

Directory of Indian insect, spider, mite and nematode taxonomists

This is a compilation of Indian insect / spider / mite / nematode taxonomists working on Indian fauna. This is not a complete list of taxonomists as only those who are involved in active taxonomic studies, as evident from the recent publications, are included. Those who have not been included in this directory but are willing to contribute in this endeavour may kindly contact us.

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- 2. Kindly contact the concerned taxonomist for respective specimen packaging requirement.**
- 3. Generally the right to retain specimens is the prerogative of the concerned taxonomist however as per mutually agreed terms this can be handled.**

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Coleoptera			
2.	Dr. Hemant Ghate	Modern College of Arts Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005. Email: hemantghate@gmail.com	Cassidinae and Cerambycidae
3.	Dr. J. Poorani	Principal Scientist, Crop Protection, ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB), Thogamalai Road, Thayanur Post, Tiruchirapalli - 620 102, Tamil Nadu. Email: pooranij@gmail.com	Coccinellidae
4.	Dr. K.D. Prathapan	Professor, Dept of Entomology, College of Agriculture, Vellayani P.O., Trivandrum-695522, Kerala. Email: prathapan.kd@kau.in, prathapankd@gmail.com	Chrysomelidae especially Alticini and Hispini

5.	Dr. K. Sreedevi	National fellow, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: kolla.sreedevi@gmail.com	Scarabaeidae (Particularly Melolonthinae and Rutelinae); Cerambycidae
6.	Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan	Senior Fellow & Programme Leader, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bangalore-560064. Email: priyan@atree.org Ph: 080-23635555	Dung beetles (Scarabaeinae)
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Diptera			
9.	Dr. Meenakshi Bharti	Department of Zoology & Environmental Sciences, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002, Punjab. Email: adubharti@gmail.com	Calliphoridae (blow flies) and Muscidae (house flies)
10.	Dr. K. J. David	Senior Scientist , Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterisation, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: davidento@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 336	Tephritoidea of the Indian region
11.	Dr. Anooj S.S.	Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Kerala Agricultural University, KAU Main Campus, KAU P.O., Vellanikkara, Thrissur, Kerala 680656.	Syrphidae (hover flies)

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Ephemeroptera			
13.	Dr. K. A. Subramanian	Scientist-D & Officer-in-Charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai -600028. Email: subbuka.zsi@gmail.com	Mayflies
Hemiptera			
14.	Dr. Hemant Ghate	Modern College of Arts Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005. Email: hemantghate@gmail.com	Pentatomoidea, Coreoidea and Reduviidae
15.	Dr. Sunil Joshi	Principal Scientist, Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterisation, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No.2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: sunjoshi.pdbc@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 331	Aphids (Aphididae) and Coccids (Pseudococcidae, Coccidae, Diaspididae)
16.	Dr. R. Sundararaj	Scientist-G and Head, Forest and Wood Protection Division Institute of Wood Science & Technology, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore- 560003. Email: rsundariwst@gmail.com, rsundararaj@icfre.org Ph: 080-22190154	Aleyrodidae
17.	Dr. K. A. Subramanian	Scientist-D & Officer-in-Charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai -600028. Email: subbuka.zsi@gmail.com	Aquatic bugs

18.	Dr. N. M. Meshram	Senior Scientist (Entomology), ICAR- Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Amravati Road, Nagpur. Email: nmmeshram@gmail.com	Cicadellidae (Leafhoppers)
19.	Dr. Salini S.	Senior Scientist, Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterisation, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No. 2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: shalinis.nilavu@gmail.com, shalini.nbaii@gmail.com Ph: 080-23511982 extn 336	Pentatomoidea
20.	Dr. Yeshwanth H. M.	National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bellary Road, Bangalore 560065, Karnataka. Email: hmyeshwanth@gmail.com	Miridae
Hymenoptera			
21.	Dr. Himender Bharti	Ant Systematics and Molecular Biology Lab, Department of Zoology and Environmental Sciences, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002, Punjab. Email: himenderbharti@gmail.com Fax: +91175-2280180	Formicidae (Ants)
22.	Dr. Ankita Gupta	Senior Scientist, Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterisation, ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, P. B. No.2491, H. A. Farm Post, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Karnataka. Email: ankitagupta.nbaii@gmail.com Ph: 080 23511982 ext 375/ 382	Parasitic Hymenoptera: mainly Braconidae and Chalcidoidea (except Trichogrammatidae, Mymaridae and Aphelinidae).
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25.	Dr. Girish Kumar P.	Sr. Zoological Assistant , Zoological Survey of India, Western Ghats Regional Centre, Jaferkhan Colony, Erannhipalam P.O., Kozhikode-673006, Kerala. Email: kpgiris@gmail.com, drpgirishkumar@gmail.com	Vespidae, Scoliididae and Eucharitidae
26.	Dr. Santhosh Shreevihar	Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Malabar Christian College, Calicut, Kerala-673001. Email: sant@mccclt.ac.in	Bethylidae (Chrysidoidea); Eulophidae and Eupelmidae (Chalcidoidea)
27.	Dr. Shahid Biz Zeya	Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh-202002, Uttar Pradesh. Email: drsbz1966@gmail.com	Indian Mymaridae, Encyrtidae (Chalcidoidea)
28.	Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan	Senior Fellow & Programme Leader, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur, Post, Bangalore - 560064. Email: priyan@atree.org Ph: 080-23635555	Ants (Formicidae), Fig insects (Agaonidae etc.)
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Lepidoptera			
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Mantodea			
37.	Dr. Hemant Ghate	Modern College of Arts Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005. Email: hemantghate@gmail.com	Mantodea
Odonata			
38.	Dr. K. A. Subramanian	Scientist-D & Officer-in-Charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, 130, Santhome High Road, Chennai -600028. Email: subbuka.zsi@gmail.com	Dragonflies and Damselflies
39.	Dr. Anooj S.S.	Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Kerala Agricultural University, KAU Main Campus, KAU P.O., Vellanikkara, Thrissur, Kerala-680656.	Dragonflies and Damselflies

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Thysanoptera			
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Arthropoda: Collembola			
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Arachnida: Acari			
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Arachnida: Araneae			

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Nematoda			
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