

## 8<sup>TH</sup> INDIAN ENTOMOLOGIST PHOTO CONTEST

- The Indian entomologist photo contest aims to encourage insect photography among photographers, professionals, amateur entomologists, and layman. The theme of the 8<sup>th</sup> episode of the photo contest was ‘Insects and aspects related to insect life.’ With this objective, entries were invited from 8<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Each participant was to submit one good photograph that met a few prescribed standards along with the filled-in application form in which the participant had to furnish his/her details, caption, description, specifications of the photograph, and also a declaration on the ingenuity of the photograph. We received total 49 entries screened first for the prescribed standards and overall image quality. The final evaluation was done by a committee of independent members under the oversight of the three editorial board members and also by an invited expert, based on the following criteria: quality (clarity, lighting, depth of field, composition), relevance of the subject matter (theme, rareness of subjects), creativity and originality. To ensure a blind review, the details of the photographer were hidden, and the evaluators were only presented with the photograph, caption, description and technical specifications.

The following are the winner for 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Entomologist photo contest

- The first place was won by Kiran Vati K (Faculty, Department of Zoology, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore, E-mail: kiranvatik@gmail.com), who captured the ant bridge formed by weaver ants, also known as green ants (*Oecophylla smaragdina*).
- The second place was won by Pradyumna S (#203, Sai Pavithra Residence Anjaneyanagra, Bengaluru-85) for his photograph of mating chaffer beetles.
- The third place was won by Adil Chowdhury (Vill: Karajgram; PS: Katwa, Purba Bardhaman- 713502) for his photograph on Spittlebug nymph is busy making spittle cover around itself, and another one is giving us “peak-a-boo”.

Congratulations to the winners, and we acknowledge all the participants who took an interest in 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Entomologist photo contest and sent their entries!!

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**First place:** Ant bridge formed by weaver ants



**Second place:** Mating chaffer beetles



**Third place:** Spittlebug nymph with spittle