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Labeo kaage Latest News

Scientists from the PAGR Centre of ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR), Kochi, recently discovered a new freshwater fish species, Labeo kaage, from the Shivanasamudra stretch of the Cauvery River basin in Mandya, Karnataka.

About Labeo kaage

- It is a new species of **freshwater fish**.
- It was discovered from the Shivanasamudra stretch of the **Cauvery River basin** in Mandya, **Karnataka**.
- The name **kaage**, derived from the **Kannada word for crow**, refers to the **fish's dark body colour**.
- **Locally**, it is **known as 'kaage meenu'** in Karnataka.
- It is the latest in a series of **dark-coloured Labeo species** discovered in the **Western Ghats**.
- **Recent Findings:**
 - During 2025, the same team also discovered **Labeo chekida** from the **Chalakkudy River** and **Labeo uru** from the **Chandragiri River of Kerala**.

- While **Labeo chekida** is **locally known as 'kaka chekida'**, **Labeo uru** was **named** after the **traditional wooden dhow (uru)** of the **Malabar coast** due to its **elongated sail-like fins**.
- The scientists also **clarified the identity of Labeo nigrescens**, the enigmatic 'Dark Labeo' originally described in 1870, resolving a long-standing taxonomic confusion surrounding the group.

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