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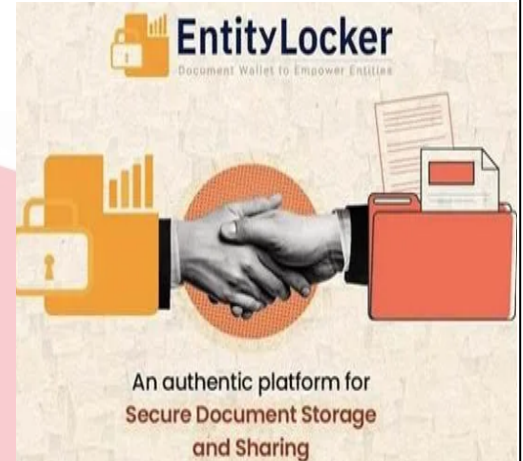


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1. Entity Locker

The National e-Governance Division of the Ministry of Electronics and IT has developed a secure, cloud-based solution called Entity Locker. The platform simplifies the storage, sharing, and validation of documents for a wide range of entities such as large organizations, corporations, micro, small and medium enterprises, trusts, startups, and societies.



2. 3rd National Mining Ministers Conference at Konark, Odisha

The third National Mining Ministers Conference was held at Konark, Odisha on 21 January 2025 to discuss mining of major minerals. The aim of the conference was to bring together the Central and State Governments, mining sector and industries to make India self-reliant in the mineral sector and promote sustainable mining. The conference was inaugurated by Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy.



3. Banks should call only from 1600 number series to prevent fraud in transactions - RBI Instructions

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed banks and other regulated entities to use the '1600xx' number series exclusively for transactional calls to customers, while the '140xx' number series should be used for promotional calls to deal with financial fraud. This initiative has been taken to enhance the security of digital transactions and protect customers from fraud.



4. Flamingo Festival 2025 concludes in Andhra Pradesh

The Flamingo Festival 2025 concluded on January 20 at Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh, calling for the protection of the biodiversity of the region. The festival attracted tourists, bird watchers and photographers and was hailed as a great success. At the closing ceremony, ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy and Anagani Satya Prasad expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who revived the festival.



5. 27th International Glass Congress

Recently, the 27th International Glass Congress 2025 was held in Calcutta from 20 to 24 January. It was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh. The event was organized by CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute and was attended by over 800 delegates, including over 300 faculty members and industry officials from abroad.



6. Bison population in Palamu Tiger Reserve

The Jharkhand Forest Department has initiated a study to revive the dwindling bison population, popularly known as gaur, in the Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR). The move is significant towards wildlife conservation. Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in the Latehar district of Jharkhand and is part of the Chotanagpur plateau. It is also part of the Betla National Park and is one of the first nine tiger reserves established under 'Project Tiger'.



7. Lake Naivasha, Kenya

The spread of invasive water hyacinth on Kenya's popular Lake Naivasha has posed a serious threat to the livelihood of fishermen. Water hyacinth was noticed in the lake about 10 years ago and is now causing a decline in the number of fish and a reduction in the income of fishermen. Lake Naivasha is a freshwater lake located near the town of Naivasha in Nakuru County, northwest of Nairobi, Kenya.



8. Karnataka won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for a record fifth time

Karnataka won their fifth title by defeating Vidarbha by 36 runs in the final of the 2024-25 Vijay Hazare Trophy on 19 January 2025 at the Kotambi Stadium in Vadodara. In this thrilling match, Karnataka scored a strong score of 348/6, which was challenged by the Vidarbha batsmen, but they could not achieve the target. Karnataka captain Mayank Agarwal decided to bat first.





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1. Entity Locker has been developed under which ministry?

- A - Ministry of Electronics and IT** **B - Ministry of Education**
C - Ministry of Home Affairs **D - Ministry of Finance**

The National e-Governance Division of the Ministry of Electronics and IT has developed a secure, cloud-based solution called Entity Locker, which simplifies the storage, sharing and verification of documents for various entities. It facilitates integration with government databases, consent-based secure sharing and legally valid digital signatures.



2. During the 3rd National Mining Ministers Conference, which state won the first place award for outstanding contribution in conducting the highest number of auctions in 2023-24?

- A - Rajasthan** **B - Madhya Pradesh**
C - Maharashtra **D - Uttar Pradesh**

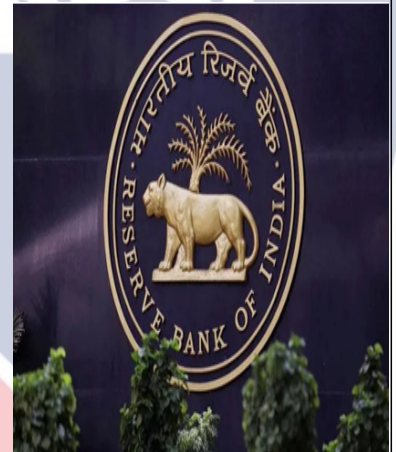
The third National Mining Ministers Conference was held on 21 January 2025 at Konark in Odisha, in which the mining of major minerals was discussed. Its objective was to promote self-reliance and sustainable mining in the mineral sector. Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated it.



3. Recently, to prevent fraud in transactions, RBI has instructed other banks and regulated institutions to make calls from which number series?

- A - 1600** **B - 140**
C - 1800 **D - 999**

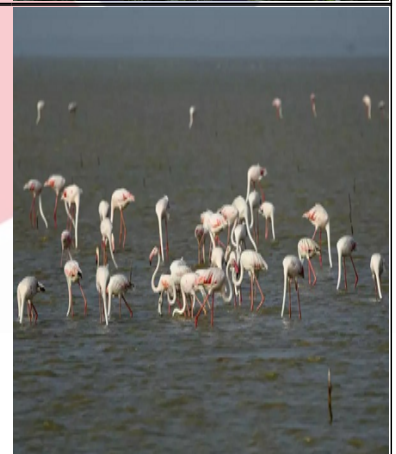
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed banks and institutions to use '1600xx' number series for transactional calls and '140xx' for promotional calls to combat financial fraud. The initiative aims to enhance the security of digital transactions. Banks will have to monitor and update their customer database, and identify and delete cancelled numbers.



4. Recently Flamingo Festival 2025 concluded, it was celebrated in which state?

- A - Andhra Pradesh** **B - Tamil Nadu**
C - Rajasthan **D - Gujarat**

Flamingo Festival 2025 concluded on January 20, with an emphasis on protecting biodiversity at Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary. The festival attracted tourists, bird watchers and photographers. Ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy and Anagani Satya Prasad thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the closing ceremony.



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5. Where was the 27th International Glass Congress 2025 held?

- A - Calcutta**
- B - Ahmedabad**
- C - Nagpur**
- D - New Delhi**

The 27th International Glass Congress 2025 was held in Calcutta from 20 to 24 January, inaugurated by Union Science Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. The event was organized by CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, in which more than 800 delegates participated. The ICG Glass Congress is a triennial event, which aims to disseminate knowledge and enhance collaboration in the field of glass industry, research and science.



6. In which state is Palamau Tiger Reserve located?

- A - Jharkhand**
- B - West Bengal**
- C - Madhya Pradesh**
- D - Chhattisgarh**

The Jharkhand Forest Department has launched a study to revive the dwindling bison (gaur) population in the Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR). Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in Jharkhand's Latehar district and is part of the Betla National Park. It has a total area of 1,014 square kilometres, and the terrain is rugged, with rivers such as the Northern Koel, Auranga and Burha flowing through it.



7. Lake Naivasha is located in which country?

- A - Kenya**
- B - France**
- C - Italy**
- D - Sudan**

The spread of invasive water hyacinth on Lake Naivasha in Kenya is threatening the livelihood of fishermen, as it is leading to a decline in the number of fish and a decrease in income. The lake is located northwest of Nairobi, Kenya and is fed by the Malewa and Gilgil rivers. The spread of water hyacinth is putting pressure on the ecosystem here, increasing the difficulties of fishermen.



8. Who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy recently -

- A - Karnataka**
- B - Rajasthan**
- C - Delhi**
- D - Tamil Nadu**

In the final of the 2024-25 Vijay Hazare Trophy, Karnataka won its fifth title by defeating Vidarbha by 36 runs at the Kotambi Stadium in Vadodara on 19 January 2025. Karnataka batted first and scored a strong score of 348/6. Ravichandran Smaran scored 101 runs off 92 balls, Krishnan Sreejith scored 78 runs off 74 balls, and Abhinav Manohar scored 79 runs off 42 balls.





One Liner

1. Union Minister of Electronics and IT is - **Ashwini Vaishnav**
2. Where was the Third National Mining Ministers Conference held? - **Konark (Orissa)**
3. RBI has given guidelines to other banks to use which number series for promotional communication? - **140**
4. Which is the most coastal lagoon lake of India? - **Chilika Lake**
5. The 21st International Glass Congress was inaugurated by whom? - **Dr Jitendra Singh (Minister of State for IT)**
6. Palamu Tiger Reserve is situated on which plateau? - **Chota Nagpur Plateau**
7. Naivasha (Kenya) lake is a lake of what type of water? - **Freshwater**
8. Recently, Karnataka defeated which team to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy? - **Netherlands**
9. When is World Penguin Awareness Day celebrated? - **20 January**
10. According to the Global Risk Report 2025, what is the top global risk? - **False and misleading information**

