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Let's check this news about (Lithium Exploration) Then, we will move ahead.

India and Argentina Sign MoU for Lithium Exploration

India and Argentina have signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in lithium exploration, a key resource for EV batteries and renewable energy storage. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy met with Catamarca's Governor to discuss investment opportunities and resource development. The agreement, signed between MECL and Catamarca's government, aims to expand India's access to Argentina's lithium reserves. Discussions covered policy frameworks, sustainable mining, and infrastructure support. This partnership reinforces India's commitment to securing critical minerals for its green energy transition.



[Image Source: India Today]

Nagaland's Forestry Project Honored with SKOCH Award

The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) received the SKOCH Award 2024 at the 100th SKOCH Summit in New Delhi on February 15, 2025. Managed by the DEFCC, Government of Nagaland, with JICA's support, the 10-year project (2017-2027) aims to improve forest ecosystems, rehabilitate jhum areas, and enhance livelihoods. Covering 79,096 hectares across 185 villages, it promotes sustainable forest management and self-help groups. This recognition highlights the project's success in environmental conservation and community development.

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The IRDAI has launched Bima-ASBA, a system for UPI-based insurance payments

The IRDAI has introduced Bima-ASBA to simplify premium payments for life and health insurance policies. Effective from March 1, 2025, it allows policyholders to authorize a one-time UPI mandate to block funds in their bank accounts until the policy proposal is accepted. This system ensures transparency, security, and control over funds, with no extra charges or risk of unauthorized debits. The initiative aims to modernize insurance payments, enhance customer security, and improve transaction efficiency across insurers and banks.



IRDAI

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority

[Image Source: Mint]

Kerala Launches nPROUD for Secure Drug Disposal

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Kerala's Health Department has launched the nPROUD (New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs) initiative to safely dispose of expired and unused medicines. The program, starting as a pilot in Kozhikode and Ulliyeri, aims to prevent environmental and health risks. Volunteers will collect medicines from households, while pharmacies will offer blue bins for disposal. Collected drugs will be incinerated at Kerala Enviro Infrastructure Ltd. nPROUD could serve as a model for other states, with its official launch on February 22, 2025.



[Image Source: Mint]

Brazil Joins OPEC Plus as an Observer to Strengthen Global Energy Influence

Brazil has joined OPEC+ as an observer, allowing it to engage in energy policy discussions without adhering to production quotas. This move supports Brazil's goal to strengthen its presence in the global energy market while maintaining control over its oil production. The country aims to balance oil revenues with investments in green energy. Petrobras plans to increase diesel production by 120,000 barrels per day, though challenges persist. Brazil's participation in OPEC+ aligns with its dual focus on economic growth and environmental sustainability.



[Image Source: BBC News]



Mount Dukono Erupts in Indonesia

Mount Dukono, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, erupted on February 20, 2025, releasing an ash cloud up to 2,000 meters high. The eruption has prompted aviation warnings and safety advisories for residents, with authorities urging people to stay at least 4 kilometres from the volcano. Dukono, active since 1933, poses significant risks to aviation and local communities. The eruption highlights Indonesia's volatile geological landscape, requiring continuous monitoring and timely response to mitigate potential hazards.



[Image Source: BBC News]

Mizoram Foundation Day 2025

Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram both celebrate Foundation Day on February 20, marking their transition to statehood in 1987. Arunachal Pradesh honours its diverse tribes, landscapes, and progress, with celebrations including official ceremonies and cultural performances. Mizoram Foundation Day acknowledges the Mizo people's struggle for recognition, highlighted by the Mizoram Peace Accord of 1986. Celebrations in Mizoram feature cultural performances, community feasts, and sports events, reflecting the state's growth, achievements, and aspirations for continued development.

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[Image Source: Mint]

Delhi Cabinet Approves Implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme

Rekha Gupta, BJP leader and first-time MLA from Shalimar Bagh was sworn in as Delhi's ninth Chief Minister at Ramlila Maidan. In her first cabinet meeting, she announced the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat scheme with a ₹5 lakh top-up and tabled 14 pending CAG reports. The government will focus on cleaning the Yamuna and improving infrastructure, education, and women's welfare. Gupta's ministerial team includes key portfolios such as Finance, Home, Education, and Health. The ceremony was attended by PM Modi and other political leaders.



[Image Source: India Today]

Vivek Joshi has taken over as the Election Commissioner

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Vivek Joshi, a 1989-batch IAS officer from Haryana and a distinguished mechanical engineer, has been appointed as India's Election Commissioner. With an academic background from IIT-Roorkee, IIFT, and the Graduate Institute, Geneva, Joshi has held significant positions, including Chief Secretary of Haryana and roles in the central government. His term as Election Commissioner will run until February 18, 2031. Known for his expertise in governance and finance, Joshi is expected to play a crucial role in overseeing free and fair elections in India.



[Image Source: India Today]

Bengal Tops India's Bird Count for the Third Year in a Row

Bengal led the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) for the third consecutive year, recording 543 species out of 1,068 observed across India. Despite a decrease in participation, the state's birdwatching community remained active, with 1,909 checklists uploaded. Notable sightings included the Ibisbill and Common Starling. Darjeeling topped Bengal's species count with 252 species, while South 24 Parganas had the most checklists. The event saw over 5,300 participants, with Bengal contributing 344 observers. Other top states included Uttarakhand, Assam, and Maharashtra.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]



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