.
 - **Cities Coalition for Circularity (C-3):** The C-3, a **global alliance** for city collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and private sector partnerships, was launched.
 - **CITIIS 2.0:** A key MoU for [CITIIS 2.0](#) (City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain) was signed that focuses on integrated [waste management](#) and **climate action**.

Click Here to Read: [What is a Circular Economy?](#)

India's Leadership in Circular Economy & 3R Policies

- **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U):** Achieved **108.62%** of the household toilet construction target and successfully processed **80.29%** of solid waste.
- **GOBAR-Dhan Scheme:** **1,008 biogas plants** are operational, covering **67.8%** of India's districts.
- **E-Waste Management Rules, 2022:** For **FY 2024-25**, **5,82,769 MT** of e-waste was collected, with **5,18,240 MT** successfully recycled.
- **Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021:** India banned single use plastic on **1st July 2022**.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Prelims

Q. In India, ‘extend producer responsibility’ was introduced as an important feature in which of the following? (2019)

- (a) The Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998
- (b) The Recycled Plastic (Manufacturing and Usage) Rules, 1999
- (c) The e-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011
- (d) The Food Safety and Standard Regulations, 2011

Ans: (c)

Q. Due to improper/indiscriminate disposal of old and used computers or their parts, which of the following are released into the environment as e-waste? (2013)

1. Beryllium
2. Chromium
3. Cadmium
4. Heptachlor
5. Mercury
6. Lead
7. Plutonium

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 only
- (b) 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 2, 4, 5 and 7 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Ans: (b)

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