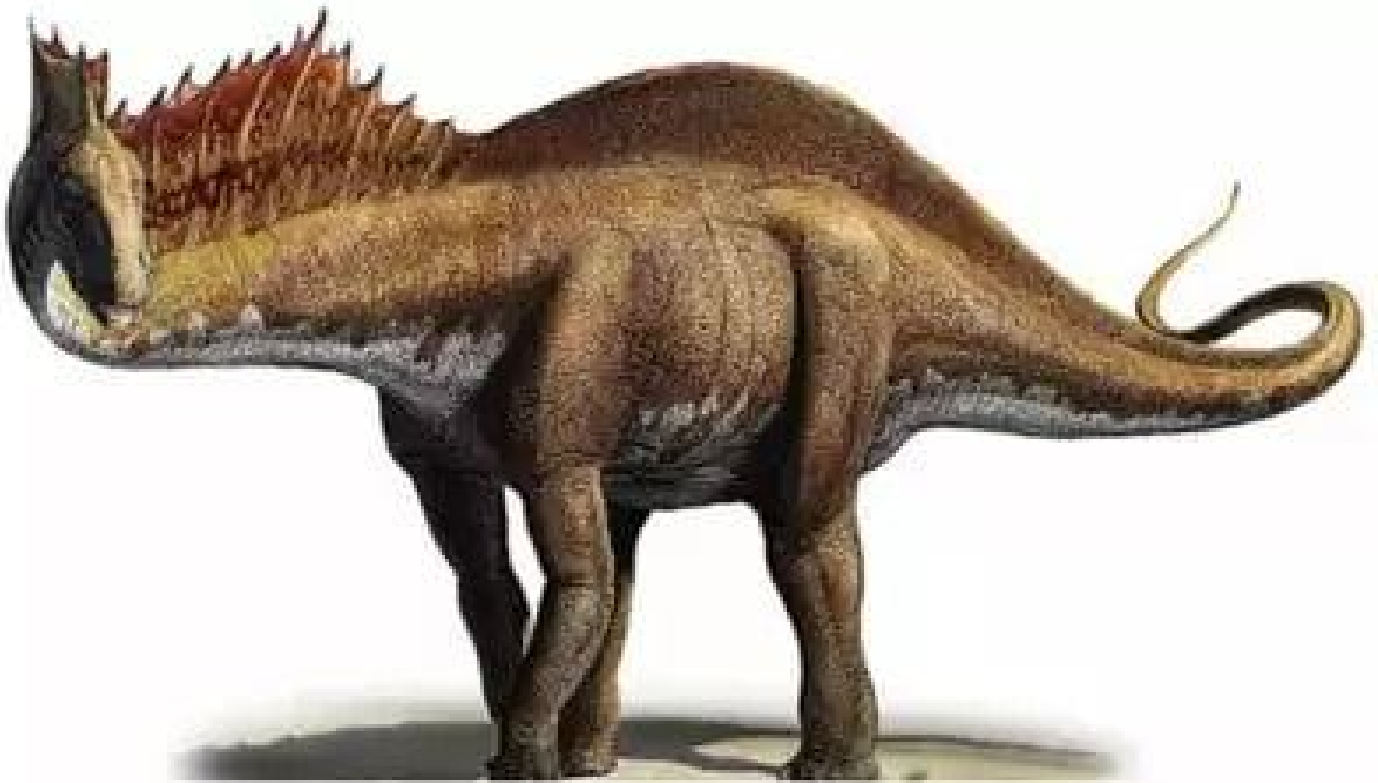


Dicraeosaurid Dinosaur

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About Dicraeosaurid Dinosaur

- It is a **long-necked, plant-eating dinosaur** species.
- The remains are 167 million years old and belong to a new species, unknown to scientists thus far.
- It has been named '**Tharosaurus indicus**', the first name referring to the 'Thar desert' where the fossils were found, and the second after its country of origin.
- According to the scientists, fossils of **dicraeosaurid dinosaurs have been found previously in North and South Americas, Africa and China**, but such fossils were not known from India.
- The rocks in which the fossils were found are dated to be around 167 million years old, which makes this new Indian sauropod not only the oldest known dicraeosaurid **but also globally the oldest diplodocoid** (broader group which includes dicraeosaurids and other closely related sauropods).
- Theories so far had suggested that the oldest dicraeosaurid was from China (about 166-164 million years old).

Q1) What are Herbivores?

Herbivores are animals that primarily or exclusively consume plants and plant-based materials as their main source of nutrition. These animals play a significant role in ecosystems by influencing plant populations, nutrient cycling, and energy flow.

Source: [In Jaisalmer fossils, scientists find a new plant-eating dinosaur species, name it after Thar desert](#)

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