

What is Begonia Narahari?

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About Begonia neisti:

- It is a new species of **flowering plant**.
- It was discovered from **Dibang Valley** district of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The plant belongs to the **begonia sect** platycentrum.
 - The **genus Begonia** is **one of the largest groups in the plant kingdom**, with more than 2,100 known species globally, many of which are **valued for their ornamental appeal**.
- The species has been **named 'begonia neisti' to honour** the **North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST)** on the successful completion of its 60 years and its immense contribution through science and technology towards the benefit of the local people of the Northeast region of India.
- Begonia neisti boasts **striking variegated leaves** adorned **with white-silver circular spots** and **dark brownish-red patches** near the veins.

- The **large leaves** and the **distinctive white stripe along the stems** and petioles give the plant an unusual appearance, setting it apart from other Begonia species.
 - The plant **thrives on moist, hilly slopes** between Hunli and Anini, blooming from November to January.
 - **Classified as Data Deficient (DD) by the IUCN Red List**, Begonia neisti's habitat is threatened by road expansion, sparking concerns about its future.
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Q1: What is the North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST)?

NEIST, Jorhat, Assam, a constituent establishment of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, has been engaged in multidisciplinary R&D work relevant to the country in general and North Eastern Region in particular.

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