



World Wetland Day 2025

Why in News?

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) organised the [World Wetlands Day 2025](#) celebrations at the **Parvati Arga Ramsar Site**, Gonda, Uttar Pradesh (UP) on **2nd February 2025**.

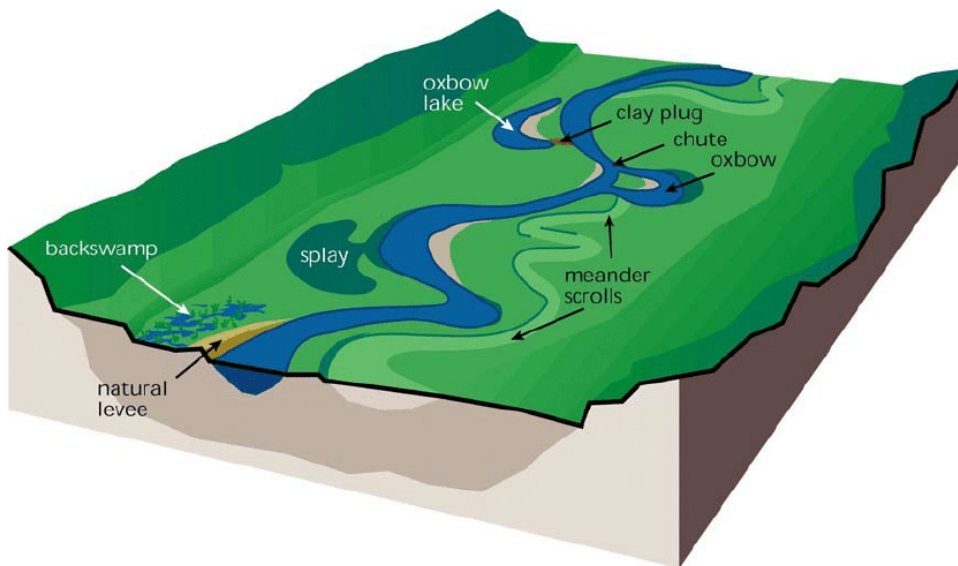
Key Points

- **About:**
 - It is observed annually to raise awareness about the **importance of wetlands** and marks the adoption of the [Ramsar Convention on Wetlands](#) in **1971** in Ramsar, Iran.
 - **Theme for 2025:** Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future.
- **New Corridor:**
 - The government announced a new **nature-culture tourism corridor** will be developed between **Ayodhya and Devi Patan** in UP.
- **Amrit Dharohar Initiative:**
 - [Amrit Dharohar](#) was launched in **June 2023** to conserve Ramsar Sites that focuses on **four key components** i.e., **Species and Habitat Conservation, Nature Tourism, Wetlands Livelihood and Wetlands Carbon**.
- **Threat:**
 - The biggest threat to wetlands is **pollution from industrial and human effluents**, which degrade these ecosystems.

Parvati Arga Ramsar Site

- **About:** It is a **permanent freshwater environment**, consisting of **two oxbow lakes** i.e., **Parvati and Arga**, which are **rain-fed** and located in the **terai region** (Gangetic plains).
 - The nearby **Tikri Forest** is also being developed as an **eco-tourism site**.
 - **Oxbow lakes** are **U-shaped lakes** formed when a meander of a **river is cut off**, creating a **standalone water body**.

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- **Ecological Significance:** It is a refuge for **critically endangered** [white-rumped vulture](#), [Indian vulture](#), and [endangered Egyptian vulture](#).
 - Migratory birds like **Eurasian coots**, **mallards**, **greylag geese**, **northern pintails**, and **red-crested pochards** visit the site in the winter months.
- **Invasive Species:** It faces threats from [invasive species](#), notably the **common water hyacinth**.
- **Cultural Landmarks:** The region is home to cultural landmarks such as the birthplaces of **Maharishi Patanjali** and [Goswami Tulsidas](#), boosting religious and cultural tourism.

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