

# National Pollution Control Day

2<sup>ND</sup> DEC 2023

*Theme: "Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet"*

## About: National Pollution Control Day

- ◆ National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- ◆ This day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of controlling and reducing pollution to protect the environment and human health.
- ◆ In response to the Bhopal Gas Tragedy also known as the Bhopal Disaster that occurred on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1984, the Government of India designated 2<sup>nd</sup> December as National Pollution Control Day.
- ◆ The Bhopal Disaster is among the world's most deadly industrial disasters of all time.
- ◆ The tragedy resulted in the release of methyl isocyanate (MIC), a highly toxic gas that resulted in exposing citizens to a highly toxic and deadly gas, which led to the immediate death of many people around the neighborhood.
- ◆ This tragedy also resulted in soil and water pollution in the area thus making it unsafe to use.

## National Pollution Control Day: Theme

The theme for National Pollution Control Day 2023 is "Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet". This theme emphasizes the interrelation of environmental protection and sustainable development. It underscores the need for adopting environmentally friendly practices to achieve sustainable development and ensure a healthy planet for future generations.

## Significance of National Pollution Control Day

This day holds immense significance in raising awareness about the detrimental effects of pollution and the collective responsibility to protect our environment. It also serves as a reminder of the Bhopal gas tragedy and the devastating consequences of unchecked pollution.



# Key Objectives of National Pollution Control Day

- 1. Raising Public Awareness:** This day aims to raise public awareness about the causes, consequences, and prevention of pollution. It also aims to educate people about the impact of pollution on their health, the environment, and the planet as a whole.
- 2. Encouraging Sustainable Practices:** It promotes the adoption of sustainable practices in various aspects of life, from personal habits to industrial processes. It encourages people to conserve resources and adopt eco-friendly alternatives.
- 3. Fostering Community Engagement:** The day emphasizes the role of individuals and communities in tackling pollution. It encourages participation in environmental protection initiatives such as clean-up drives, waste management programs, and energy conservation efforts.

## Preventive measures taken by the Indian government

- Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974.
- Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981.
- Environment (Protection) Act 1986.
- Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1989.
- The National Environment Tribunal Act 1995.
- Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998.
- Recycled Plastics Manufacture & Usage Rules 1999.
- Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 2000.

