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### Pachycheles ravichandrani Latest News

Scientists recently discovered a new species of porcelain crab named *Pachycheles ravichandrani* living in the shallow coral reefs of the Lakshadweep Islands.

### About *Pachycheles ravichandrani*

- It is a new species of **porcelain crab**.
  - While they **look like true crabs**, porcelain crabs are actually more **closely related to squat lobsters**, known for their **fragile bodies, like porcelain**, and tendency to **lose limbs easily to escape predators**.
- *Pachycheles ravichandrani* was found living in the **shallow coral reefs** of the **Lakshadweep Islands**, India.
- The tiny **crustacean**, which sports a **striking deep-red colour**, was found during a survey of the **rocky shores of Agatti Island**.
- It was found hiding among rock boulders covered in coralline algae at depths of less than one meter.
- It has a unique **sub-circular shell** and **specialised hair-like structures**, called **setae**, along its ridges.

- It has a distinct **gap between the fingers of its smaller claw** and a unique truncate cutting edge that is not seen in similar species.
- In its natural habitat, the crab is visually distinct, featuring a **dark carmine red shell** decorated with a **white blotch down its back** and **white spots on its claws**.
- Its **walking legs** are **patterned with horizontal carmine stripes**.

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