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Researchers recently discovered two rare ant-fly species in India, Metadon ghorpadei and Metadon reemeri.

About Metadon Ghorpadei and Metadon Reemeri

- They are two new species of **ant flies**.
- These insects belong to the **Microdontinae subfamily of hoverflies**.
- **Metadon ghorpadei** was discovered in **Delhi's Northern Ridge Forest**.
- **Metadon reemeri** was found in the **Siruvani Hills of the Western Ghats**.
- Globally, many **Microdontinae species** are considered **rare or threatened** due to their **specialised habitat requirements** and patchy distribution.
 - They are known for their **unique association with ants**, as their **larvae live inside ant nests and feed on ant broods**, a specialised **behaviour called myrmecophily** that makes them exceptionally rare and difficult to detect.
 - Of the 454 species reported worldwide, only 27 are known from the Indian subcontinent.

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