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December 3-4, 2023

National Pollution Control Day:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **National Pollution Control Day 2023, observed on December 2, commemorates the tragic Bhopal Gas incident in 1984.**
- ➔ This day serves as a vital reminder of the catastrophic consequences of pollution and aims to raise awareness about the urgent need for pollution control.
- ➔ In 2023, the theme is “Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet,” highlighting the interconnectedness of environmental protection and sustainable growth.
- ➔ The theme of National Pollution Control Day for 2023 is “Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet,” underscores the importance of balancing progress with environmental preservation.



NCRB annual report:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **The crimes against women, children, senior citizens, SC and ST rose by 4%, 8.7%, 9.3%, 13.1% and 14.3% while the economic offences increased by 11.1%, corruption by 10.5% and cyber crimes by 24.4% in 2022, according to the latest NCRB annual report.**
- ➔ The NCRB report titled “Crime in India 2022” is based on data collected from 36 states and Union territories as well as central agencies.



Assam Government:

(Importance level-4/5)

- MoU signed between Assam Government and National Dairy Development Board to transform Assam's rural landscape through dairy farming, aiming to process 10 lakh litres of milk daily benefitting 1.75 lakh farmers.
- Initiative includes induction of 15000 Gir cows and infrastructure for Cattle Feed Manufacturing.

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Battery Energy Storage Systems:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ **India joined the Battery Energy Storage Systems Consortium at the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference to help increase energy security and reliability.**
- ➔ The Indian government has committed to developing 4,000 MWh of BESS projects by 2030-31, providing financial support to developers.
- ➔ The Consortium aims to increase grid reliability and accommodation of variable renewable energy sources.

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**Global Energy Alliance
for People and Planet**
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Unanimously chosen:

(Importance level-4/5)

- India has been unanimously chosen as a member representing the Asian region in the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 46th meeting in Rome.
- Membership in the Committee allows India influential involvement in setting international standards for various food product categories and in high level decision making processes.



Internet Governance Forum:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **The Internet Governance Forum is holding its hybrid event, the India Internet Governance Forum 2023 in New Delhi.**
- ➔ The theme is “Moving Forward-Calibrating Bharat’s Digital Agenda”, focusing on diverse topics including cyber security, innovation and leadership in global digital governance. It is a multi-stakeholder platform for discussing internet related public policies.

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Gajraj System:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Ashwini Vaishnaw, Railway Minister, unveiled the AI based 'Gajraj System', a novel initiative alerting train conductors about elephants on tracks, mitigating train-animal collisions, improving rail safety and wildlife preservation.**
- ➔ Deployed along a 700 km stretch of rail tracks, it has a 99.5% accuracy in elephant detection. It has been implemented across 11 elephant corridors in Northeast.

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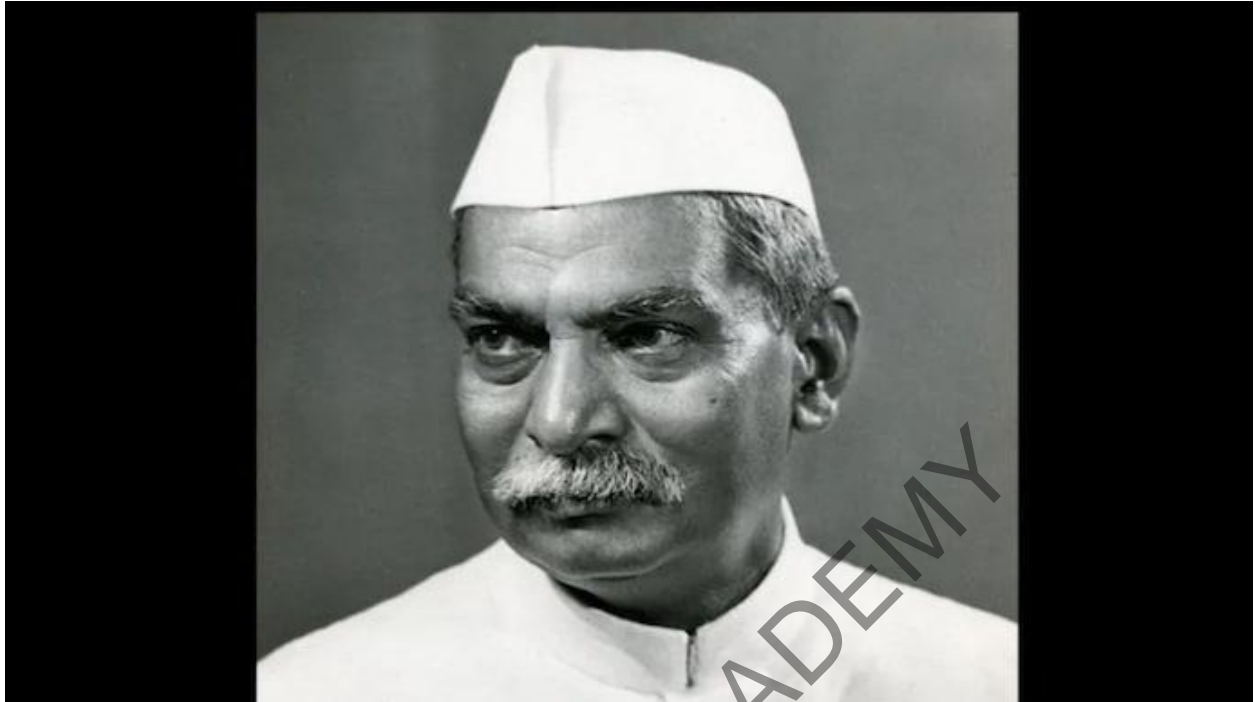
Rajendra Prasad:

(Importance level-3/5)

- **3rd December: Birth anniversary of former president Rajendra Prasad. Rajendra Prasad served as the first president of India from 1950 to 1962, the only president to serve two consecutive full terms. In Indian Independence movement, he was detained during Salt Satyagraha and Quit India Movement.**
- A key figure in drafting India's Constitution, Prasad served as President of the Constituent Assembly. In 1947, he was India's first Minister of Food and Agriculture.

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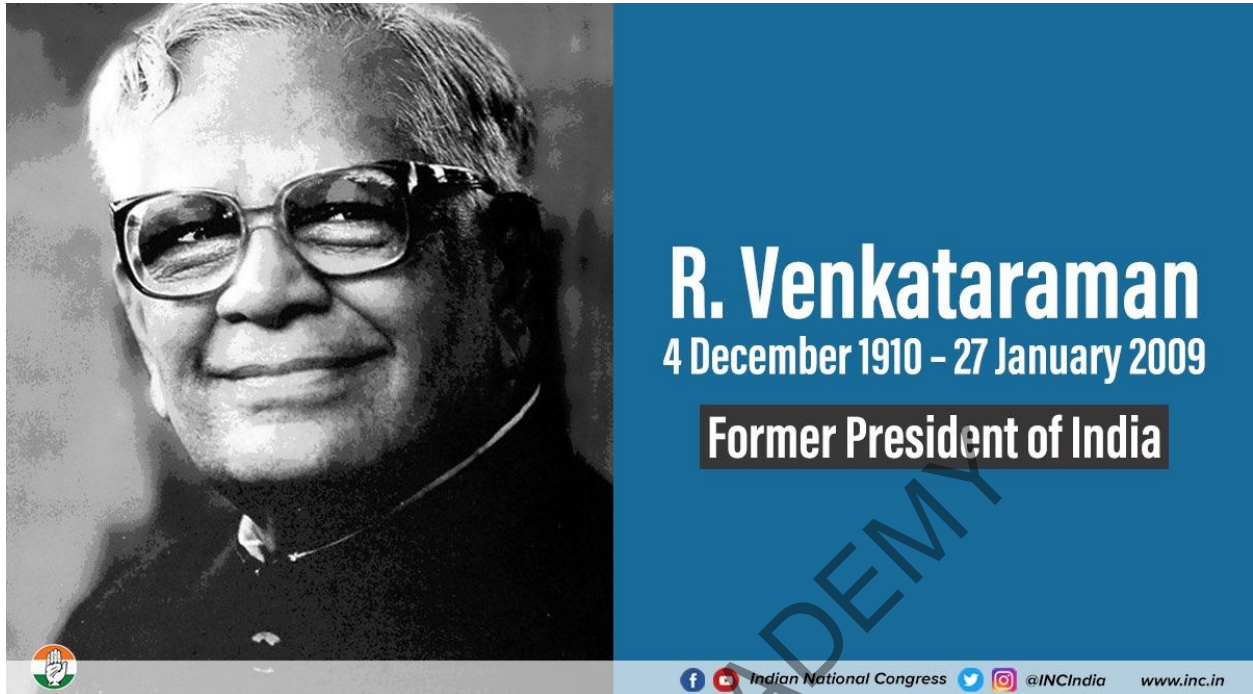
R. Venkataraman:

(Importance level-3/5)

- **4th December: Birth anniversary of former president R. Venkataraman. Ramaswamy Venkataraman was an Indian Lawyer, Indian independence activist and politician who served as a Union Minister and as the eighth president of India.**
- He was an activist of the Indian Independence movement and participated in the Quit India Movement. He also served as Union Finance Minister and Defence Minister.

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World's first portable hospital:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ 'Aarogya Maitri Aid Cube', the world's first portable hospital launched in Gurugram. Under Project 'BHISHM', it has been launched. It is capable of handling emergencies, its highly portable and quick to deploy.
- ➔ Comprising of 72 specialized detachable mini-cubes, it can provide swift medical assistance including surgeries for around 200 patients catering to diverse injuries.



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Shivraj Singh Chouhan:

(Importance level-4/5)

- To mark the 39th anniversary of the world's worst industrial disaster, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan paid tribute to the victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy that occurred on December 2 and 3, 1984.
- This tragic incident unfolded in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, when methyl isocyanate (MIC) leaked from the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) factory, resulting in the loss of thousands of lives and leaving a lasting impact on survivors.

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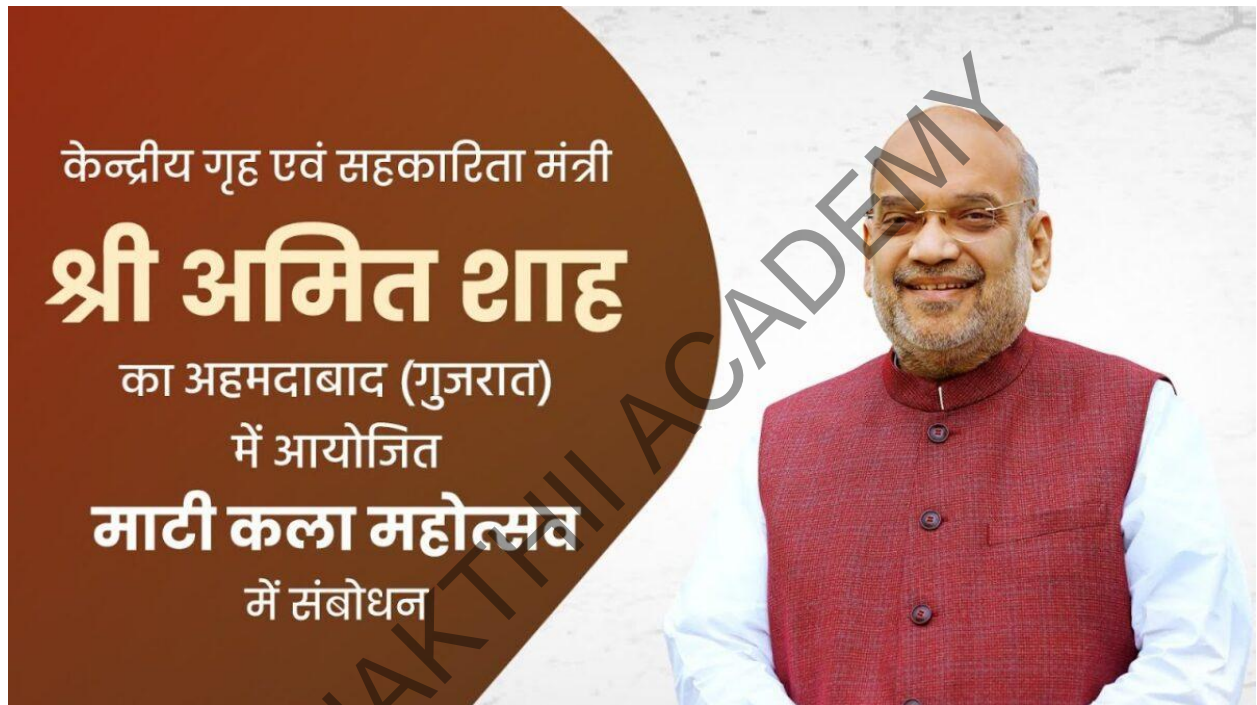
Khadi Mati Kala Mahotsav:

(Importance level-3/5)

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- **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, recently addressed the Khadi Mati Kala Mahotsav in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, emphasizing the multidimensional and multi-purpose aspects of the Khadi movement.**
- The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, including Union Minister Shri Narayan Rane and Shri Bhanupratap Singh Verma.
- The Union Home Minister highlighted the Prime Minister's "Vocal for Local" initiative, emphasizing the connection between Swadeshi and employment.
- Under PM Modi's leadership, India has become the fastest-growing economy globally, with a focus on inclusive economic development.



Karnataka government:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **The Karnataka government is embarking on a strategic journey to elevate the state's economic landscape, eyeing an impressive annual investment of Rs 1.4 trillion, a substantial 75% increase from the current levels.**
- The overarching goal is to position Karnataka as a premier investment destination in Asia, particularly focusing on future technology and advanced manufacturing.

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- The government has strategically identified key sectors for concentrated efforts, including aerospace and defence, electronic components, core manufacturing, warehousing and logistics. Additionally, special attention is directed towards emerging sectors such as electric vehicles, textiles, semiconductors, space tech, and med tech.



Madagascar's Constitutional Court:

(Importance level-3/5)

- **Madagascar's Constitutional Court has recently confirmed the re-election of President Andry Rajoelina from the Young Malagasies Determined political party, marking his third term in office. The court declared Rajoelina the winner with 59% of the votes cast.**
- The election took place amid significant challenges, including the withdrawal of ten out of thirteen presidential contenders. Despite their withdrawal, their names remained on the ballot, adding a layer of complexity to an already contentious electoral process.

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Kanchan Devi:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Kanchan Devi, 1991-batch Indian Forest Service Officer from the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education (ICFRE).**
- This marks a historic milestone, with Kanchan becoming the first woman officer to ascend to this esteemed position within the premier council operating under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities:

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(Importance level-4/5)

- **The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) or World Day of the Handicapped 2023, observed annually on December 3, holds special significance in promoting understanding and support for individuals facing various disabilities.**
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992, this day serves as a platform to advocate for the dignity, rights and overall well-being of persons with disabilities.
- The theme for the 2023 International Day of Persons with Disabilities, “United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with and by persons with disabilities,” underscores the urgent need for collective action to ensure the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



International Day of Banks:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Banks is annually observed across the globe on December 4 to recognise the vital role of banking systems in the Member States in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living.**

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- It is annually commemorated all over the world to acknowledge the role of banks in providing people with important information for their financial security.



WHO report:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Despite efforts to expand access to prevention measures, a new WHO report reveals a concerning trend: malaria cases globally rose to 249 million in 2022, surpassing pre-pandemic levels by 16 million.**
- The global malaria response faces numerous challenges, including COVID-19 disruptions, drug and insecticide resistance, humanitarian crises, resource constraints, and climate change impacts. These factors particularly affect high-burden countries.

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Vaishali Rameshbabu:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ **Vaishali Rameshbabu, a 22-year-old chess player from India, has recently earned the title of Grandmaster at the IV El Llobregat Open in Spain.**
- ➔ This achievement makes her only the third woman from India to become a Grandmaster, following in the footsteps of Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli.
- ➔ Her victory over Turkish FM Tamer Tarik Selbes was pivotal in crossing the 2500 FIDE rating threshold required for the Grandmaster title.

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