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A new species of freshwater fish, named *Barilius imphalensis*, has been recently discovered in the Imphal River in Manipur.

About *Barilius imphalensis*

- It is a **new species of freshwater fish**.
- It was discovered in the **Imphal River, Manipur**.
- The fish has been **locally named “Ngawa”** in the **Meitei language**.
- The fish belongs to the **Danionidae family** and the subfamily Chedrinae—popularly known as **danionid fishes**—recognized for their **vibrant patterns and ecological significance**.
- It is **endemic to the Imphal River** and differs markedly from its known relatives across India and Southeast Asia.
- Its **habitat** consists of **clear, shallow waters**—typically 3 to 5 feet deep—**characterized by gravel and cobble beds**, and lined with riverbank vegetation.

- It stands out for several distinctive features, including the **absence of barbels (sensory whisker-like organs)**, a series of short blue vertical bars on its body, and the presence of **tiny tubercles (small bumps)** on its snout and jaw.
- The fish also displays a **complete lateral line with 41 scales**—important for detecting movement and vibration in the water.

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