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Scientists in West Bengal recently identified a new species of estuarine fish named Butis bargabhimae.

About Butis bargabhimae

- It is a new species of **estuarine fish**.
- It was found in the **Rupnarayan River (tributary of the Hooghly River)** near Tamluk, **West Bengal**.
- It belongs to the **butid family**, a **group of fish** commonly **known as gudgeon goby** that **typically live in the brackish waters** where rivers meet the sea.
- While most of its cousins have smooth areas around their eyes, this new fish features **unique scales between its eyes** (known as interorbital scales) and **additional auxiliary scales across its body**.
- It also sports distinctive **light and dark bands on its pectoral fins**, which are missing in similar species.
- The **species name**, bargabhimae, is a **tribute to the Hindu deity Bargabhma**, a significant cultural and **religious figure in the Tamluk area** of West Bengal.

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