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A new flowering plant species with unusual morphological characteristics named Portulaca bharat has been recently discovered in the rocky and semi-arid landscape of Aravali hills near Jaipur.

About Portulaca Bharat

- It is a **new species of flowering plant**.
- It was discovered in the **rocky and semi-arid landscape** of the **Aravali hills** near Jaipur, **Rajasthan**.
- With **no other populations currently known**, Portulaca bharat has been provisionally assessed as “**data deficient**” under the **IUCN Red List guidelines**.
- It **adds to the list of Indian endemics**.
- The plant’s **narrow endemism** and specific habitat requirements make it highly vulnerable to habitat degradation and climate change.
- The **genus Portulaca** currently comprises about **153 species** worldwide, primarily found in tropical and subtropical regions.

- These succulent plants are **known for their toughness, water-storing tissues**, and **adaptation to extreme environments**.
- **In India, 11 species** are currently known, including **four endemics**, mostly distributed in **dry and semi-arid habitats**.

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