

ENTOMOLOGY RANDOM THOUGHTS

The Indian Entomologist which is serving as a unique forum for dissemination of Entomology is progressing well and is splendidly moving forward in the right path with the experiences gained in the last two years or so. This forum devoted to Entomology in India could be a platform for introspection of what we all are doing as professional Entomologists. This introspection shall not only perceive how Entomology was performed and disseminated by our earlier generation of Entomologists, but



also introspect how we all are taking these forwards with due dedication and determination. Also, it is necessary to deliberate upon how the handling of Entomology ought to improve in the next few years to make it in tandem with the global scenario, especially in some of its critical aspects.

As an Entomologist I have an opportunity to perceive at least some parts of what is going on in Entomology in India. This comes to me as an Editor of few journals which handle Entomology information emanating from Indian Entomologists in the past decade or so. This perception takes into account what are all coming as inputs from Entomologists, many of whom are young and budding entomologists, to Indian Entomologist too. With this background in the back of my mind, I feel it is right time to put forth some of my thoughts on how Entomology has to progress, and take cognisance of changes that are imminent. Thousands of research communications that land up with Indian Journal of Entomology provides update on the current handling of Entomology by professionals in India. The review articles that I had opportunity to peruse provide only a dismal picture of current thinking among us, about what are the prospective and emerging aspects that deserve due deliberation. A good lot of these seem to run of the mill, I must confess with regret. The same is true with the contributions that lad up with Indian Entomologist, though it is only for a short period of last two years. One of the causes for this I feel is there is lack of avenue for all of us to perceive the right and appropriate

aspects and generate a thinking process that will pave for the way for the desired directional changes. This will enable the progress of Entomology with change of thought-provoking process that ought to set in with we, all Entomologists.

I just want to quote here two such examples from what I happened to read from the current global science disseminating platforms. These are the platforms that I am sure are the ones any one can peruse to know current thoughts in how the science is progressing, in all its aspects. The first one is an exemplary piece of work by Farisenkov *et al.*, (2022) (doi: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-04303-7>), on the flight performance of tiny beetles; and the second is a correspondence by Costello *et al.*, (2022) (doi: <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-022-00010-z>) on some thoughts of how two million species catalogued by 500 experts. These are random ones, let us all read these, and many more such pieces. Let us introspect how much of our Entomology thoughts, at least perceive the bare minimum we can do and initiate a thought process. I am sure every day we all will have opportunity to at least peruse such thought-provoking disseminations. This must not stop with just perusal, it must percolate down into young minds that practice Entomology now. Also, initiate contributions in the directions of the global thought process, may be even few of us do this, that will be enough and satisfying. In this new year of 2022, let us hope we move towards prospective entomological science.

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