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In a significant scientific breakthrough from Northeast India, researchers recently described two new species of freshwater fish named *Glyptothorax sentimereni* and *Oreichthys elianae* from Nagaland.

About *Glyptothorax sentimereni* and *Oreichthys elianae*

- They are **two new species of freshwater fish**.
- They were discovered during ichthyological surveys in **tributaries of the Brahmaputra River** in the Mokokchung district, **Nagaland**.

Glyptothorax sentimereni

- It was discovered in the **rocky stretches of the Dikhu River**.
- It belongs to a group of **torrent-dwelling catfishes** known for their **ability to cling to fast-flowing streams**.

- It possesses a **specialised adhesive structure on its underside** that **helps it cling to rocks in strong currents**.
- It also possesses serrations on its dorsal-fin spine and a plicate (folded) ventral surface on its pectoral and pelvic fins — features that separate it from closely related species across the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna basin.

Oreichthys elianae

- It was found in a **tributary of the Tsurang River**.
- Measuring just over **2.5 cm** in length, the tiny fish is distinguished by its **bright red fins** and a **prominent black blotch at the base of its tail**.
- It has an incomplete lateral line with only five pored scales and 14–15 pores on the cheek.

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