

Trachischium lalremsangai

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Scientists recently discovered a new species of burrowing snake named Trachischium lalremsangai in Mizoram near the India-Myanmar border.

About Trachischium lalremsangai

- It is a new species of **burrowing snake**.
- It was discovered in **Murlen National Park, Mizoram**, a biodiversity-rich forest landscape within the **Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot**.
- The species was named **after Dr. Lalremsanga** in recognition of his remarkable **contributions to herpetology (the study of reptiles and amphibians)** in India, especially in Northeast India.
- The snake is distinguished by its smooth iridescent scales; **brown body** with a **white-speckled underside**; and a unique arrangement of head scales.

Key Facts about Murlen National Park

- It is located in the Champhai district of **Mizoram** near the **Indo-Myanmar border**.
- It lies within the **Mizo Hills**, part of the **Patkai range**.
- It ranges from an altitude of 400 meters to 1900 meters above sea level.
- The **climate** is **subtropical**, with **heavy rainfall from May to September** and mild winters from November to February.
- **Vegetation**: It has **six different forest types**, namely **tropical semi-evergreen, subtropical broadleaved, submontane, bamboo**, grassland, and cliff vegetation.
- **Flora**:
 - It is home to a variety of plant species, including 35 species of **medicinal plants** and more than **150 varieties of orchids**.
 - Among others, **bamboo brakes, rhododendrons**, and unique flowering trees cover vast expanses of the forest.
- **Fauna**:
 - It harbours approximately 15 mammal species, including the **Bengal tiger**, leopard, **Himalayan black bear**, and the **endangered hoolock gibbon**.
 - Avian life thrives here, with over 150 bird species such as **Mrs. Hume's pheasant (State bird)** and the kalij pheasant.

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