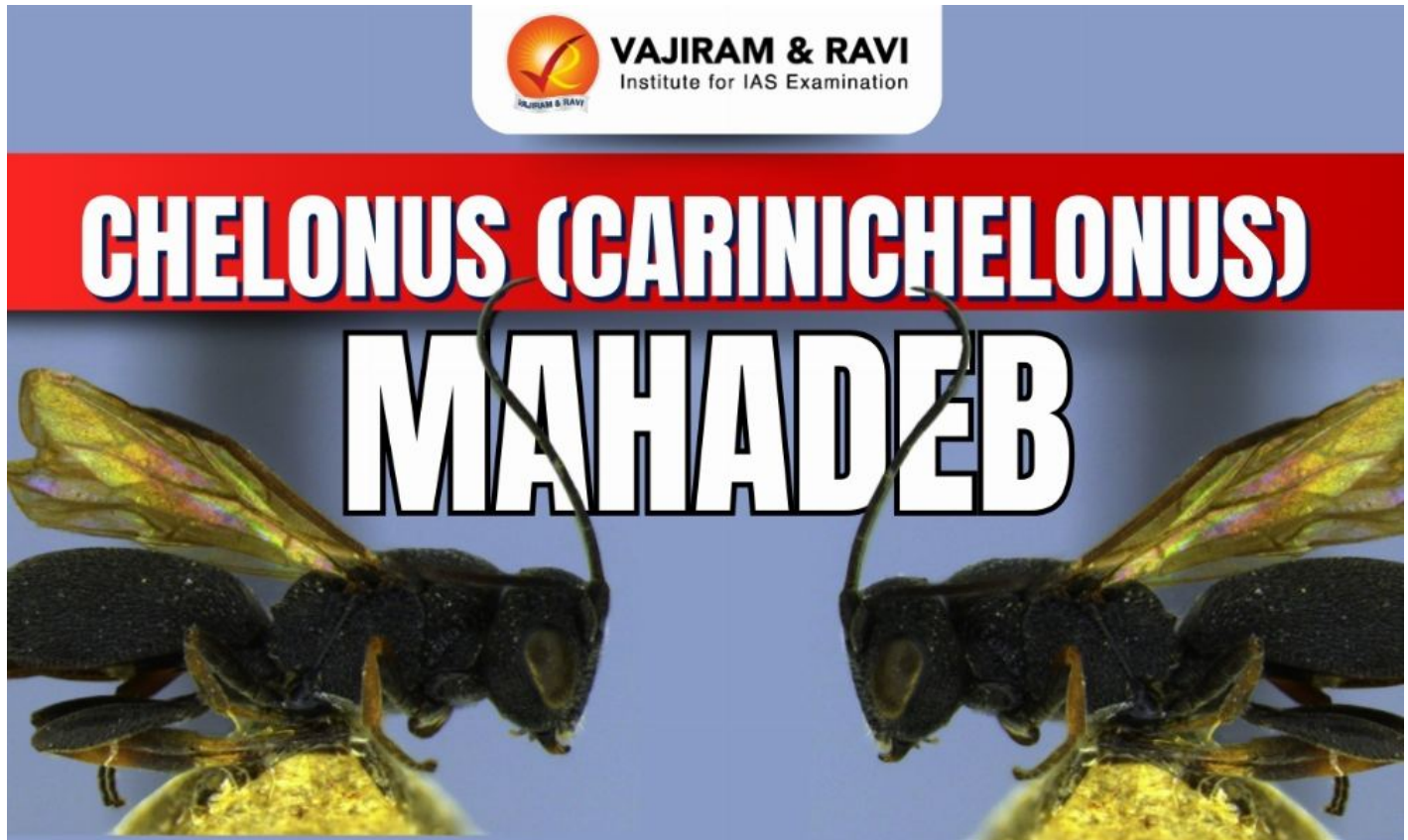


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A rare parasitic wasp *Chelonus (Carinichelonus) mahadeb* named has been recently recorded from a tea estate in Assam.

About *Chelonus (Carinichelonus) mahadeb*

- It is a new species of **parasitic wasp**.
- It was discovered from Nahortoli **Tea Estate in Assam**.
- **Parasitic wasps of the genus Chelonus** are **tiny insects** but play an important ecological role.
 - They are known as **egg-larval parasitoids**, meaning they **lay their eggs inside** the **eggs of other insects**, usually moths and butterflies.
 - The **developing wasp larva eventually consumes the host**, helping **regulate insect populations** naturally.
 - Because many moth larvae are major agricultural pests, species of *Chelonus* are often considered beneficial insects that contribute to **natural pest control in crop ecosystems**, including

plantations.

- The discovery is notable because the **subgenus Carinichelonus is extremely rare** and poorly documented worldwide.
- It is only the second new species of this subgenus described from India in recent times.

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