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A team of scientists led by 'Frogman of India' S. D. Biju recently discovered two new frog species named Soman's Slender Arm Frog (*Leptobrachium somani*) and Mechuka Slender Arm Frog (*Leptobrachium mechuka*) from the remote mountain habitats of Arunachal Pradesh.

About Soman's Slender Arm Frog (*Leptobrachium somani*)

- It is a **new slender-armed frog** species.
- It was discovered at Tiwarigaon in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- It has been **named in honour** of the **late journalist E. Somanath**, recognising his lifelong commitment to **environmental journalism**.
- This **small frog** measures about 55 mm in length.
- It has a **greyish-brown body** with **irregular light-grey markings** and **distinctive silver-grey to light-blue eyes**.

- An **evergreen forest species**, males are typically found calling from the banks of fast- or slow-flowing streams.

About Mechuka Slender Arm Frog (*Leptobrachium mechuka*)

- It is a **new slender-armed frog** species.
- It is **named after Mechuka**, the **town in Arunachal Pradesh** where it was first collected.
- Measuring about 60 mm, this species occurs in **evergreen forests and adjoining grasslands**.
- It has a **uniformly brown body** with a reddish tinge and **striking silvery-white eyes**.

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