



12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum

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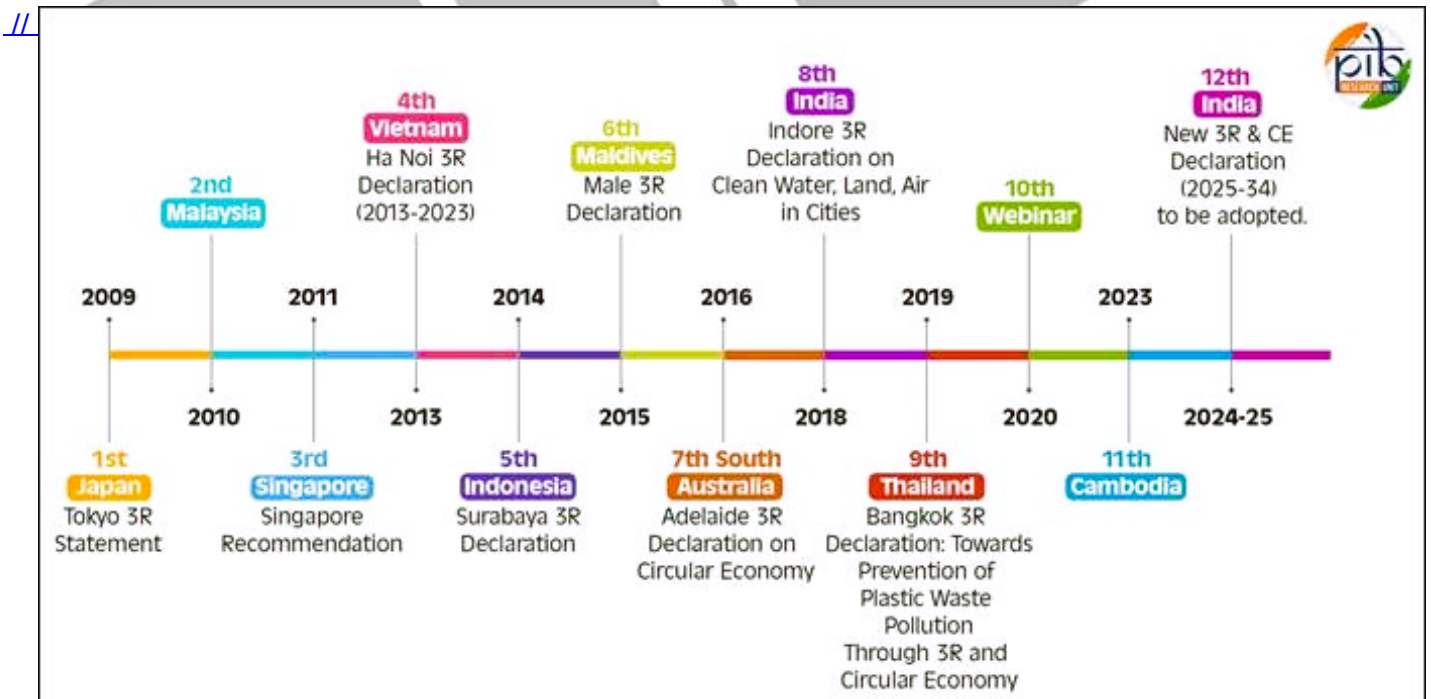
Why in News?

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**.

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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.
- **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Plastic:** 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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