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Researchers named *Begonia neelamorum* after the Neelam clan of the Nyishi tribe, whose members helped them navigate rugged terrain and locate the plant during a difficult expedition.

About Nyishi Tribe

- The Nyishi are the largest **ethnic group in Arunachal Pradesh**.
- In Nishi, their traditional language, Nyi refers to “a man” and the word shi denotes “a being”, which combined together refers to a civilized human being.
- **Geographical Distribution:** They are concentrated in eight districts of Arunachal Pradesh, East Kameng, Pakke Kesang, Papum Pare, Lower Subansiri, Kamle, Kra Daadi, Kurung Kumey, and Upper Subansiri.
- **Occupation:** The Nyishi support themselves with **slash-and-burn agriculture and hunting and fishing**.
 - Along with agriculture and allied activities, the Nyishis are experts in handicrafts such as weaving, cane and bamboo works, pottery, blacksmith, wood carving, carpentry, etc.
- **Festivals:** The Nyishi celebrates three major festivals, namely, **Boori-Boot** (February), **Nyokum** (February), and **Longte** (April).
- **Society**

- **Polygyny** is prevalent among the Nyishi.
- They trace **their descent patrilineally** and are divided into several clans.
- One striking feature of Nyishi society is that it is neither based on a caste system nor stratified into classes, except for a loose type of social distinction which is not determined by birth or occupation.
- Nyishis consider women the source of **peace, progress and prosperity**.

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