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Researchers recently discovered two new species of miniature, cave-dwelling micro-snails named *Georissa meghalayaensis* and *Acmella bensoni*.

About *Georissa meghalayaensis* and *Acmella bensoni*

- These are two **new species of miniature, cave-dwelling micro-snails**.
- They were discovered deep inside the damp **limestone caves of Northeast India's Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot**.
- ***Georissa meghalayaensis*** was discovered at the edge of **Meghalaya's Krem Puri cave entrance**.
 - It stands out from its closest relatives due to its **striking orangish-red colour** and a highly **detailed, mesh-like pattern of ridges covering its tiny shell**.
 - In contrast, its closest known snail cousins typically sport yellowish shells with sharp, widely spaced spiral lines.

- **Acmella bensoni** was found clinging to walls deeper inside both the **Krem Puri and Arwah caves of Meghalaya**.
 - This species distinguishes itself from similar snails by having a **smaller, slightly transparent, whitish shell**.
 - It features deeply impressed **grooves between the shell's spirals** (whorls) and an incredibly fine, densely packed pattern of tiny ribs that make the shell appear almost smooth.
 - This shiny little snail was named in honour of **William H. Benson**, a legendary 19th-century scientist, celebrated as the **pioneer of Indian Malacology, the study of molluscs**.

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