

# In Arunachal Pradesh, the Asiatic golden cat wears new colours

Scientists have found that its coat comes in five other shades and types: cinnamon, gray, melanistic, ocelot and tightly rosetted



**Wide wardrobe:** The various colour morphs of the Asiatic golden cat: (clockwise from top left) cinnamon, golden, gray, tightly rosetted, ocelot and melanistic. • ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

**RAHUL KARMAKAR**  
GUWAHATI

Golden is no longer the only colour the elusive Asiatic golden cat can be associated with. Its coat comes in five other shades in Arunachal Pradesh, scientists have discovered.

The Asiatic golden cat (*Catopuma temminckii*) is listed as near threatened on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of threatened species. It is found across eastern Nepal

through north-eastern India to Indonesia.

Bhutan and China were known to have two morphs of the golden cat – one the colour of cinnamon and the other with markings similar to the ocelot, a small wild cat found in the Americas.

Indian scientists from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), an international conservation charity, and University College London (UCL) have discovered six colour morphs of the golden

cat in Dibang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh.

The findings have contributed to an evolutionary puzzle because no other place on earth has so many colours of wild cats of the same species.

The study, published in the June edition of *Ecology*, the Ecological Society of America's journal, aims to uncover a "greater understanding of human-wildlife interactions" in the region. "But we ended up discover-

ing a group of entirely different-looking animals on camera traps with an inkling they were of the same species," said Sahil Nijhawan, who led the field study for two years with local collaborators Iho Mitapo and Jibi Pulu from the Idu Mishmi tribe.

Mr. Nijhawan is an India-based scholar and British Academy Fellow at ZSL's Institute of Zoology and UCL.

The Idu Mishmis, he said, were aware of the different shades of the golden cat.

The community believes that the cat, particularly its melanistic (dark pigmentation as opposed to albinism) morph, possesses great powers and thus observe a strict taboo on hunting the cat.

Within the six colour morphs recorded, an entirely new colour morph was also found. The "tightly-rosetted" morph named after the leopard-like rosettes on the coat, now sits alongside cinnamon, melanistic, gray, golden, and ocelot types.

## Instagram priest Luis Salazar breaks the mould in Venezuela

He joins anti-government protests and participates in rallies

**REUTERS**  
CARACAS

Venezuelan priest Luis Antonio Salazar has built a solid social media following over the past two years preaching the Bible over Instagram, breaking the mould of the country's conservative Catholic church.

Now he has raised his profile further by showing his support for opposition leader Juan Guaido and joining massive anti-government protests dressed in his cassock, offering blessings one moment and running from tear gas the next.

"If the people are on the street, you have to be with the people," the former male beauty pageant contestant said in his office in eastern Caracas, decorated with a cross and pictures of the Virgin Mary. "Since January 23, I started going into the streets to accompany the people."

Mr. Salazar, a friar of the Capuchin order who was once a contestant in a Vene-



Luis Antonio Salazar takes a selfie with a follower.

zuelan survival reality show, uses his iPhone to film a video series called "Living the Gospels", a modern take on theology broadcast on Saturdays to 30,000 Instagram followers.

The one-minute videos discuss concepts such as inner peace through references to animated film *Kung Fu Panda* and the 2000 action comedy *Miss Congeniality*.

"For me, he's like the rock-star priest, the millennial priest," said student Carol Alvarez, 23, who hopes Mr. Salazar will lead her con-

firmation ceremony. Mr. Salazar also holds traditional Sunday mass that combines the youthful demeanour of his social media videos with Catholic prayers and traditions.

One such mass in May brought about 400 attendees – most significantly older than his typical Instagram audience – who stood in line to greet him and take selfies.

His sermons often elaborate on the Instagram posts. "I explain quickly and (explain) how people can use it in their lives," he said. "People tell me 'if someone can explain it to me, I'll understand it, use it in my life.'"

Mr. Salazar said he got involved in the protests against President Nicolas Maduro because being political is part of being Venezuelan: "From the peasant who harvests potatoes to Juan Guaido, the president in charge... we all talk about politics. I cannot exempt myself."

## Trump makes 'Prince of Whales' error

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
WASHINGTON

There he blows again.

U.S. President Donald Trump's erratic spelling habits on Twitter spouted again Thursday when he wrote about having recently

met with the "Prince of Whales".

That would be Charles, Prince of Wales, whom he met last week at the Second World War commemoration in Britain. The error prompted a wave of hilarity online,

with one Twitter critic asking if the president had made the mistake "on porpoise".

Mr. Trump, who has some 61 million Twitter followers, quickly corrected the original tweet.

# Excellent Performance by Aakashians in AIIMS 2019

## OUR STAR PERFORMERS IN TOP 10 RANKS

<b>1</b> RANK	 <b>Bhavik Bansal</b> Classroom	<b>2</b> RANK	 <b>Vishwa Vadodaria</b> Distance
<b>3</b> RANK	 <b>Akshat Kaushik</b> Classroom	<b>4</b> RANK	 <b>Chetanya Mittal</b> Distance
<b>6</b> RANK	 <b>Arunangshu Bhattacharyya</b> Distance	<b>10</b> RANK	 <b>Stuti Khandwala</b> Distance

**674\*** Aakashians Qualified for AIIMS 2019

6 in Top 10 | 11 in Top 20 | 25 in Top 50 | 43 in Top 100  
from General Category (Classroom + Digital + Distance)

**Aakash - Your Destination for AIIMS**

- Producing Top Rankers Year-on-Year
- Qualified Faculty
- Competitive Environment
- Comprehensive Study Material

**Start Your Journey Towards Success at Nearest Aakash Centre, TODAY!**

### Enrollment Started for Classroom Courses

**REGULAR COURSE (Repeater Batch)**

NEET & AIIMS | JEE (Main) & Other Engineering Entrance Exams

For Class XII Passed Students

**POWER STEP COURSE (Repeater Batch)**

JEE (Main & Advanced) & Other Engineering Entrance Exams

For Class XII Passed Students

**1, 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> YEAR INTEGRATED COURSES**

NEET & AIIMS | JEE (Main & Advanced) & Other Engineering Entrance Exams

For Class IX, X, XI & XII Studying Students

**ACST**  
ADMISSION CUM SCHOLARSHIP TEST  
**16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019**

For Digital Programs, Call on: 8800012995 / Website: www.digital.aakash.ac.in | For Distance Learning Programs, Call on: 7303489393



SCAN FOR NEAREST CENTRE & CONTACT DETAILS

**OUR BRANCHES AT:** Janak Puri (Medical Wing): 8800013110 Janak Puri (Engineering & Foundation Wing): 8800013017 South Extn., (Medical Wing): 8800013111 South Extn., (Engineering & Foundation Wing): 8800013018 Dwarka (Sec-11): 8800013019 Raja Garden: 8800013121 Noida (Sector-18): 8800013020 Noida (Sector-62): 8800013021 Greater Noida: 8800013024 Faridabad: 8800013022 Ambala: 8800012946 Bhiwani: 8800012950 Hissar: 8800013035 Kullu: 8800012949 Karnal: 8800012947 Kurukshetra: 8800013038 Naraula: 8800013042 Palwal: 8800013038 Panchkula: 8800013039 Panipat: 8800013040 Rohtak: 8800013037 Sirsa: 8800012948 Yamuna Nagar: 8800012945 Amritsar: 8800013076 Bathinda: 8800013078 Chandigarh: 8800013079 Jalandhar: 8800013080 Ludhiana: 8800013081 Patiala: 8800013082 Agra: 8800013098 Aligarh: 8800013103 Meerut: 8800013105 Saharanpur: 8800013106 Gorakhpur: 8800013101 Jhansi: 8800020608 Kanpur (Kakadeo): 8800013102 Kanpur (Phoolbagh): 8800013103 Meerut: 8800013105 Saharanpur: 8800013106 Gorakhpur: 8800013109 Dehradun (Ballupur Chowk): 8800013108 Dehradun (Rajpur Road): 8800013107 Jaipur (Surya Nagar): 8800013083 Jaipur (Subhash Nagar): 8800013084 Jaipur (Vaishali Nagar): 8800013085 Jodhpur: 8800013088 Kota: 8800013087 Ajmer: 8800013118 Bhopal: 8800013060 Gwalior: 8800013064 Jabalpur: 8800013063 Indore (Geeta Bhawan): 8800013061 Indore (Ranjit Hanuman): 8800013062 Ujjain: 8800013119 OUR CENTRES AT: Pusa Road: (011) 2581044/ 777/888/999 Pitam Pura: (011) 47513001, 4702040 Model Town-II: (011) 47514036/7/8/9 Punjabi Bagh: (011) 4560263/4/5, Rohini (Sector-4) Foundation Wing: 9821396801/2 Rohini (Sector-15) Foundation Wing: 9821396805/6 Preet Vihar: (011) 42444811/12 Vasant Kunj: 971786886 Dilshad Garden: 935039559 Bareilly: 997890099 Ghaziabad: (0120) 3996160/61/64 Gurugram (Sector-14): (0124) 4967050, 09717508555 (Golf Course Road): (0124) 2370750 Rewari: 9416151460 Bilaspur: (07753) 224440 Raipur: 761110511 Bhilai: 761110531-35 Vindhyachgar: 777102515 Udaipur: 9116016831/32 Bikaner: (0151) 2203333 Haldwani: 05987696977 Kashipur: 0597690111 Patna: 0915220000 Jammu (Gandhi Nagar): (0191) 2430779 (Kachi Chawri): (0191) 2520974/75 Udhampur: 9419607066 Srinagar (Raj Bagh): (0194) 2454540 (Nigeen): 9107926842.

Registered Office: Aakash Tower, 8, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005. Ph: (011) 47623456 | E-mail: reach.us@aes.in | SUNDAY OPEN

www.aakash.ac.in | Instagram: @aakasheducation | Facebook: aakasheducation | Helpline: AES\_Official | YouTube: AakashEducation | aakash.ac.in/Mtg | Call: 7303749191 | TOLL-FREE: 1800-102-2727 | Missed Call: 9599698693

Disclaimer: Aakash Educational Services Limited is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offering of its equity shares and has filed a Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). The DRHP is available on the websites of the SEBI, the BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.sebi.gov.in, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and the respective websites of the Book Running Lead Managers at http://www.investmentbank.kotak.com/offer-documents/, http://www.online.citicibank.co.in/html/citigrpgrp/gbbscreen1.htm and www.india.cbsa.com

Investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk. For details, potential investors should refer to the Red Herring Prospectus/Prospectus which may be filed with the Registrar of Companies, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Haryana, located at New Delhi, in future including the section titled "Risk Factors". Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP in making any investment decision.

**Plus SERIES**

**pierre cardin**

Welcome to your new Class

**DREAM LINER**  
LIQUID INK ROLLER PEN

**YOU CAN BE DIFFERENT** brought to you in India by **Flair** PENS

FLAIR WRITING INDUSTRIES LTD. - MUMBAI, Tel.: 022 4203 0405, e-mail: flairindia@flairpens.com | www.flairworld.in Available at all Leading Stationery Gift Stores & Retail Outlets

Success Impex Pvt. Ltd. - Delhi - Tel.: 98110 87062, (011) 4142 7711, 4357 5101, Email: mukeshgupta7@gmail.com

For Corporate & B2B Enquiry Contact - Mr. Surinder Bhogal : 98107 33322 | For Trade Enquiry Contact - Mr. Mukesh Verma : 97738 68002

Flair | Reynolds | Rudi Kellner | HAUSER Germany | Flair | ZIG