

# Mumbai blind eel

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**In news-** A new species of swamp eel was discovered from a well in Mumbai by Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray's son Tejas Thackeray and the team at Thackeray Wildlife Foundation.

## ***More information-***

- The eel is called **Rakthamichthys Mumba**, the Mumbai blind eel.
- It belongs to the genus *Rakthamichthys* that is endemic to India.
- This is the fifth species from the genus to be described from India.
- Unlike other species of its genus, the **mumba lacks eyes, fins and scales, has jaws equal in forward extent, different gill aperture, crescentic-shaped cephalic.**
- This is the first completely blind subterranean freshwater fish species to be described from Maharashtra and the Northern western Ghats.