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Bharatiya Nyaya(Second) Sanhita 2023:

(Importance level-5/5)

- ➔ **Bharatiya Nyaya(Second) Sanhita 2023 implements death penalty for mob lynching replacing the Indian Penal Code 1860. The term ‘Sedition’ has been removed, exchanging it for ‘treason’ with clearer definitions aimed at preserving freedom of expression.**
- ➔ The updated law encompasses 358 sections, including 21 new offences, stricter penalties and provisions for community service punishments.



Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill:

(Importance level-4/5)

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- ➔ **Anurag Thakur announced the Parliament’s approval of the 2023 Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill. The bill plans to simplify the online process for periodical registration, facilitating press procedures.**
- ➔ Providing for newspaper circulation and verification, the legislation requires Central Government consent for the local publication of foreign periodicals.



“Panic Button”:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Central Railway introduced “Panic Button” safety feature for women. Red push buttons installed within each of the four ladies coaches will trigger an alert in emergencies. Until this installation, women relied on helpline calls, SMS chain pulling on emergencies.**
- ➔ Pushing the button situated next to the alarm chain will activate an audio and visual signal on flasher units outside the coach alerting platform staff and fellow passengers.

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UNESCO:

(Importance level-4/5)

- UNESCO rewards the Rambagh Gate and Ramparts project in Punjab with the ‘Award of Excellence’ for its inclusivity and community access.
- Bikaner House in Delhi and Church of Epiphany in Haryana receive an ‘Award of Merit.’ UNESCO Asia Pacific Awards applaud efforts in restoring and conserving heritage structures across the region.

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SHREYAS:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **SHREYAS** scheme enhances access to quality education for SC students. It is an umbrella scheme comprising 4 sub schemes aimed at providing education opportunities and support to SCs.
- ➔ It includes financial aid for top-class education, free coaching for SCs/OBSs a fellowship for SC students and an overseas scheme.

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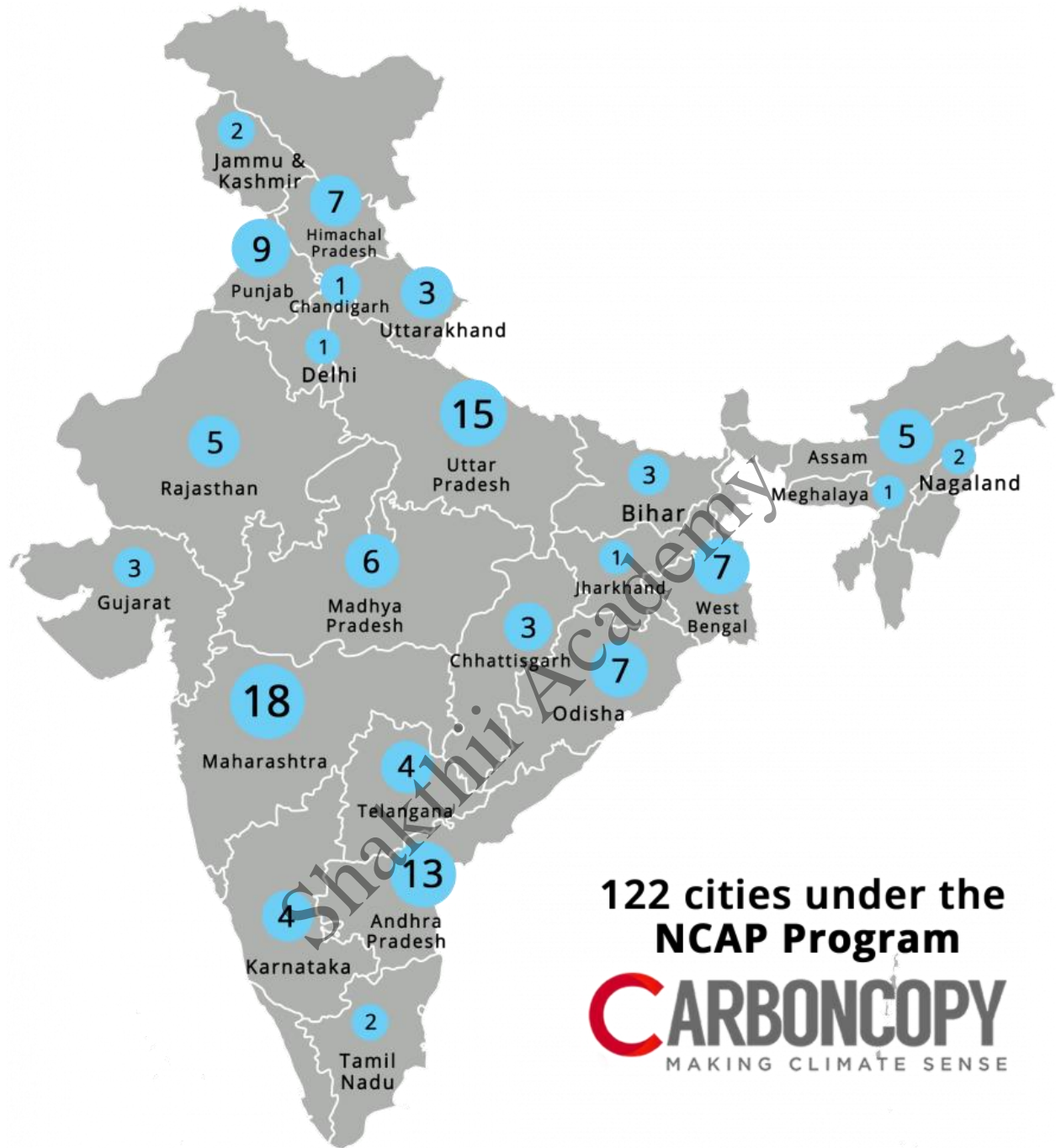
National Clean Air Programme:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **National Clean Air Programme allocated funds to 13 cities. To combat air pollution, the government through the Commission for Air Quality Management has defined extensive pollution abatement policies for NCR cities.**
- ➔ NCAP launched in 2019 aims for a 20%-30% reduction in particulate matter by 2024. An amount of approximately Rs. 9650 Cr is allocated with specific city clean air action plans prepared and rolled out for improved air quality.

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(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Indian government plans to establish a new research station, Maitri-II in East Antarctica. The project aims to adhere to Antarctica's environmental protocols while advancing India's scientific research capabilities in the polar region.**
- ➔ The phased launch includes design, tendering, transportation and construction with the finished station expected to be operational by January 2029.



JAG:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **The Judge Advocate General (JAG) Department, the distinguished judicial and legal arm of the Indian Army, commemorates a momentous occasion – its 40th Corps Day on December 21, 2023.**
- ➔ This celebration resonates with the historic introduction of the Bill for the Army Act in Parliament in 1949, a defining moment that laid the groundwork for the legal dispensation within the military.

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SHGs:

(Importance level-4/5)

- In a significant move towards empowering self-help groups (SHGs) in Arunachal Pradesh, the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM) has forged a strategic alliance with the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the two entities aims to provide comprehensive banking services to the SHGs operating in the state.
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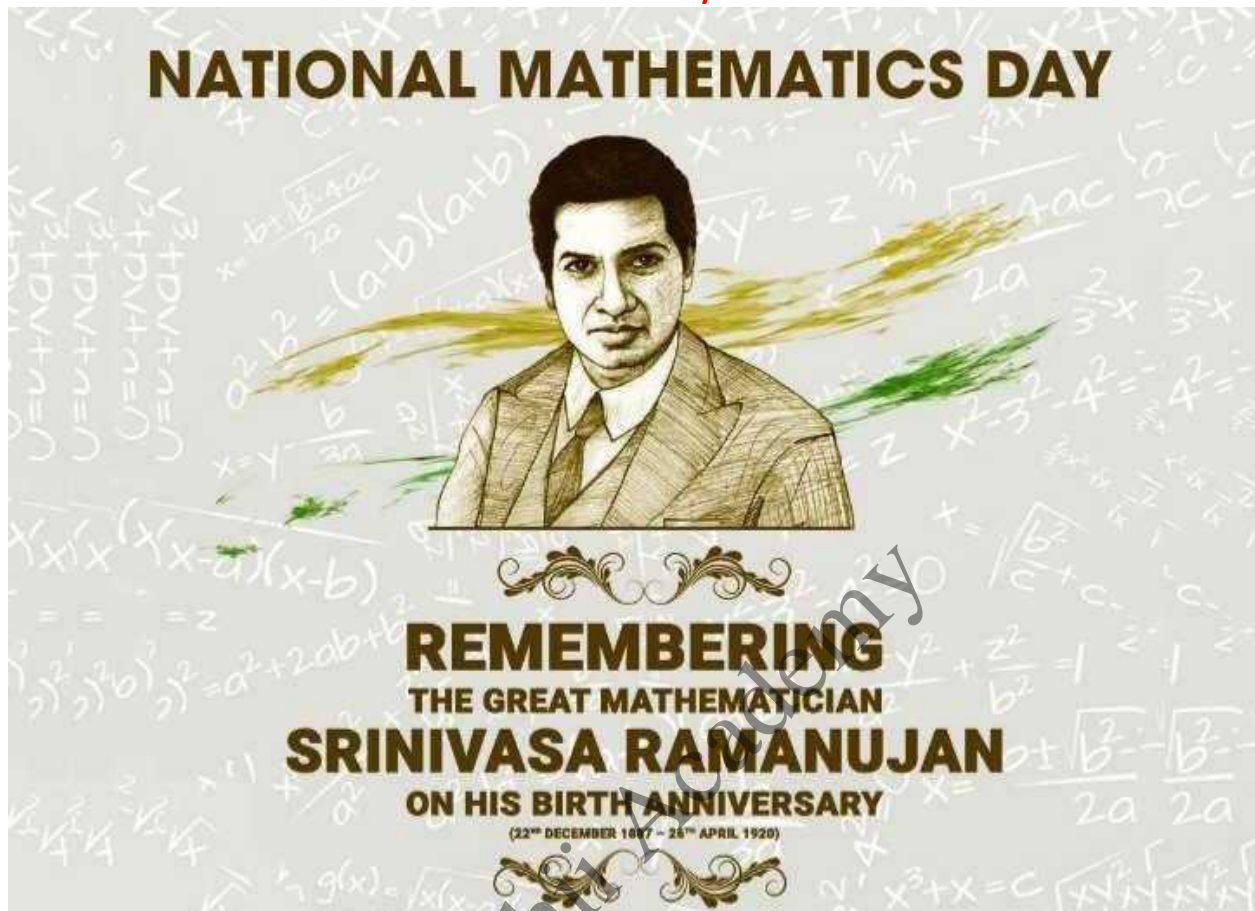
National Mathematics Day:

(Importance level-4/5)

- Every year on December 22, the nation reveres the brilliance of Srinivasa Ramanujan, one of the greatest mathematicians in history, as National Mathematics Day (NMD).
- This significant day serves as a tribute to Ramanujan's unparalleled contributions to the field of mathematics and promotes the awareness of the subject's importance. 125th Birth Anniversary of Ramanujan celebrates this year.

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\$300M:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **World Bank will provide \$300M to improve urban water and sewage systems for 2 million people in Tamil Nadu.**
- The initiative covers 21 Urban Local Bodies highlighting infrastructure upgrades and creation of green spaces. \$300M IBRD loan anchors the project with fund dispersal tied to result achievement.



THE WORLD BANK

World Health Organisation:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **The World Health Organisation stated more than 1 million Afghan children face severe malnutrition with an urgent need for \$185 million to battle this.**
- Reports indicate the number of malnourished mothers and children has slightly increased compared to previous years.
- Doctors from Indira Gandhi Hospital in Kabul report an upsurge in malnutrition cases with 20 to 25 children seeking treatment every day.



Sanjay Singh:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **In the recently concluded Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections, Sanjay Singh, a prominent figure within the former WFI chief Brij Bhushan's faction and currently the UP Wrestling Association vice president, clinched victory with an overwhelming 40 votes against Anita Sheoran's meager seven.**
- ➔ The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), the governing body for wrestling in the country, is based in New Delhi.
- ➔ Sanjay Singh, affiliated with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and a native of Varanasi, previously held a position on the WFI's executive council. Since 2019, he has served as the joint secretary of the national federation. Additionally, he holds the position of Vice President in the Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association.

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