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Myiophanes kemp Latest News

Recently, researchers rediscovered *Myiophanes kemp* in limestone caves in the Andaman Islands after almost 100 years gap.

About *Myiophanes kemp*

- It is a **slender-bodied assassin bug** belonging to the **subfamily of Reduviidae**.
- It was first described by British entomologist **Willian Edward China in 1924**.
- It was previously described from **Siju Cave in Meghalaya** a century ago.

Characteristics of *Myiophanes kemp*

- It is a **specialised predator** of the subterranean ecosystem and **lives in its complete lifecycle in the darkness**.
- It uses the **long raptorial forelegs** for snatching prey — small arthropods of the dark cave environment.

Key Facts about Siju Cave

- **Location:** It is one of the longest **limestone cave systems** in the world situated in **Garo** Hills in the state of **Meghalaya**.
- It is also known as **Dobakkol or Bat Cave**, is one of India's longest limestone caves, stretching over 4.7 km.
- It is located **near the Simsang River**.
- It is famous for its stunning rock formations and underground streams.

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