

SIXTH 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 sixth episode of the photo contest was 'Insects and aspects related to insect life'. With these objectives, entries were invited during 5th May to 20th June 2022. Each participant was to 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 Sixth photo contest, we received less entries which is quite a low number compared to the previous contests. 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 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 was hidden and the evaluators were only presented with the photograph, caption, description and technical specifications. Since the number of entries were low we decided to select a **best photo**.

- The best photo award was given to Dr Santhoshkumar C Kedar (Division of Crop Production and Protection, CSIR - Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CSIR-CIMAP), Lucknow - 226015, Uttar Pradesh, India E-mail: santoshkedar@cimap.res.in) who captured the emergence of Cicada (*Chremistica* sp.).

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Best Photo: *Cicada emerging (Chremistica sp.)*. Photo by Dr. Santhoshkumar C Kedar (Division of Crop Production and Protection, CSIR - Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CSIR-CIMAP), Lucknow - 226015, Uttar Pradesh, India. Photo taken on 01.07.2018, Apple iPhone X with, ISO-32, 35 mm focal length 28.0 mm with flash auto, from Jiji Town, Nantou County, Tiwan.