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A new species of wild brinjal has been discovered from one of the remote islands of the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago by a scientist from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and named it as *Solanum pandeyi*.

About Solanum Pandeyi

- It is a species of **wild brinjal** recorded in the **evergreen forest** of **Middle Andaman**.
- It was found growing in the open along the forest edges and was **locally known as wild orange eggplant**.
- The new species is similar to *Solanum lasiocarpum* **and belongs to the Leptostemonum clade of Solanum**.
- **Uses of Solanum Pandeyi:**
 - It was used by an indigenous **Negrito tribe, Great Andamanese, for food and medicinal purposes**.
 - Most seeds and roots are used to treat tooth infection.

- **Ripe fruit with jaggery** (a natural unrefined sugar), chilli, garlic, ginger, and salt are used to make sour-sweet sauce by the Ranchi and Bengali settler community of the island.

Key Facts of Botanical Survey of India

- It is India's apex taxonomic and floristic research institution under the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**.
- It was **established on 13 February 1890**.
- **Function:** It provides the scientific foundation for plant conservation, documentation, identification and sustainable use of the country's plant wealth.

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