

Discovery of Peucetia Chhaparajnirvin

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Recently, arachnologists have identified the **green lynx spider**, which was never discovered earlier.

- The newly identified spider species, found in Rajasthan's <u>Tal Chhapar Wildlife Sanctuary</u>, has been named *Peucetia chhaparajnirvin*.
- The <u>nocturnal</u> spider, blending with the *Vachellia nilotica* (babul) tree leaves due to its green hue, preys on small insects and serves as a vital predator in controlling <u>pest populations</u>, and maintaining ecological balance.
- The climatic conditions of the sanctuary, characterised by extreme temperatures, underscore the spider's adaptability.
- Lynx spiders are a family of active hunting spiders (Oxyopidae) that typically don't build webs.
 - These spiders, often found on vegetation, are known for their excellent eyesight and
 use ambush or stalking tactics to capture prey, often waiting on flowers for insects to
 come close.



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