

## Glyptothorax punyabratai

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### About Glyptothorax punyabratai:

- The species was collected from Tung Stream, a tributary of the Tissa River, in **the Brahmaputra River basin**.
- It is a new **catfish species**.

### Key Facts about Catfish

- Catfish represent one of the largest groups of freshwater fishes, with more than 2000 species.
- Most catfish are **found in freshwater** but a **few are marine**.
- Most species of catfish are **nocturnal**.
- Catfish are primarily benthic or bottom-dwellers.
- **Features:**
  - Most catfish have a cylindrical body with a flattened ventral to allow for benthic feeding.
  - Catfish are so-named **because of the long barbels**, or feelers, which are present about the mouth of the fish and resemble cat whiskers.
  - Most catfish possess leading spines in their dorsal and pectoral fins.
  - Catfish **are scaleless**, a characteristic of catfishes distinguishing them from others.

## Q1: What are Invertebrates?

Invertebrates are characterized by their lack of a backbone or vertebral column. Instead, they have other structural features that support and protect their bodies. Invertebrates comprise a vast array of animal groups, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, mollusks etc

**Source:** [New Catfish Species Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh by ICAR-NBFGR](#)

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