

ENTOMOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA: TOWARDS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Indian Entomologist is now in its fourth issue! I am fully confident that it is marching past with excellent credentials towards the objectives for which it was created by some young minds a few years back. It stands devoted to the progress of Entomology in India. Similar to the views of entomologists finding their way into this unique medium, entomologists of India put forth their own on the insects, their actions, and more so with their management in forums/ media like journals, magazines, newsletters, blogs, and informal online social media. More recently online webinars have joined these in addition to the



conferences and symposia which have become a thing of the past in the recent months due to the Covid 19 pandemic. If an introspection is made, in the midst of these, there are few which stand out forever as immortal and can be easily singled out for their long- standing and humble contributions to Entomology in India. It is also true that amongst such stand-outs and long-standing ones there have been a few, which are unique, handled by stalwarts and doyens in Entomology, with a rich history and rock-solid background. Very few of these remain unparalleled even when compared with those on other such sciences. This is true especially in India, with only one or few remaining as disseminators of Entomological knowledge. Also, there is none which stands as a sole custodian for many decades and with developing aspirations that it will remain so for many more decades to come. No doubt, the Indian Journal of Entomology is one such aspiration, in its 83rd volume and standing out with a rich and memorable past. Its recent reverberations and changes make it fly high as a powerful disseminator of Entomology and its scientific strength. Let me take this opportunity to pen a few words to justify this “change” in this Editorial so that our Entomology fraternity could be more aware of what is on the ground to make this change imminent and responsible to Entomology in India.

If one happens to glance through the pages of the Indian Journal of Entomology issues and that of the website of the Entomological Society of India during the last few years will be convinced about this fact. This confidence will swell if one reads the developments explained below. The Journal is moving in the right direction with the two major global indexing players namely Scopus and EBSCO accepting it for indexing of its contents. This is a long standing aspiration of those running the Journal, which is a step in the right direction and paving the way for its citation prospects. Better late than never!. The Journal is up to date, with many of the authors viewing their papers online published in a matter of six to eight months. All the papers are doi

assigned and JATS subjected to enable their digital access, and make them easily accessible for citations. The major development in the immediate offing is it's becoming “open access” from the year 2021 and moving towards state of the art journal management system. The entomologists in India will be able to perceive these changes in the next few months. It will make the dissemination process satisfy global standards, and make Indian Journal of Entomology revive its glory in all respects as required by the scientific fraternity nowadays. Yes, the Journal is continuously striving to meet the standards, and I am sure its attempts for progress will be satisfyingly rewarding. Also, efforts are on to improvise the activities of the Entomological Society of India, the long-standing publisher of the Journal through digitisation in a dedicated website. These improvisations will enable the activities being known at the click of a mouse and reach the homes of Entomologists. Also, specific actions are on to promote Entomology in India with instituting of awards in the next few months. Let's handhold in all spheres as will be demanded from all of us as Entomologists and enable our aspirations succeed. Nothing succeeds like SUCCESS!

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