



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 25, 2025

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ **Namita Gokhale's Life on Mars**

- ✓ Namita Gokhale's latest book, *Life on Mars: Collected Stories*, brings together 15 short stories that explore themes of love, fate, and human existence.



- ✓ Released in January 2025, this collection reflects the author's deep engagement with storytelling.
- ✓ The book is structured into two distinct sections — 'Love and Other Derangements' and 'The Mirror of the Mahabharata' — each offering a different lens on relationships, mythology, and human emotions.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Mangroves as Bio-Shields Against Coastal Disasters**

- ✓ Coastal mangroves serve as vital bio-shields against natural disasters.



- ✓ Recent research marks their effectiveness in mitigating the impacts of tsunamis and flooding along India's coastline.
- ✓ The study, conducted by a team from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, utilised advanced simulations to evaluate how emergent vegetation, particularly mangroves, acts as a protective barrier.
- ✓ This research puts stress on the importance of integrating natural solutions into coastal defence strategies.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Central Excise Day – February 24**
- ✓ Central Excise Day, observed annually on February 24, marks the enactment of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944, which laid the foundation for modern excise taxation in India.



**CENTRAL
EXCISE DAY
2025**

- ✓ It recognizes the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in tax administration, curbing corruption, and economic growth.
- ✓ The day highlights the significance of excise duty in funding public welfare programs and the evolving role of CBIC in Customs, GST, and anti-smuggling operations.

- **Financial Literacy Week 2025**
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has launched the Financial Literacy Week 2025.



- ✓ Financial Literacy Week 2025 campaign will run from February 24 to 28.
- ✓ “Financial Literacy – Women’s Prosperity” is the theme of the Financial Literacy Week.
- ✓ The theme of this year emphasizes empowering women financially and socially.
- ✓ This campaign will create awareness about the risks and precautions while using these platforms.

