

Amolops Siju

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About Amolops Siju:

- It has been named after the **Suji cave** where it was discovered.
- It belongs to the **cascade Ranidae** family and genus Amolops.
- Genus Amolops is among the largest groups of ranid frogs (family Ranidae) with 73 known species **widely distributed across** India's North East and north, Nepal, Bhutan, China, the Indochina region and the Malaya Peninsula.
- Cascade frogs are named so because they prefer **small waterfalls**.
- It is the second time that a frog was discovered from inside a cave in the country, the first being the discovery of the *Micrixalus spelunca* in 2014 from a cave in Tamil Nadu.

Key facts about the Suji caves

- It is one of the longest cave systems in the world situated in the state **of Meghalaya**.
- It is a 4 km long natural **limestone cave**.

Q1) What is Limestone?

Limestone is a sedimentary rock composed primarily of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) in the form of mineral calcite or aragonite. It is formed over millions of years by the pressure and the precipitation of minerals from water.

Source: [New Frog Species Discovered In Cave In Meghalaya's South Garo Hills](#)

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