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News: Namdapha flying squirrel

- Recently, a Namdapha flying squirrel (*Biswamoyopterus biswasi*) has resurfaced in Arunachal Pradesh after going missing for 42 years.

Namdapha Flying Squirrel

- Namdapha Flying Squirrel is an arboreal, nocturnal, flying squirrel endemic to Arunachal Pradesh.
- It is restricted to a single valley in Namdapha Tiger Reserve.
- No population estimate is available.
- IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.
- Wildlife Protection Act: Schedule I
- It is among the 25 “most wanted lost” species that are the focus of Global Wildlife Conservation’s “Search for Lost Species” initiative.
- Threats faced include Poaching and Habitat Destruction.