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### Pethia Dibrugarhensis Latest News

A team of scientists has discovered a new species of cyprinid fish in the Brahmaputra river at Maijan in Dibrugarh and named it as 'Pethia dibrugarhensis'.

### About Pethia D

- It is a member of the **Cyprinidae family**, and is classified **as a barb**.
- **Habitat:** It was found inhabiting moderately fast-flowing sections of the river, with a substrate composed of mud, sand, and stones.
- The species is known to coexist with several other small indigenous fish in the region.

### Features of Pethia Dibrugarhensis

- The new species is distinguished by a unique combination of morphological features,
- It consists of an **incomplete lateral line**, a prominent black blotch extending to both the dorsal and ventral sides of the **caudal peduncle**, and the absence of humeral marks and barbels.

## What are Barb Fishes?

- These are any of numerous freshwater fishes belonging to a **genus in the carp family**, Cyprinidae.
- The barbs are native to **Europe, Africa, and Asia**.
- The members of this genus typically have one or more pairs of barbels (slender, fleshy protuberances) near the mouth and often have large, shining scales.

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