

# Current Affairs: 09th Dec; 2024

## 1. India's First Integrated Waste Management City



Gorakhpur will host India's first Integrated Waste Management City-cum-Learning Centre in Suthni village, Sahjanwa, by September 2025. Spread across 40 acres, it will process 700 tons of waste daily, converting dry and wet waste into charcoal and Bio-CNG. NTPC has invested ₹300 crore, emphasizing sustainable waste management and energy solutions.

## 2. UK Joins C-SIPA with the US and Bahrain



The United Kingdom has joined the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) with the US and Bahrain. This partnership focuses on maritime security and navigation safety through initiatives like the Geospatial Acceleration Initiative. It complements the UK's £1 billion Strategic Investment Partnership with Bahrain to protect vital sea routes.

## 3. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) Wins Awards



HSL received two awards at the 3rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024 for innovative shipbuilding technology. These include a fender arrangement for submarines and a method for installing retractable thrusters in diving support vessels. These achievements underline HSL's contributions to maritime technology.

#### **4. India's Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar**



India has provided 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to Myanmar under its 'Act East' and 'Neighbourhood First' policies. This assistance comes during Myanmar's landmine crisis, which caused over 1,000 civilian casualties in 2023, including a significant impact on children, showcasing India's regional solidarity.

#### **5. HDFC Launches HDFC SKY for Young Investors**



HDFC introduced HDFC SKY, a youth-focused investment platform targeting individuals under 25. It offers zero brokerage for one year, financial tools for ₹499 annually, and features like SKY Learn and expert advisory services to promote financial literacy and investment awareness among young Indians.

## 6. Political Shift in Syria



Syrian rebels, led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, captured Damascus, ending Bashar al-Assad's 54-year dynasty. This marks a significant political transformation in Syria, with uncertainty surrounding Bashar al-Assad's whereabouts during this upheaval.

## 7. International Anti-Corruption Day 2024



Observed on December 9, International Anti-Corruption Day highlights the importance of combating corruption. Established by the UN in 2003, the 2024 theme emphasizes youth participation in fostering integrity and transparency for a fair society.

## 8. Sanjay Malhotra Appointed as RBI Governor



Sanjay Malhotra, a 1990-batch IAS officer, is the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. With over three decades of experience in finance, taxation, and IT, he succeeds Shaktikanta Das, bringing his expertise to this crucial role.

## 9. International Conclave on Insolvency Resolution



The 2024 International Conclave on "Insolvency Resolution: Evolution & Global Perspective" was held in New Delhi. Organized by the IBCBI and INSOL India, it discussed the IBC's impact on bank asset quality and evolving global insolvency practices, showcasing India's advancements in resolution mechanisms.

## 10. India's Billionaire Growth



India now has 185 billionaires, as per the UBS Billionaire Ambitions Report 2024, an increase from 153 in 2023. Ranked third globally, this growth reflects India's thriving sectors like pharmaceuticals and fintech, demonstrating the nation's economic vitality.

## 11. U19 Asia Cup Final: Bangladesh Beats India



Bangladesh defeated India by 59 runs in the U19 Asia Cup Final held at the Dubai International Stadium. This victory marks their successful title defense, with a strong display of teamwork and strategy.