



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 11, 2024

STATE

- **India's First Integrated Waste Management City**
- ✓ Gorakhpur City in Uttar Pradesh is set to establish India's first Integrated Waste Management City-cum-Learning Centre by September 2025, aiming to create a garbage-free environment.



- ✓ It will promote sustainable waste management through a circular economy model and the facility will occupy 40 acres in Suthni village, Sahjanwa.
- ✓ The primary goal is to process various waste types, producing charcoal and Bio-CNG.
- ✓ The centre will manage multiple waste categories, including biomedical waste, e-waste, batteries, and tyres.

NATIONAL

- **Railways Amendment Bill 2024**
- ✓ The current Bill proposes to simplify the legal framework by incorporating the proposals of the Indian Railway Board Act, 1905 in the Railways Act, 1989.



- ✓ It aims to provide statutory backing to the Railway Board, which has functioned without such sanction since its inception.
- ✓ The Bill proposes the decentralising financial and operational decision-making to zones, empowering them to manage the budgets, infrastructure works, and recruitment.
- ✓ The Bill introduces Section 24A to allow the government to expedite superfast train operations and infrastructure upgrades.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Mountain Day – December 11**
- ✓ Every year on December 11, the world comes together to observe International Mountain Day, an initiative established by the United Nations (UN) in 2003.



- ✓ This day aims to promote awareness about the critical role mountains play in our environment and to emphasize the importance of sustainable mountain development across the globe.
- ✓ Mountains are not just geological formations; they are lifelines that sustain biodiversity, regulate the climate, and serve as a source of livelihood and spiritual solace for millions.

