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A recent study published in Zootaxa, a peer-reviewed scientific journal for animal taxonomists, pointed out the rediscovery of the Losgna genus in India, after close to six decades.

About Losgna Occidentalis

- It was discovered from an urban dry scrub forest in **Chandigarh**.
- It belongs to a **parasitic wasp** (family Ichneumonidae), a group known for laying eggs inside or on other arthropod hosts.
- Prior to this discovery, Losgna had not been recorded in India since Heinrich's 1965 monograph. No records, specimens or published literature on Losgna existed in any Indian institution after 1965.
- It appeared that the genus had vanished entirely from its once-documented range in northeast India
- Researched named the new species 'Losgna occidentalis' because it represents the westernmost known occurrence of the genus: **prior records** came exclusively from **tropical forests of eastern India** and **adjacent regions of Southeast Asia**.

- At present only existing specimens of any Losgna species are those preserved at the Natural History Museum, London.

Losgna Occidentalis FAQs

Q1: What is a Parasite?

Ans: It is an organism that lives on or in another organism, the host, and gets its food from or at the expense of its host.

Q2: What are Tropical Forests?

Ans: Tropical forests are rich ecosystems located in tropical zones surrounding the equator. They make up six percent of Earth's land surface area.

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