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Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) researchers recently announced the discovery of a new spider species on Sagar Island in the Sundarbans, named *Piratula acuminata*.

About *Piratula acuminata*

- It is a **new species of spider**.
- It was discovered on **Sagar Island in the Sundarbans**.
- The newly identified species, *Piratula acuminata*, belongs to the **family Lycosidae**, commonly **known as wolf spiders**.
 - Unlike web-building spiders, these agile predators are **ground-dwelling and rely on ambush tactics to capture prey**.
- It marks the **first recorded instance of the genus Piratula in India**, a group of **wolf spiders** predominantly found across Asia, with limited distribution in Europe and North America.

- Piratula acuminata is a **medium-sized spider**, approximately 8-10 millimetres long, with a **pale creamy-white body** featuring brown and chalk-white spots on its abdomen and a pair of light brown stripes towards the rear.

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