

Gangaichthys indonepalicus

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A short video posted on social media in 2024 helped scientists identify *Gangaichthys indonepalicus*, a tiny, colourless earthworm eel found beneath the Indo-Gangetic Plain in Bihar.

About *Gangaichthys indonepalicus*

- It is a new species of **earthworm eel**.
- It is a **tiny, colourless underground fish** found living **beneath the Indo-Gangetic Plain** in **Bihar**.
- It appears to have evolved several **adaptations** to **survive in complete darkness**.
- It is the **first subterranean, or stygobitic (living underground, beneath the surface of the soil or rock), fish recorded from the Gangetic Basin**.
- Measuring around four centimetres, *Gangaichthys indonepalicus* has **reduced eyes covered by skin**, a **translucent body without pigmentation**, and an apparent **absence of ribs** — features associated with life underground in perpetual darkness.
- The fish belongs to a completely distinct genus within the **earthworm eel family Chaudhuriidae**.

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