

Quick Current Affairs With Shivank: 01 February 2025



01. Gujarat's First Biodiversity Heritage Site



Gujarat has officially recognized Guneri village in Kutch as its first Biodiversity Heritage Site.

This area features a rare inland mangrove ecosystem covering 32.78 hectares

- "Nallur Tamarind Grove" in Bengaluru, Karnataka was India's first Biodiversity Heritage Site, declared in 2007

What is Biodiversity Heritage site?

- A Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) is a uniquely designated area with ecologically fragile and rich ecosystems that possess significant biodiversity characteristics. Under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.



02. India's First Private Astronaut

1 Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla

has been selected as the pilot for Axiom Mission 4, making him India's first astronaut on a private mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

2 1st Indian of ISS

Capt. shukla will also become the first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station (ISS)

- Axiom 4 will launch in mid 2025.

03. Sunita Williams Sets New Spacewalking Record

Sunita Williams has achieved a new record for the longest cumulative time spent on spacewalks by a woman.

- **Total Spacewalk Time:** 50 hours and 40 minutes across seven spacewalks
- **Do you Know?:** First person to complete a marathon in space (Boston Marathon) by running on the ISS treadmill

Stuck on ISS

- Launched on Boeing's Starliner spacecraft on June 5, 2024
- During this mission Starliner's space craft's five of its 28 thrusters failed and Sunita william stuck of ISS
- Their return is now scheduled for **late March 2025 by SpaceX dragon craft**



04. MSME Trade Enablement and Marketing (TEAM) Initiative



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Launch

The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) has launched the MSME Trade Enablement and Marketing (TEAM) Initiative.

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Budget

The initiative has a budget of ₹277.35 crore over three years.

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AIM

The initiative aims to onboard 5 lakh micro and small enterprises, focusing on 50% women-led businesses on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to enhance digital presence and reduce operational barriers for MSMEs.

05. Economic Survey 2024-25 Released

Growth Projection

India's real GDP is projected to grow by 6.4% in FY25.

Service Sector Growth

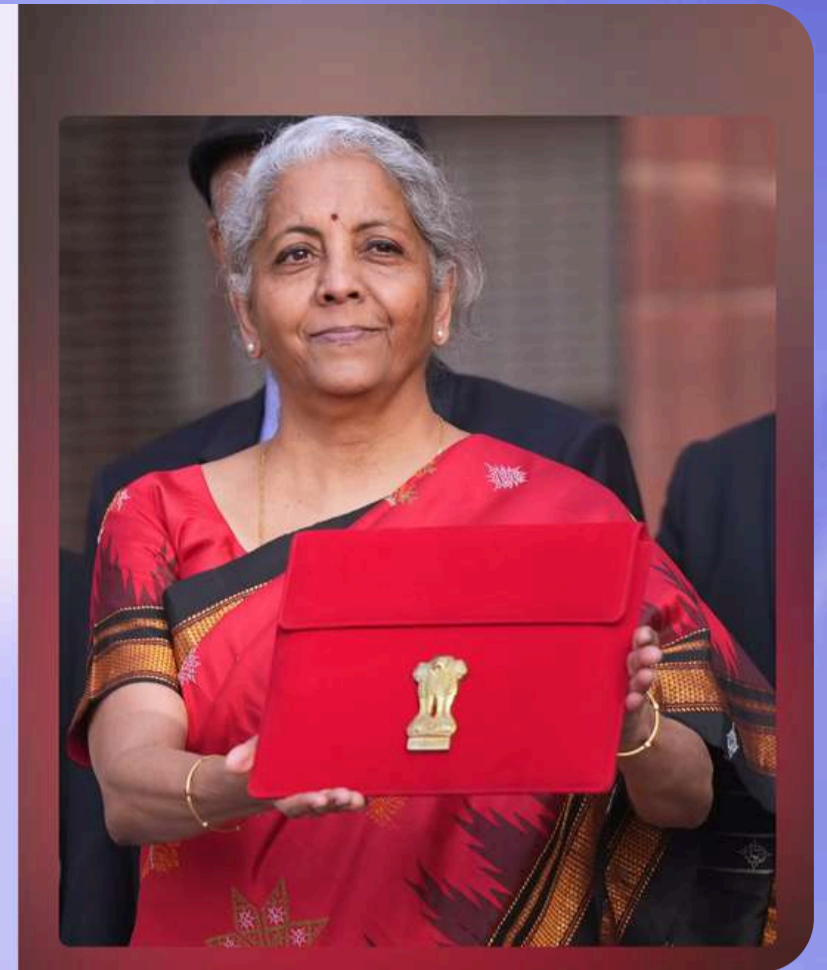
7.2 percent

Agriculture Sector Growth

3.5 percent

Industrial Sector Growth

6 percent



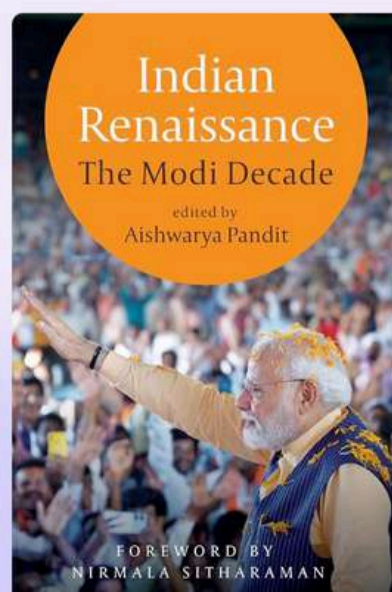
06. Sachin Tendulkar Receives BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award

Sachin Tendulkar has been honored with the BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award.

Do you know? - Recently, Sachin Tendulkar accepted the **Honorary Cricket Membership** of the Melbourne Cricket Club



07. Who Launched "Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade" Book ?



Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched "Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade".

Author - This book is a collection of essays from 27 different authors that provides a comprehensive overview of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decade in power from 2014 to 2024

08. Google Maps Renames Gulf of Mexico

What Happen?

Google Maps announced it will rename the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America" for users in the United States

Why Happen?

This change comes in response to an executive order signed by President Donald Trump on January 20, 2025



Launched E-Rupee Wallet

CRED become first non banking institute who introduced E-Rupee Wallet,

aiming to enhance digital payment solutions in India. This initiative is part of CRED's ongoing efforts to innovate in the financial technology sector.



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