



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 25, 2024

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Achieving Malaria-Free Status by 2030**

- ✓ A 97% reduction in malaria cases achieved by India, with a target of achieving malaria-free status by 2030.



- ✓ On 25 December, the Health Ministry said the number of annual malaria cases will drop from 75 million at the time of independence to 2 million by 2023, a reduction of over 97%.
- ✓ India is moving towards becoming a malaria-free nation by setting global standards in the field of public health.
- ✓ The government is working with a vision to achieve malaria-free status by 2030.

OBITUARY

➤ **Doyen of Parallel Cinema Filmmaker Shyam Benegal Passes Away**

- ✓ Doyen of Indian Parallel Cinema, **Shyam Benegal** passed away at the age of 90 years.



- ✓ Shyam Bengal is considered one of the leading lights of the parallel cinema movement in India along with Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak, and Govind Nihalini with films like 'Ankur', and 'Manthan'.
- ✓ He was honoured with India's highest film award Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2005. He also received 18 National Film Awards.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Good Governance Day or Sushasan Diwas – December 25**
- ✓ The day is observed every year on 25 December to mark the anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



- ✓ This year is commemorated as the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ✓ Good Governance Day was started by the Government of India in 2014.
- ✓ Atal Bihari Vajpayee was born on December 25, 1924, in Gwalior.
- ✓ He served as the Indian Prime Minister thrice - first in 1996 for a term of 13 days, then for 13 months between 1998 and 1999.

