

## New Hoya Species (*Hoya dawodiensis*)

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### Why in News?

*Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, has reported a major scientific milestone with the discovery of a new plant species, Hoya dawodiensis.*

- **Family** - Apocynaceae.
- **Genus** - Hoya, belongs to a large group of tropical flowering species.
- **Habitat**- It grows along streamside trees in the rugged, biodiversity-rich Vijoynagar valley, an area bordered by Myanmar and the Namdapha National Park.
- **Key Characteristics**
  - **Appearance** - A delicate climbing plant.
  - **Flowers** - It produces glossy white, star-like blooms arranged in clusters.
  - **Flowering Season** - It typically flowers from late September to November.



- **Conservation Status** - The species is already considered Critically Endangered, with only three to four individual plants known to exist in the wild.
- **Threats** - Its limited habitat is under threat from shifting cultivation practices in the region.

*Researchers have also recorded Hoya yingjiangensis for the first time in India, while Hoya nummularia has been documented in Arunachal Pradesh for the first time.*

## Reference

[Hindustan times | Hoya dawodiensis](#)

