

## Indian Golden-backed frogs

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Scientists discovered in the foothills of the Western Ghats in India — a mushroom growing out of the side of the frog.



[Ref: Wikipedia]

### **About Indian Golden-backed frogs:**

- The Indian Golden-backed Frog, scientifically known as **Hylarana indica**, belongs to the family **Ranidae**.
- These frogs are primarily found in the **Western Ghats**, a biodiversity hotspot in India, showcasing their localized distribution.

### **Physical Characteristics:**

- The distinctive **golden-yellow colouration** on their back sets them apart, hence the name "Golden-backed Frog."
- Adults typically range from **3 to 5 centimetres** in length, with a streamlined body and webbed feet.

### **Habitat and Ecology:**

- They inhabit freshwater bodies like **ponds, streams, and marshes** in the dense forests of the Western Ghats.
- **Breeding:** Reproduction involves external fertilization, and tadpoles develop in water bodies.

### **Threats:**

- **Habitat Loss:** Deforestation and urbanization are significant threats, leading to the fragmentation and degradation of their natural habitat.
- **Pollution:** Water pollution poses a threat to their breeding habitats, affecting both eggs and tadpoles.