

# Chocolate-bordered Flitter

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**In news**– Recently, the species of butterfly, now named the Chocolate-bordered Flitter, was found in Sikkim's Dzongu, the 'land of butterflies'.

## **About the Chocolate-bordered Flitter-**

- It carries the **scientific name *Zographetus dzonguensis*** which is named after Dzongu in north Sikkim.
- **Its closest relatives are *Zographetus pangi* in Guangdong, and *Zographetus hainanensis* in Hainan, both in southeastern China,** close to Hong Kong.
- This species is a **golden yellow butterfly with brown borders and spots.**
- The physical appearance of the species differs slightly and the internal structures of the males also differ slightly.
- **Dzongu, a Lepcha protected area in North Sikkim,** is a biodiversity hotspot.
- Its richness in butterflies had already been recorded way back in the mid-19th century.
- It is **bounded by the Teesta River** in the south-east, Tholung Chu River in the north-east and by mighty mountains in the west. It borders the Kanchenjunga Biosphere Reserve.

## **National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore-**

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- It was founded in 1992.
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