

Cascade Frog

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Cascade Frog Latest News

Scientists have discovered three new species of cascade frogs from the biodiverse-rich forests of Northeast India.

About Cascade Frog

- These frogs belong to the **genus Amolops**.
- **Habitat:** They are typically found around **rocky waterfalls and fast-flowing forest streams**.
- The genus has around **100 species distributed across Asia**.
- **Ecological Role:** Cascade frogs are vital ecological anchors that connect aquatic and terrestrial food webs, **control pest populations**, and serve as **sensitive indicators of clean water ecosystems**.

Three New Cascade Frog Species

- **Ammachi's Cascade Frog** (*Amolops ammachi*)
 - It was discovered in the **Jampui Hills of Tripura**.

- It honours the late Kerala social worker and philanthropist Padmini Varkey, affectionately known as 'Ammachi' (or mother).
 - It has a light brown body interspersed with **beautiful olive-green reticulations**.
 - **Sendenyu Cascade Frog** (*Amolops sendenyu*): It was **found in Nagaland** and named after Sendenyu Village; and
 - **Beautiful Cascade Frog** (*Amolops bella*): It was discovered in **West Bengal** and named for its striking green body marked with yellowish-green or reddish-brown mosaic patterns.
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