



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 01, 2025

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➤ **Union Budget 2025-26**

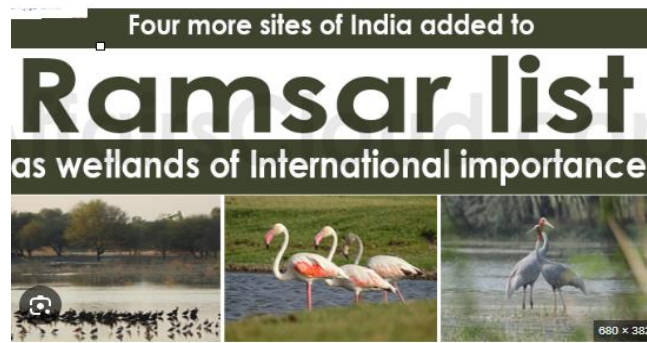
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget 2025-26 in the Lok Sabha.



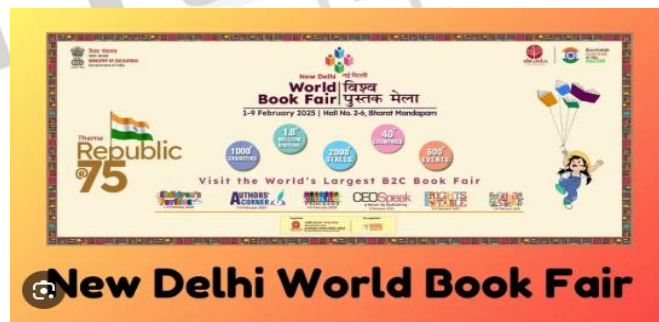
- ✓ It will be the second budget of the Narendra Modi government in its third term.
- ✓ This will be Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's eighth consecutive budget presentation since taking office in 2019.
- ✓ On 1st February 2021, Finance Minister Sitharaman presented the first paperless budget, and the digital budget has been presented ever since then.
- ✓ The first part of the budget session will be held till 13th February, while the second leg of the session will be held from 10th March to 4th April.

➤ **India Adds 4 New Ramsar Sites**

- ✓ Centre has announced the addition of four new Ramsar sites in India, taking the tally to 89.



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said that ahead of World Wetlands Day, the government announced that Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary and Therthangal Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu, Khecheopalri Wetland in Sikkim, and Udhwa Lake in Jharkhand have been included in the list of Ramsar sites in the country.
 - ✓ Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav shared that India still stands as the country with the highest number of Ramsar sites in Asia and third in the world.
 - ✓ He congratulated Tamil Nadu for becoming the state with the maximum number of Ramsar sites, with a tally of 20.
- **World Book Fair 2025**
- ✓ New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 will commence on 1st February at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.



- ✓ This year, the fair's theme is 'We the People of India', commemorating 75 years of the Republic of India.
- ✓ The nine-day fair will be inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu. Speaking to Akashvani News, the Director of the National Book Trust, Yuvraj Malik, highlighted that this year, Russia is the focus country of the fair, and over 50 countries will participate, including France, Argentina, Spain, Colombia, UAE, and Qatar.
- ✓ He added that nearly two thousand publishers and one thousand speakers will attend the fair.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Sunita Williams Sets New Spacewalk Record**

- ✓ Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams has set a new record for the longest spacewalking time by a woman, surpassing former astronaut Peggy Whitson's previous record.



- ✓ Williams has now logged a total of 62 hours and 6 minutes of spacewalking time across nine spacewalks.
- ✓ The achievement came during her latest extravehicular activity (EVA) alongside fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore on the International Space Station (ISS).

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **Indian Coast Guard Day – February 01**

- ✓ Indian Coast Guard Day is observed every year on February 1.



- ✓ The day aims to honour the contribution of the Coast Guard. The Indian Coast Guard Day is dedicated to the officers and personnel who look after maritime security.
- ✓ This year, the Indian Coast Guard Day will be commemorating its 48th Raising Day.
- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard was established on February 1, 1977, to prevent the sea-borne smuggling of goods that hampered the economy.

