

SEVENTH INDIAN ENTOMOLOGIST PHOTO CONTEST

The Indian entomologist photo contest aims to encourage insect photography among photographers, professionals, amateur entomologist, and the layman. The theme of the seventh episode of the photo contest was 'Insects and aspects related to insect life'. With these objectives, entries were invited during 8th November to 15th December 2022. Each participant should submit one good photograph which 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.

In the Seventh photo contest, we received 130 entries. These were screened first for the prescribed standards and overall quality of the image. Final evaluation was done by a committee of independent members under the oversight of the three editorial board members and 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 was hidden, and the evaluators were only presented with the photograph, caption, description, and technical specifications.

- The best photo award was given to Mr. Raghuram Annadana, Address: 20133, Tower 20, Prestige Ferns Residency, Harlur Road, Off Sarjapur Road, Bangalore – 560102, Karnataka e-mail: araghu@gmail.com, who captured the emergence of pair of Blue banded bees (*Amegilla* sp.) roosting with their mandibles clamped to a twig.

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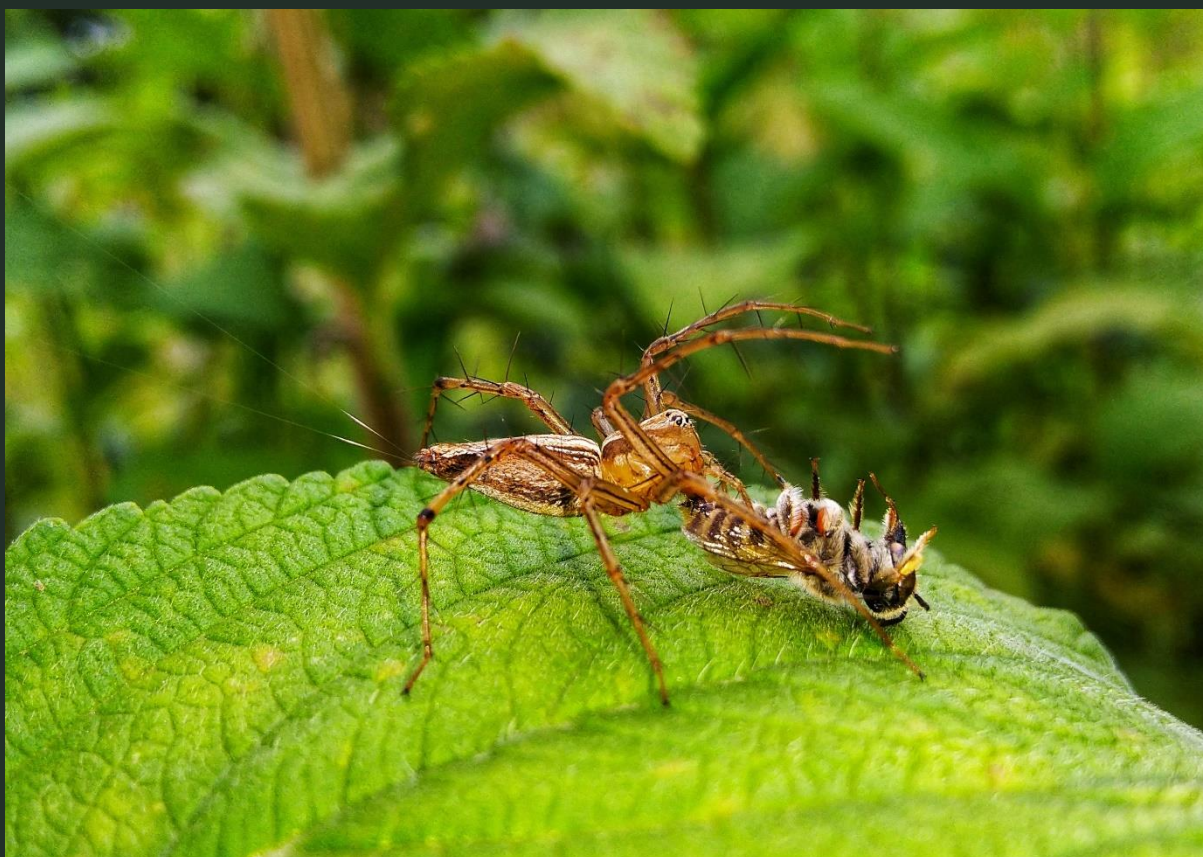


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Best Photo: Seeing Double: Pair of Blue banded bees (*Amegilla* sp.) roosting with their mandibles clamped to a twig. Photo by Mr. Raghuram Annadana, Address: 20133, Tower 20, Prestige Ferns Residency, Harlur Road, Off Sarjapur Road, Bangalore – 560102, Karnataka, India. Photo taken on 12.02.2022, Nikon D850 DSLR Venus Laowa, 100mm 2x Macro Lens, 1/200, ISO200, F11, 11.2 MP.



Second place: A deadly Arachnidism -*Spider preying on foraging bee*. Photo by Mr Riju Nath, Address: Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Pundibari - 736165, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, India. Photo taken on 30.06.2020, ASUS Zenfone Pro Max M1, SO-100, Focal length-3mm, Image resolution-2690 X 1903, 72dpi



Third place: Feeding -Grizzled pintail (*Acisoma panorpoides* feeding on *Ischnura rubilio*)
Photo by Dr S S Suresh, Address: PO Box 396, Ibri 516, Sultanate of Oman. Photo taken on 29.05.2022 at Trichur, Kerala. Canon 70 D, Canon 100 mm macro 2.8, 1/100 sec, f/16.0, ISO 125, 100 mm