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- Researchers from University of Delhi have discovered the new frog species named Minervarya Pentali from the globally recognised Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot. The newly-discovered species **is endemic to the southern Western Ghats mainly Kerala and Tamil Nadu.**
- The discovery was made during a comprehensive study on a considerably large, common, yet a confusing group of Indian frogs genus Minervarya (common name: Minervaryan frogs). **This species is one among the smallest known Minervaryan frogs.**
- The new species **belonging to the family Dicoglossidae**, was identified based on multiple criteria, such as external morphology, DNA and calling pattern. Researchers **have named a newly-discovered frog species after former vice chancellor and renowned plant geneticist Prof. Deepak Pental.**
- The amphibian diversity in this region is particularly remarkable as **more than half species of all known Indian species (450 species) are found in the Western Ghats.** Besides, over 90% of these are endemic to this region, which means they are not found anywhere else in the world.