

Actinidia Indica

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Actinidia Indica Latest News

Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have identified a new species of wild kiwi, *Actinidia indica* (Actinidiaceae), in Arunachal Pradesh.

About Actinidia Indica

- It is a **new species of wild kiwi**.
- The species has been recorded only from a narrow stretch **near Ziro Valley** at an elevation of around 1,725 metres.
- **Habitat:** It thrives in a biologically rich **transition zone between temperate and subtropical forests**.

Features of Actinidia Indica

- *Actinidia indica* is a **perennial climbing shrub** reaching 2–4 meters in height.
- It features densely hairy young branches, large ovate leaves, and white to creamy flowers measuring 4–6 cm.

- The plant **bears globose, olive-green fruits** of 2.5–4 cm with a distinctive reticulate lenticel pattern, a key identifying trait.
- The discovery increases the **global count of Actinidia species to 56**, only a few of which occur in India.

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