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This is the second iteration of the Directory, the first one was published in September 1997. I am happy to see this edition completed but would have been happier if the response from the network members was a bit more forthcoming. The network is in its fourth year. Thanks are mainly to Fauna and Flora International and Columbus Zoo; we have been successful in carrying out many activities such as continuation of the network administration, hands-on training workshop in the field on amphibian taxonomy, identification, field studies, Conservation Assessment and Management Plan workshops for Sri Lankan Amphibians, etc publication of FROG LEG mainly due to their financial support.

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Finally, the members of the network, who have spared their time and supported us in our bad period of last year, a very special thanks to them. I would request that they take part more actively and make the networking effort for conservation of the region's amphibians a success.

Please write to me your comments, corrections and criticism for improvement of this Directory.

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Amphibian Resource List for South Asia (As of December 1999)

This list includes all known amphibian researchers in South Asia. Some of these researchers may currently not be involved in amphibian studies but have had studied in the past and are willing to take up work in the future. Also included are names of foreign researchers who have had some experience in studying amphibian of the region, either field work, systematics or taxonomy. This list is as good as the information given by the network members. Please feel free to correct them and notify us of the changes.

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Information on some researchers

(as of December 1999)

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Research Interest: Amphibian taxonomy, Ecology and Conservation

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Rhacophoridae and Ranidae

Projects:

1997-98, Biodiversity Conservation potential and ecosystem rehabilitation using traditional knowledge in Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary (Herpetofaunal study) in Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Idukki Dist., Kerala

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication: No

Surya N.R. Addoor

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Sex: Male

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Anurans, Caecillians

Projects:

1994 Study of Amphibian communities in the Western Ghats of Dakshina Kannada and Shimoga Districts, Karnataka.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

1992. Amphibians of Agumbe (Western Ghats, Karnataka). *Cobra*

Mohammed Firoz Ahmed

Date of Birth: 01-05-1975 **Sex:** Male **Occupation:** Student

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Research Interest: Taxonomy, Ecology, Population study, Conservation

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Rhacophoridae and Microhylidae

Projects:

1998. Systematic survey of Amphibians in Orang Wildlife Sanctuaty. Funded by Aaranyak Natue Club, Guwahait

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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Research Interest: Ecology, Management, Planning & Captive Breeding

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: No

Projects:

Several overall

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

None on Amphibians

Dr. Mannapparampil Ipe Andrews

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Occupation: Retired Professor

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Research Interest: Ecology, Taxonomy, Biodiversity, Toxicology, Animal behaviour

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1993, Dr. Sanil George, Mahatma Gandhi University;
1998, Dr. M.R. Renuka, Mahatma Gandhi University
1998, Ph.D. Johnson Samuel, (Started) Mahatma Gandhi University
1999, Ph.D. Mercy Mathew, (Submitted), Mahatma Gandhi University

Species/group of special interest: *Euphlyctis hexadactylus*, *Bufo melanostictus*

Projects:

1997-98. Food and feeding habits of *Euphlyctis hexadactylus* (Lesson) in Kuttanad & Kerala. Bombay Natural History Society Funding
1999-2002. Measuring and monitoring biodiversity of Amphibians of Kerala. Central Ministry of environment and Forests – Funding,

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Andrews, M.I. 1979. Food of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.*, 76(1): 175-179.
Andrews, M.I., K.K. Mathew, O. Manu., and G. Sanil. 1990. Effect of distillery effluent on the hatching rate and larval survival of frog, *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. *Poll. Res.*, 9: 39-43.
Andrews, M.I. and G. Sanil. 1991. Toxic effects of pesticides on tadpoles of frog, *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. *J. Ecotoxicol. Environ. Moint.*, 1(2): 142-147.
Andrews, M.I. and G. Sanil. 1991. The annual testicular cycle, fat body cycle and thumb pad development in the frog, *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala.* 1(1): 43-54.
Andrews, M.I. and G. Sanil. 1993. An overview of the amphibian fauna of Kerala. *Herpeton*, 5&6: 1-3.
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Andrews, M.I. and G. Sanil. 1994. Impact of dimecron on the hatching rate of common Indian tree frog, *Polypedatus maculatus* (Gray). *J. Ecobiol.*, 6(2): 149-150.
Sanil G. and M.I. Andrews. 1994. Toxic effects of endosulfan on histopathology of gonad in the green frog, *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. Proc. 6th Kerala Science Congress, Trivandrum, January 1994. 69-70.
Sanil G. and M.I. Andrews. 1994. Effect of some pesticides on the growth of tadpoles of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala*, 4(1&2): 23-26.
Sanil G and M.I. Andrews. 1995. Food and feeding habits of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson in Kuttanad, Kerala. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.*, 92(2): 23-24.
Sanil G, and M.I. Andrews. 1995. Key to the amphibian fauna of Kuttanad, Kerala., *Zoos' Print* 10(7): 91-10
Sanil, G. and Andrews, M.I. 1996. Malathion induced changes in the gonad of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. *Proc. 8th Kerala Science Congress*, Ernakulam, January 1996, 69-71.

Sanil, G. and Andrews, M.I. 1997. Detergent induced respiratory alterations in the tadpoles of *Occidozyga hexadactyla* (Lesson). *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala*, 6&7 : 80-82.

Sanil, G. and Andrews, M.I. 1999. Amphibian resources of Kerala. *Cobra* (In press)

Mercy Mathew and Andrews, M.I., 1999. Effect of hinosan on the growth of tadpoles of common Indian tree frog, *Polypedatus maculatus* (Gray). *Rational Discourse*, 5 (In press)

Mercy Mathew and Andrews, M.I., (Communicated). Food spectrum of the common Indian toad, *Bufo melanisticus* Schneider.

Abstracts.

Andrews, M.I. and Sanil, G. 1992. Reproductive cycle of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson. International Conf., Bhubaneswar, February 1992.

Sanil, G. J.M. Samuel and Andrews, M.I., 1992. A preliminary survey of amphibians of Kuttanad, a natural wetland in Kerala. International Conf., Bhubaneswar, February 1992.

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Research Interest: Biodiversity, Taxonomy.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Bufonids and Ranids

Projects:
1988-1995. Amphibian fauna of northern Pakistan.
1987-1989. Study of the Herpetofauna of Potwar region of Pakistan.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications: No

Dr. S. Bhupathy

Date of Birth: **Sex:** Male **Occupation:** Scientist

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy.

Species/group of special Interest: *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*, *Limnectes limnocharis* and *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*

Projects:

3-8 April 2000. Survey of amphibians and reptiles of Parambukulam National Park. Seasonal studies to be conducted in the future.

Any other information:

A project to study the impact of habitat alteration on the amphibian composition and diversity in the Upper Bhavani region of the Nilgiris has been proposed.

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Research Interest: Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Ethnozoology, Conservation

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No. (Applied to the Government in 1999 for Registration)

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: *Hoplobatrachus crassus*, *Bufo* species.

Projects:

November 1998 - present. U.G.C. Minor Research Project, U.G.C. NE Regional Office, Belbla (on going) Guwahati-6. Taxonomy and Ecology of Amphibian Fauna of Sonitpur Dt. Assam, India.

1994-96. WWF India sponsored project to State Forest Research Institute, Van Vihar Itanagar (Worked as Research & Junior Research Fellow) Baseline Survey to Biodiversity in High priority Biologically rich Areas of Arunachal Pradesh.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No. Interested on *Hoplobatrachus crassus* as it is available in my locality.

Publication:

Singh, P., K. Haridasan, A. Borang and M.M. Borah (1994-96). Base line survey of Biodiversity in High priority Biologically rich areas Arunachal Pradesh. Sub project : Tale Valley (1994), Dichu Valley (1995), Mouling National Park (1996) submitted to WWF India, from SFRI Itanagar
Bordoloi, S.L. and M.M.Borah, 1999. First Record of *Hoplobatrachus crassus* from North Eastern Region in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh. *JBNHS*. 96 (1) 158-159.
Borah, M.M. & S.C. Bordolo, 1995: On a collection of High Altitude fishes from Arunachal Pradesh. Nat seminar on Recent Research on Sci.& Tech. Kanimganj College.
Bordoloi S.C. & M.M.Borah (1998). Preliminary investigation on Biodiversity of Amphibian Fauna in Papumpare and West Kameng District. Arunachal Pradesh India. National Workshop on perspectives for planning and Development in North East India 27-29th April 1998. Itanagar, Andhra Pradesh organized by G.B. Pant. Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development.

Any other information:

I have some information on the vernacular name used by Tribal people of Arunachal Pradesh. Also ethno zoology of some amphibian species, forest types, related data on the physicochemical quality of water, soil and some amphibian habitat are available.

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Occupation: Chair

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Anurans of hills and forests of southern India

Projects:

1994-97. Amphibians of Great Nicobar Islands.
1992-93. Amphibians in the Wetlands of Eastern Ghats, Tamil Nadu.
1992-93. Population Dynamics of Amphibians in and around Madras Crocodile Bank, Mahabalipuram.
1990-93. Captive Breeding of tropical forest Amphibians, Western Ghats.
1990-92. Amphibians of Western Ghats.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

- Daniels, R.J.R. & M.S. Ravichandran, 1995. The Ceylonese tree frog *Polypedates cruciger* Blyth a new record for India. *Asiatic Herpetological Research* 6:36-37
- Daniels, R.J.R. & N.M. Ishwar, 1994. Rarity and the herpetofauna of the Eastern Ghats India. *Cobra* 16: 2-14.
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- Daniels, R.J.R. 1992. Geographical range and ecology of the verrucose frog *Rana keralensis* (Dubois) *JBNHS* 89: 199-203.
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- Daniels, R.J.R. 1990. Habitat and microhabitat preference of some tropical frogs and toads. *Vijnana Parichaya* 12: 8-10.

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Phone: 60 (19) 8567351**Research Interest:** Systematics, Ecology, Biogeography**Ph.D. in amphibian studies:**1991. Trophic Ecology of a Community of South Indian Anuran Amphibians, University of Oxford.
Guide: Malcolm J. Coe**Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:** No**Species/group of special interest:** Amphibians in general

Projects:

1988. Northeastern India amphibian survey in Khasi and Garo Hills, India.
1989-91. Southern India amphibians ecology in East Coast and Western Ghats, India.
1991-93. Bornean community ecology in Brunei.
1993. Autecology of *Platymantis dorsalis* in Luzon, Philippines.
1995. Litter herpetofauna in Sri Lanka.
1995-96. Biogeography and systematics in South Asia in Harvard University.
1998-99. Systematics and Biogeography of Bornean herpetofauna in Sarawak, Sabah, Brunei and Singapore.
1999. Global Ecogeography Project - WWF, US in South Asia

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

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- Das, I. 1994. Herpetological philately. *Bulletin of the Chicago Herpetological Society* 29(9): 200-202.
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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Physiology, Biodiversity, Population studies.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1996. (Mr. S.K. Swain). A comparative study of population biology of amphibian assemblage in Agroecosystems of Sambalpur, Orissa, India.

1996. (Mr. J.K. Mohanta). Ecological aspects of some tropical amphibian assemblages: Community analysis and comparison of larval energetics of dominant species.

1996. (Mrs. Charulatha Dei). Some ecological aspects on metamorphosis and larval energetics of *Microhyla ornata*, Dumen.

1986. (Dr. B.K. Mahapatra). Growth Ecology and metamorphosis of a tropical Amphibia, *Bufo stomaticus* Lutken.

1984. (Dr. P.K. Mishra). Ecological aspects of metamorphosis of a tropical Amphibia, *Rhacophorus maculatus* (Gray)

1984. (Dr. A.K. Hota). Growth, production and energetics of the tadpoles of *Rana tigerina* (Daud) and *Bufo melanostictus* (Brock & Schneider).

1984. (Dr. S.N. Mohanty). Autecology of *Rana tigerina* (Daud).

Species/group of special Interest: Anura

Projects:

1993-1995. (J.K. Mohanta, Charulatha Dei, S.K. Swain). Population census, Life history patterns, Larval growth, metamorphosis and other ecological aspects of some Indian amphibian. Sambalpur dist., Orissa.

1984-1986. (B.K. Mohatra). Life history patterns, larval growth and metamorphosis of some Indian amphibians. Sambalpur dist., Orissa.

1979-1984. (S.N. Mohanty, A.K. Hota, P.K. Mishra). Larval growth, metamorphosis and energetics of some commercially important Indian amphibians (UGC). Sambalpur District, Orissa.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes, during monsoon period only (4 months)

Publication:

Charulatha Dei & M.C. Dash. Energy cost of metamorphosis in normal and crowding condition in *Microhyla ornata* tadpoles. (Communicated)

Dash, M.C. & Charulatha Dei, 1996. Effect of diet on growth rates, body size at metamorphosis and on duration of larval period in *Microhyla ornata* tadpoles. (communicated)

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Parasitology, Zoogeography.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1993. Habitat and Biology of the Himalayan newt *Tylostrotion verrucosus* Anderson (Caudata: Salamandridae). Kalyani University, West Bengal, India. Guide: Prof. D. Halder.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: All amphibians — Microhylidae, The Megophryinae, Bufonidae, Ranidae, Rhacophoridae. The family Salamandridae amongst the order Caudata

Projects:

1991- 1992. Study of habitat of the Himalayan salamander. Darjeeling.
1987- 1991. Survey of habitats of the Himalayan salamander. Darjeeling.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

- Das Gupta, R., 1995. The importance of sino Himalayan faunal elements. *Himalayan Paryavaran*. 2(2).
DasGupta, R., 1994. The Himalayan Salamander and the age of the Himalayas and some Himalayan river systems. *The Himalayan Paryavaran*. 2(1):36-37.
DasGupta, R., 1994. Ecology of the Himalayan newt (*Tylostrotion verrucosus*) in Darjeeling, Himalayas, India. *Russian J. Herpetology*. 1(1):69-76.
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DasGupta, R., 1989. Megaflorestic and palynoplanktonic studies on three different leucic habitats in Darjeeling Himalayas. *J. Beng. Nat. Hist. Soc. N.S.* 8(2):58-65.
DasGupta, R., 1989. Leucic habitats in Darjeeling Himalayas and problems related to their conservation. *J. Beng. Nat. Hist. Soc. N.S.* 8(2):66-69.
DasGupta, R., 1988. The young of the Himalayan newt. *J. Beng. Nat. Hist. Soc. N.S.* 7(1): 3-18.
DasGupta, R., 1987. The construction of pools in Parks in relation to the conservation of some small vertebrates. *J. Beng. Nat. Hist. Soc., N.S.* 6(2):110-112.
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DasGupta, R., 1983. Observations on the Himalayan newt. *J. Beng. Nat. Hist. Soc., N.S.* 2(2):59-60.

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Research Interest: Conservation, Physiology, Toxicology.

Any other information:

I have been noticing the existence of *Polypedatus cruciger* in Goa for last ten years and am worried about the elimination of this frog species (amphibian species in general) due to mining pollution. I wish to undertake conservation of species if funds are provided.

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Research Interest: Freshwater Zoology, Ecology, Conservation Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students: **Rana**

Projects: in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest

April, May 1995. Amphibians of Maldives in Maldives.
Since 1996. Amphibians of Vidarbha region in Nagpur and around.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes. *Rana* sp...

Any other information:

Started survey of a lake, 10 km. away from Nagpur. The lake is unique and seems to have variety of Amphibians

Anslem Lawrence De Silva

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Sex: Male

Occupation: Senior Staff Officer

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Dhirendra Devarshi

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Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special interest:

Frogs, Reptiles, Birds. Among Amphibians: *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*, *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*, *Rana brevirostris*, *Microhyla ornata*, *Bufo stomaticus*, *Bufo melanostictus*

Projects:

Rajasthan (in Genera), Eastern Rajasthan (esp. Jaipur & Bharatpur)

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

Popular articles in Hindi dailies and magazines; Radio talks (AIR: Jaipur & Rajasthan)

Any other information:

Presently engaged in Ph.D. work on Avian species of Rajasthan

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special interest: Rhacophoridae and Ranidae

Projects:

July 1994 & June 1997. Survey of reptiles and amphibians in Kerala part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve 1997-98, Biodiversity conservation potential and ecosystem rehabilitation using traditional knowledge at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary. Funded by Mac. Arthur Trust (Herpetofaunal study)

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Easa, P.S. 1998. Survey of Reptiles and Amphibians in Kerala part of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. KFRI Research Report No. 148. KFRI, Peechi

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Date of Birth: **Sex:** Male **Occupation:** Research Officer

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Toxicology.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1993. Studies on some aspects of the ecology and biology of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson (Amphibia; Anura) Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala. Guide: Dr. M. I. Andrews, Dept. of Zoology, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla, Kerala.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No.

Species/group of special interest: Amphibian of Kerala in general and *Rana hexadactyla* in particular

Projects:

1994-1995. Studies on the amphibians of Kerala - 1, Survey at the proposed Pooyamkutty hydroelectric power project site, Kerala. Idukki District, Kerala
 1992-1993. Studies on amphibians of kuttanad, a natural wetland in Central Kerala. Kuttanad, Kerala
 1988-1992. Studies on some aspects of the ecology and biology Pathanamthitta and Allepey district of of *Rana hexadactyla* Lesson (Amphibia; Anura) Kerala

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publication:

George, S. & M.I. Andrews, 1996. *Proc. 8th Kerala Sci. Congr.* 69-71.
 George, S. & A. Leelamma, 1995. *J. Bombay. Nat. Hist. Soc.* 92(3), 827
 George, S. & M.I. Andrews, 1995. *J. Bombay. Nat. Hist. Soc.* 92(2), 220-224.
 Andrews M.I. & S. George, 1995. *Zoos' Print*, 10(7), 9-10
 George, S., 1995. *Zoos' Print* 10(7), 11-12
 George, S., 1995. *Zoos' Print*, 10(7), 1-4
 George, S. & M.I. Andrews, 1994. *Proc. 6th Kerala Science Congr.*, 69-70, 1994
 George, S. & M.I. Andrews, 1994. *J. Ecobiol* 6(2), 148-149.
 George, S. & M.I. Andrews, 1993. *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala* 3(2), 30-34
 George, S. & M.I. Andrews, 1993. *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala* 3(1), 55-57
 Andrews, M.I. & S. George, 1993. *Herpeton* 5&6, 1-3
 Andrews M.I. & S. George, 1992. *Proc. 4th Kerala Science Congr.* 30-33.
 George, S., et al 1992. *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala* 2(1), 58-61.
 Andrews M.I. & S. George, 1991. *J. Zool. Soc. Kerala* 1(1), 43-45
 Andrews M.I. & S. George, 1991. *J. Ecotoxicol. Environ. Monit* 1(2), 142-147.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Toxicology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special interest: *Microhyla ornata*, *Tomopterna* sp., *Euphylyctis cyanophlyctis*, *Bufo melanostictus*.

Projects:

1987-88. Biology of the frog *Microlyla ornata*. Mainly at Pune, but survey carried out in nearby areas
 1982-84. Teratological effects of fungicides in amphibians embryos (UGC Projects)Pune (proper)
 Studies on breeding of following species: *Tomopterna* sp., *Bufo melanostictus*, *Rana malabarica*, *Polypedates maculatus*, *Euphylyctis cyanophlyctis*, *Microhyla ornata*

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publications:

- Ghate, H.V. & S.Y. Paranjape, 1986. Frogs and froglets: Socioeconomic and ecological perspective. Proceedings of the "First World Conference on Trade in Froglegs vis-a-vis Environmental Considerations" held at Calcutta.
- Ghate, H.V. & A.D. Padhye, 1989. Spawning in the frog *Microhyla ornata*. *J. Bom. nat. Hist. Soc.* 86: 363-367
- Ghate, H.V. & A.D. Padhye, 1988. Predation of *Microhyla* tadpoles by *Gambusia*. *J. Bom. nat. Hist. Soc.* 85: 200-201
- Ghate, H.V., 1989. Abnormal diet of the Indian bull frog (*Rana tigerina*). *Herpeton* 2: 15-16
- Ghate, H.V. and S.S. Kamble, 1994. First record of *Microhyla rubra* (Jerdon) (Amphibia: Anura) from Maharashtra. *J. Bom. nat. Hist. Soc.* 91:150-151
- Ghate, H.V. 1992. Day time spawning in *Bufo melanostictus*. *Cobra* (Bull. Madras Snake Park)
- Ghate, H.V. & A.D. Padhye, 1989. Preliminary photographic record and description of various developmental stages of the frog *Microhyla ornata* (Duméril and Bibron). *Herpeton* 2: 2-7
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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: *Uperodon globulosus*, *Kaloula taprobanica*, *Bufo himalayanus*

Projects:
1988-1993. Amphibians of West Bengal Plains.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

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Research Interest: Ecology, Field identification, Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Projects:
1999. Biodiversity Assessment in Amba Valley in Raigad district, Maharashtra

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Any other information:
Collection of transparencies of various amphibians

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Research Interest: General and Comparative Endocrinology, Neuroendocrinology of Pineal;
Reproductive Physiology; Chronobiology

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1988. M. Phil - Mr. Purendu Chakrabarty;
1989. 1989. M. Phil - Mrs. Heera Deka-Borah;
1990. 1994. Ph.D. - Mrs. Anju Mahanta

Species/group of special Interest: *Limnectes limnocharis*; *Euphlyctis cyanoplyctis*, Tree frogs.

Projects:
Completed two research projects on amphibian endocrinology (Funded by DST & DAE)

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publications:
Gupta, B.B.P. & P. Chakrabarty 1988. Effect of thyroidal, gonadal and adrenal hormones on tissue respiration of streaked frog, *Rana limnocharis* at low temperature. *Indian J. Exp. Biol.*, 28, 23-26

Gupta, B.B.P. & H. Deka-Borah 1995. In vivo and in vitro effects of metabolic hormones on tissue respiration in toad, *Bufo melanostictus*. During hibernation and active phase. *Indian J. Exp. Biol.*, 33: 604-607

Gupta, B.B.P. & A. Mahanta 1997a. Role of thyroidal and testicular hormones in regulation of tissues respiration in hibernating and non-hibernating species of frogs. *Current Science*, 72, 326-330

Gupta, B.B.P. and A. Mahanta 1997b. Involvement of adrenal hormones in tissue respiration of sub-tropical hibernating and non-hibernating species of frogs. *Indian J. Exp. Biol.*, 35: 244-249

Mahanta, A. and B.B.P. Gupta 1998. In vitro effects of adrenergic agonists and antagonists on tissue respiration in *Rana limnocharis* and *Rana cyanoplyctis*. *Current Science*, 75:958-960.

Any other information:

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Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Ranids and *Nyctibatrachus* Species

Projects:

Sept/97 - Feb/98 - Study on the captive husbandry of selected Amphibians of Western Ghats (GEMF/Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, UK-sponsored project)

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

198. Captive Management and breeding of the verrucose frog *Limnocharis keralensis*. *International Zoo News* 45/7(2888): 427-430.

1998. Breeding of large wrinkled frog *Nyctibatrachus major* at Coimbatore Zoo. *Solitaire* No.6:4-5.

1998. Declining amphibians. *Current Science* Vol. 75, No.2:81-84.

1999. *Euphylyctis hexadacltus* (Lesson) feeding on *Xenochrophis fiscatar* (Schneider). *JBNHS* 96(1):158.

1998. Food performance in captivity among frogs and toads. *Cobra* Vol.32: 11-19.

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Publication:

Hiragond, N.C. and S.K. Saidapur 1999. Description of tadpole *Rana temporalis* from South India. *Current Science*, 76(3): 442-444.

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Research Interest: Conservation, Taxonomy, Endocrine Physiology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Submitted 1990. Awarded 1992. Action of adrenal and pancreatic hormones on certain enzymes of energy metabolism in a caecilian, *Gegeneophis carnosus* (Beddomme), University of Kerala, 1992.
Guide: Dr. O.V. Oommen

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1998-99. Guided degree Projects as "Inventory of Amphibian fauna of Christ College Campus"

Species/group of special Interest: Anurans, Gymnophiona

Projects:

1999-2000, Survey of amphibian diversity in Irinjalakuda municipality in Irinjalakuda in Thrissur Dist.,

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

- Josekumar, V.S. & O.V. Oommen, 1988. Effect of adreneline on hepetic enzyme activities manapoden amphibia, *Gegeneophis carnosus*. *Indi. J. Expt. Biol.*, 26 (10): 796-800
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Amphibian population density in Sri Lanka. Study of Amphibian diversity.
Amphibian observations in various locations for taxonomy. Kandy, Colombo, Anurudupura - Sri Lanka.
Fatalities observed on Amphibia and Reptilia. Gampola.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes**Publications:**

1995. Fatalities observed of Amphibians and Reptiles. In: *Amphibians of Sri Lanka* (Unpublished yet)
1995. Jayawickrama, A. & W.M.N., Bandara. Preliminary Observations of Amphibians and Reptiles at Rittigala Sri Lanka, *Lyriocephalus*, Vol.2, 2-3
1994. Jayawickrama, A. Amphibians and Reptiles observed in Galekunda, panvila fauna, Gampola (Kandy), *Lyriocephalus*, Vol.1, No. 1-2, P. 60-61
1991. Flora and Fauna of Ambuluwawa Hill, Gampola, Jinaraja Boys College, Gampola (Text in sinhala).

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Research Interest: Acoustic Communication, Ecology, Conservation, Behaviour, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Development Studies, Migration

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Currently working for Ph.D. in Amphibian studies on "Bioacoustics and breeding behaviour in some anuran amphibians and birds" Year of registration 1996.

Species/group of special Interest: Hylids, Ranids, Microhylids

Publication:

Kadadevaru, G.G. (???) Mating call of the burrowing frog *Ramanella montana*. *Adv. Zool.* 19 (2):91-93.
Four Papers communicated to journals

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Research Interest: Survey and status and distribution pattern and conservation issues.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Projects:

Eastern Ghats & Tamil Nadu

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: *Indotyphlus battersbyi*; Caceilian species from Khandala -
Bhimashankar belts

Projects:

1996 Amphibia of Ujani Wetland Pune dist., Maharashtra

1995 onwards, Amphibia of Pench National Park Nagpur dist., Maharashtra

1995 onwards, Amphibia of Tadoba National Park Chandrapur dist., Maharashtra

1993 onwards, Amphibia of Melghat, Tiger Project. Amravati dist., Maharashtra

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Taxonomy, Population studies, Toxicology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1982, Some Aspects of Reproduction Biology of the toad *Bufo melanostictus*. Karnataka University,
Dharwad. Guide: Dr. S.K. Saidapur.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1992. Dr. C.R. Hiremath - Acoustics and reproductive biology of some anurans.

1992. Dr. C.S. Jirunkoli - Reproductive biology of some anuran amphibians.

Projects:

1995-98. Acoustic communication in some anuran amphibian of Western Ghats and in fringe areas.

1990-93. Environmental regulation of gametogenesis in the Indian bull frog, *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus* in
Dharwad.

1989-91. Effect of organophosphates, Mercury and Zinc compounds on the reproduction in the frog
Euphyctis cyanophlyctis Dharwad.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publications:

- Chapparadhalli, C.J. and R.D. Kanamadi, 1995. Effect of sublethal concentration of mercurial fungicide emisan on ovary and fat bodies of frog, *Rana cyanophlyctis*. *Indian J. Exptl. Biol.* 33: 466-468.
- Kanamadi, R.D., C.R. Hiremath & H. Schneider, 1995. Vocalization and territoriality of the Indian frog *Rana limnocharis*. *Proc. natn. Sci. Acad.* B61: 9-14.
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- Kanamadi, R.D., C.R. Hiremath & H. Schneider, 1994. Courtship, amplexus and advertisement call of tree frog *Microhyala rubra*. *Curr. Sci.* 66: 5-11.
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- Kanamadi, R.D. & C.S. Jirankali, 1993. Role of temperature and light in regulation of ovarian cycle of *Polypedates maculatus*. *Indian J. Expt. Biol.* 31: 732-737.
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- Kanamadi, R.D. & C.S. Jirankali, 1992. Testicular activity in *Polypedates maculatus* (Rhacophoridae): Seasonal changes in spermatogenesis and fat bodies. *J. Herpetol.* 26: 239-335.
- Kanamadi, R.D. & S.K. Saidapur, 1992. Effects of exposure of sublethal mercuric chloride on the testis and fat body of the frog, *Rana cyanophlyctis*. *J. Herpetol.* 26: 499-501.
- Kanamadi, R.D. & S.K. Saidapur, 1992. Effect of chronic exposure to the mercurial fungicide emisan on spermatogenesis in *Rana cyanophlyctis*. *J. Herpetol.* 26: 508-510.
- Jirankali, C.S. & R.D. Kanamadi, 1992. Effect of low temperature on the spermatogenic activity of the tree frog *Polypedates maculatus* (Gray). *J. Karn. Univ. Sci.* 36: 198-205.
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- Kanamadi, R.D. & C.S. Jirankali, 1991. Testicular activity in the burrowing frog *Tomopterna breviceps*. *Zool. Anz.* 227: 80-92.
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Research Interest: Ecology, Biodiversity

Projects:

1997. Herpetofaunal survey in and around Ooty, Nilgiri District.
1997. Herpetofaunal survey in and around Coimbatore 10°55' and 11°10'N 76°50' and 77°10'E.
1994. (6 month study for M.Sc. dissertation). Herpetofaunal assemblages in Mayiladuthurai area - A conservation approach. Nagapattinam District 11°18'N and 80°50'E.

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Species/group of special Interest: General

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1991. Morphoanatomical specialization of the leucopharyngeal region of the anuran larvae and its bearing on the mode of larval feeding. University of Punjab, Lahore.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Toads belonging to genus *Bufo*; Frogs belonging to genus *Rana* (*Paa*).

Projects:

1991. Buccopharyngeal morphology of amphibian tadpoles and its bearing in tadpoles feeding.

1990. Amphibians of Lahore.

1989. Amphibians of Multan.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Khan, M.S., 1995. Oropharyngeal morphology of detritivorous tadpole of *Rana cyanophlyctis* Schneider, and its ecological correlates. *Pakistan J. Zool.*, 27:43-49.

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- Khan, M.S., N. Ahmed, 1987. On a collection of amphibians and reptiles from Baluchistan, Pakistan. *The Snake*, 20: 156-161.
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- Khan, M.S., 1986. A noteworthy collection of amphibians and reptiles from northwestern Punjab, Pakistan. *The Snake*, 18:118-125.
- Khan, M.S., 1985. An interesting collection of amphibians and reptiles from Cholistan Desert, Punjab, Pakistan. *J. Bombay. Nat. Hist. Soc.*, 82:144-148.
- Khan, M.S., 1982. Collection, preservation and identification of amphibian eggs from the plains of Pakistan. *Pakistan. J. Zool.*, 14: 241-243.
- Khan, M.S., 1982. Key for the identification of amphibian tadpoles from the plains of Pakistan. *Pakistan. J. Zool.*, 14: 133-145
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Species/group of special Interest: Amphibians

Projects:

1996. Diversity and habitat ecology of amphibians in a few islands in the back water of Bhadra Reservoir. Shimoga District.

1990-1994. Survey and natural history observations on the amphibians fauna around Sringeri. Sringeri taluk - Chickmangalur Dist.

1985-1987. Biology of *Rana curtipes*. Sringeri Taluk.

1984-1987. Eco-ethology and physiology of *Ichthyophis beddomii*. Sringeri Taluk.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

1992. Survey and natural history observations on the amphibian fauna around Sringeri. pp 18.

Conser. Res. Report BNHS. Bombay. A note on ethomorphological feature of amplexus in *Rana curtipes* (Jerdon, 1853). *J. Herpetol.*

Notes on habitat feature, morphology and morphometry of *Rana aurantiaca* (Boulenger) from Sringeri.

Proc. Indian Nat. Sci. Acad.

Amphibian fauna of Sringeri Taluk. *J. Indian Inst. Sci.* 73(433-452)

Structure of the femoral gland and habitat features of an endemic anuran *Nyctibatrachus major* (Boulenger). *J. Indian Inst. Sci.* 72:385-393.

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Research Interest: Rain forest Ecology, Primates, Small Mammals Herpetofauna

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Projects:

1995-2001. Impact of habitat fragmentation on Herpeto fauna & small mammals in rain forest of the Western Ghats in Anamalai Hills, Kalakkad-mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Karhikeyan, V., A. Kumar & R. Chellam, 1998. The distribution of stream amphibians in the rain forest of the Western ghats. *Proc. Natural Wildlife Seminar*, Wildlife Institute of India, August 1998.

Any other information: No

Dr. Jugal Kishore Mahanta

Date of Birth:

Sex: Male

Occupation: Lecturer in Zoology

Correspondence: U.G. Mahavidyalaya, At P.O. Khamare via Talchur District, Angul, Orissa.

Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Population studies.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: *Rana limnocharis*, *Tomopterna rolandae*

Projects:

1994-1996. Population biology and the energetics study of the dominant species of Sambalpur region.

1994-1995. American frog study project at Barpali District, Bargarh, Orissa.

1990-1991. Population Biology growth and energetics of some amphibians from Orissa. U.G.C. sponsored project. Sambalpur District of Orissa.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No.

Publication:

MPhil Thesis:- Seasonal changes in the Population structure (Size class frequency, Sex ratio, Allometric Relationships etc.) of the amphibian assemblage at Jyothivihar, India; submitted to Sambalpur University.
Dash, M.C. & J.K. Mahanta, 1993. Quantitative analysis of the community structure of tropical amphibian assemblages and its significance to conservation; *J. of Bioscience*; Vol.18; No.1, PP 121-1
Dash, M.C. & J.K. Mahanta, 1995. Life cycle pattern of frogs and paddy cultivation in Orissa. in the X Annual Congress on Man and Environment held in NIO, Donapaula; Panaji; Goa, 8-10.
Mahanta, J.K., S.K. Swain & M.C. Dash. Morphometric relationships in tropical anurans and their relationship to some life history parameters. Communicated to J.B.N.H.S. Bombay.

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February 1999 – present. Study on Amphibian diversity and status in Kanchipuram district and starting amphibian exhibits with special reference to captive breeding at Arignar Anna Zoological Park.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained:

Yes. *Bufo melanostictus* – 8; *Euphlyctis hexadactylus* – 20; *Limnonectes limnocharis* – 30; *Polypedatus maculatus* - 12

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Research Interest: Ecology, Biodiversity, Toxicology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Thesis submitted on 31.5.1999. Studies on some aspects of the biology and Ecology of common Indian toad *Bufo Melanostictus* Schneider. Guide: Dr.M.I. Andrews, M.G. University

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special interest: Anura- *Euphyctis hexadactylus* & *Bufo melanostictus*

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

George, S. M. Mathew and M.I. Andrews. 1993. Correlation of Fat Body of some Indian Anurans Zoological Society of Kerala 3(1) 55-57.

Mathew, M. and M.I. Andrews. 1999. Effects of Hinosan on the growth of Tadpoles of common Indian Tree frog. *Polypeades maculatus* Rational Discourse 5(1).

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy

Species/group of special interest: Anuran's

Projects:

1997-99. Participating in Project on Bio-diversity of Western Ghats (M. Gadgil), Muthappampuzha, Thiruvambady Panchayath. Calicut Dist. Kerala.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication: No

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Research Interest: Amphibian Developmental Biology, Reproductive Biology, Nutrition & Reproduction

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Yes. Title of Ph.D. Thesis : Biology of Indian Paddy Field Frog, *Rana limnocharis* (Anura : Ranidae) Utkal University, degree awarded in 1994. Guide: Dr. Sushil K. Dutta

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: Not yet

Species/group of special interest: *Limnonectes limnocharis*, Aquarium fish breeding

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

Mohanty, A.K., N. Singh and S.K.Dutta, 1995. Population dynamics and growth in a Natural Population of *Limnonectes limnocharis* (Anura, Renidae) Asiatic Herpetological Research 7: 87-92.

Mohanty, A.K., N.Singh and S.K. Dutt, 1995. Polymorphism and inheritance of mid-dorsal stripe in *Limnonectes limnocharis* (Anura:Ranidae) in India. *Zoos' Print* X(7):22-23.

Mohanty, A.K., S.K.Dutta and Nina Singh 1996. Breeding, Development and life history of *Limnonectes limnocharis* (Anura: Ranidae) *Zoos' Print* X1(8):8-14.

Mohanty, A.K. and S.K.Dutta, 1998. Biological notes on *Limnonectes limnocheris* (Anura:Ranidae) in India. *Journal of Herpetology*. 6(1):33-44.

Mohanty, A.K. and S.K.Dutta 1999. Ontogeny of teeth non structure of *Limnonectes limnocharis* (Anura:Ranidae)(Communicated)

Abstracts:

Mohanty, A.K. 1991. Nature's Gift, the Forest Synopsis of papers presented in the workshop "Forest based tourism" organised by Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Orissa at Regional Science Centre, BBSR.

Mohanty, A.K. and S.K.Dutta, 1993. Polymorphism and inheritance of mid-dorsal stripe in *Rana limnocharis* (Anura:Ranidae) Proceedings of International symposium on Environmental Management of Preventable Human Problems and VIII Annual conference of the National Environmental Science Academy held at R.M.R.C., Bhubaneswar.

Mohanty, A.K. and S.K.Dutta, 1993. Embryonic development and expressing of dorso-median stripe in *Rana limnocharis* (Anura:Ranidae) Proceedings of the International symposium on cellular & molecular aspects of Developmental Regulation held at Department of Zoology, University of Poona.

Mohanty, A.K. and S.K.Dutta, 1993. Fecundity and life history of *Rana limnocharis* (Anura :Ranidae). Proceedings of National Conference on Environmental preservation. A role for every one and IX Annual meeting of National Environmental Science Academy held at Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Mohanty, A.K.and S.K.Dutta,1999. Clutch Size and hatching analysis of *Rana limnocharis* (Anura: Ranidae) Proceeding of 8th All India Congress of Zoology held at P.G. Department of Zoology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

Any other information: I was working on aquirium Fish Nutrition & Breeding of University of Delhi along with my guide Dr. P.K. Paul besides my work on mammalian reproduction.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Cytology, Conservation, Physiology, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:
1996. K.R. Vinod.

Species/group of special interest: General studies of amphibian forms in Gujarat.

Projects:

1993-1994. EIA studies on fisheries in the command area of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Project. North Narmada river in Gujarat.

1989-1992. Eco-environmental and Wildlife management Studies on Sardar Sarovar Submergence area in Gujarat. South Gujarat Bharuch area and Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary.

1986. Frog census project and reptiles. Gujarat.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod, 1995. A review on Amphibian fauna of India: Threats and preservation in Indian Wildlife: Threats and preservation. ed. B.D. Sharma (accepted)

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod and B. Pilo, 1995. Importance of conservation of amphibian fauna in shoolpaneshwar sanctuary. *Proceedings of the National Symposium on Recent Trends in Indian Wildlife Research* (in press)

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod. An update checklist and key to the amphibian fauna of Gujarat. *J. Anim. Morphol. Physiol.* (accepted)

Vinod K.R. & Y.M. Naik, 1993. An unusual case of prolonged metamorphosis in the frog *Rana cyanophlyctis*. *J. Anim. Morphol. Physiol.* 40:185-186.

Naik, Y.M., K.R. Vinod, 1993. Studies on distribution of amphibian fauna of Gujarat, India. *Hamadryad* 8: 28-34.

Naik, Y.M., K.R. Vinod and C. Patel, 1993. Record of a frog *Kaloula pulchra* from Mal-Samot, Bharuch, Gujarat. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 90:299

Naik Y.M. & K.R. Vinod, 1993. Record of a verrucose frog *Rana keralensis* from shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bharuch, Gujarat. *J. Bombay. Nat. Hist. Soc.* 90: 521-522.

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod, 1992. Amphibian fauna of Shoolpaneshwar sanctuary. *Cobra*. 8: 7-10.

Naik, Y.M. & C. Patel, 1986. Record of fungoid frog *Rana malabarica* in Navsari, Gujarat. *J. Bombay. Nat. Hist. Soc.* 83: 672.

Naik, Y.M., 1984. The occurrence of Marbled Balloon frog *Uperodon systema* in Baroda, Gujarat. *J. Bombay. Nat. Hist. Soc.* 81:482

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Research Interest: Comparative Endocrinology, Biochemistry, Reproductive Physiology, Biodiversity.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

Yes. 1. Studies on the role of certain hormones on energy metabolism in an apodan amphibian, *Gegeneophis carnosus*. Ph.D. thesis Dr.K.K. Sutharam, 1990. University of Kerala. 2. Endocrinological and morphological studies on the development.

Species/group of special Interest: Anura, Caecilians

Projects:

Biology and Biodiversity of Caecilians in Kerala.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes. Different species of Caecilians.

Publication:

Sutharam, K.K., Peter, M.C.S. & Oomen, O.V.(1990) Stimulation of oxidative metabolism by thyroid hormones in an apodan amphibian, *Gegeneophis carnosus* (Beddome) *Gen. Comp. Endocrinol.*79, 246-252.

Sutharam, K.K., Peter, M.C.S. & Oomen O.V.(1991) Androgenic control of hepatic mitochondrial metabolism in an apoda *Gegeneophis carnosus* (Beddome) *Indian J. Exp. Biology* 29, 1027-1030. 3. Valampampil, T.T.& O.V. Oomen (1997). Tricodo thyronine (T3) and thyroxine(T4) levels in *Rana curtipes* during development and metamorphosis. *Indian J. Exp. Biology* 35, 1375-1377.

Any other information: No

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Research Interest: Physiology, Toxicology, Molecular Biology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Metabolic alterations during induced ammonia stress in different times of frog *Rana hexadactyla*. 1981. S.V. University (Late Prof. K.S.Swami)

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

Metabolic alterations during induced ammonia stress in selected times of load, *Bufo melanostictus*, 1989. - K.Raghavaperumalla, S.V. University

Some metabolic alterations in an amphibian on exposure to Solar radiation, 1989, K. Gunasekhar, S.V. University.

Solar radiations induced modulations in the metabolism of an amphibian & a reptile. S. Sai Sivakumar, 1992, S.V. University.

Solar radiations effect in *Bufo melanostictus* as a functions of age. Invitro study of toad *Bufo*. Y. Vijayakumar 1986, S.V. University, K. Raghava Periamuthu, 1987, S.V. University.

Hydrominerological alterations. *Bufo* & *calotes*, E. Prabhakar, 1987, S.V. University.

Species/group of special Interest: *Euphlyctis hexadactylus*; *Bufo melanostictus*

Projects:

1985-88. UGC, New Delhi 1,63,146. Biological effects of solar radiation in selected reptilian baskers and amphibian non basker.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

Kinetic characteristics of Ache in desorption a trophy of gastrocnemius muscle of *Rana hexadactyla*. *Indian J. Exp. Biol.*, 18, 1300-2, 1980.

Role of arginine in Serateclonizal muscle, *Arch Internat. de Physiol et de Bioche.* 89, 97 – 100, 1981.

Differential production of ammonia, urea and glutamine in tissues of *Rana hexadactyla* under induced ammonia stress *Comp. Physical ecology* 7, 162-164, 1982.

Induced transient hyperammonemia in *Rana hexadactyla* with reference to ammonia & urea excretion. *Indian Journal Physiol. ecol.* 27(2) 123 – 128 1983.

Neeraja, P. 1983. Effect of induced ammonia toxicity in urea cycle enzymes of frog. *Indian J.Comp. Anim. Physiol.*, 1(2), 19-22.

- Neeraja and K.S. Swami 1983. Arginine utilization in muscle and kidney of frog during ammonio toxemia. Proc. Internat. Symp. On Guanidino compounds. Tokyo.
- Neeraja, P. G.V. Prasad, K. Indira and K.S. Swami 1984. Effect of lactate administration on selected dehydrogenases of denervated toad gastrocnemius muscle. *J. Curr. Biosciences*, 1(1), 18-22.
- Neeraja, P. and K.S. Swami 1984. Transamination and glutamate deamination in *Rana hexadactyla* during induced ammonia toxicity. *Ind. J. Physiol. Pharmacol.* 28(2) 133-136.
- Prasad, G.V., P. Neeraja, K.S. Swami, W. Rajendra and K. Indira 1984. Alterations in some dehydrogenases profiles of sciectonized toad gastrocnemius muscle metabolic modifications by malate. *Ind. J. Physio. Pharmacl.*, 28(3) 227-230.
- Vijayakumar, Y., P. Neeraja, K.S. Swami 1984. Water relation capacities of *Bufo melonstictus* to direct & indirect solar radiation. Proceedings of National Conference on Aging.
- Ananda Rao, M., K.S. Swami and P. Neeraja 1984. Age dependent rehydration capacity of toad *Bufo melonstictus* under solar stress. *Ibid*.
- Neeraja, P. and Swami, K.S. 1985. Effect of induced ammonia toxicity on free amino acid levels in *Rana hexadactyla*. *Environment & Ecology*, 3(3), 440-441.
- Vijaya Kumar, Y. and P. Neeraja 1985. Solar radiation induced dehydration in toad *Bufo melanostictus* as a function of age. *Indian J. Comp. Anim. Physiol.* 3(2), 79-82.
- Vijaya Kumar, Y. and P. Neeraja 1987. Effect of solar radiation on the globulin and albumin fractions in the liver and skin of toad *Bufo melanostictus*. *Environment & Ecol.* 5(4), 655-658.
- Prabhakar, E., S. Sai Siva Kumar, and P. Neeraja 1987. Water management in *Bufo* and calotes on solar radiation exposure. *Indian J. Comp. Anim. Physiol.* 5(1), 48-52.
- Sai Siva Kumar, S., E. Prabhakar, K. Gunasekhar and P. Neeraja 1988. Solar radiation influence on brain energy metabolism and acetylcholine esterase activity of *Bufo melanostictus*. *Ind. J. Comp. Anim. Physiol.*, 6(1), 71-76.
- Gunasekhar, K., S. Sai Siva Kumar, and P. Neeraja 1988. Effect of solar radiation exposure on the protein and glucose levels in selected tissues of frog, *Rana hexadactyla*. *Ind. J. Comp. Anim. Physiol.*, 6(2), 100-104.
- Prabhakar, E. and P. Neeraja 1988. Ionic and phospholipid level changes in 1988 *Calotes versicolor* and *Bufo melanostictus* under solar radiation stress. *Comp. Physiol Ecol.*, 1(4), 161-164.
- Gunasekhar, K., Rajyasree, M. and P. Neeraja 1991. Changes in excretory patterns of frog *Rana hexadactyla* under solar radiation stress. *Environ & Ecol.* 9(4), 915-917.
- Gunasekhar, K., M. Rajyasree, C. Sankarababu and P. Neeraja 1991. Influence of solar radiation on oxidation metabolism of *Rana hexadactyla* during different seasons. *Environ & Ecol.*
- Gunasekhar, K., C. Sankarababu, K.P. Obula Reddy and P. Neeraja 1992. Carbohydrate metabolism of frog *Rana hexadactyla* under solar radiation. *Environ & Ecol.*

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Research Interest: Genetics

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

Yes. Three Students to obtain their Ph.D. Degree. I am likely to work on genetics of Indian frogs.

Species/group of special Interest: Anurans: Frogs

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Not at present.

Publications:

Pandian, T.J. & Marian, M.P. (1985). Time and energy cost of metamorphosis in bull frog *Rana tigrina*. *Copeia*: 653-662.

Pandian, T.J. & Marian, M.P. (1985). Predicting anuran metamorphosis and energetics. *Physiol Zool*: 58: 538-552.

Pandian, T.J. & Marian, M.P. (1985). Physiological correlates of surfacing behaviour effect of aquarium depth on surfacing growth & metamorphosis in *Rana tigrina*. *Physical Behaviour*: 35: 867-872.

Marian, M.P. & Pandian, T.J. (1985). Effect of temperature or development growth & siverergetics of the bull frog tadpole, *Rana tigrina*. *J. Therm. Biol.* 10: 157-161.

Pandian, T.J. & Marian, M.P. (1986). Production & Utilization of frogs. An ecological view. *Proc. Ind. Acad. Sci.* 95: 289-301.

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Research Interest: Conservation, Taxonomy

Species/group of special Interest: Gymnophiona.

Publication:

Pillai, R.S. 1986. Amphibian fauna of Silent Valley, Kerala, S. India. *Rec. Zool. Surv. India* 84: 229-242.

Pillai, R.S. & M.S. Ravichandran. 1999. Gymnophiona (Amphibia) of India: A taxonomic study. *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*, Occ. Paper #172, 117 pp.

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Research Interest: Cytogenetics, Biochemical and Molecular genetics, conservation and Evolutionary genetics of Anurans

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1988. Genetic studies on *Rana limnocharis* (Waigman) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.
Guide: Prof. K.C. Chatterjee

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

Namrata Trivedi (1995), Reshma Batra (1998), Dayal Prasad (1999), Richa Kamthan (1999), Dayal Bagh Educational Institute

Species/group of special Interest: *Limnonectes limnocharis*, *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*, *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*

Projects:

1998. Amphibian diversity in the semi arid habitat of Agra , Genetics

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publication:

Prakash.S. 1997. A Chromosomal checklist of the amphibians of India. *Hamadryad*. Vol.23(2): 111-113

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Research Interest: Toxicology, Wildlife diversity & conservation, Wildlife Education Animal behaviour, Endocrinology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Studies on the effect of glycemcagents and endosulfan on the islets of Langerhans and adrenal in relation to Blood glucose level of the Indian Skipper frog *R. cyanophlyctis*. Bharathidasan University. December 1997. Guide: Dr. R. Kanakasabai

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

Yes. M.Phil: (Bharathidasan University 1990)

Effects of malathion on the islets of Langerham and blood glucose level on *Rana tigerina*.

Studies on the effect of Endosufan on the bloodglucose of *R. cyanophlyctis*, 1997.

Effect of phosphomidon in the skipper frog *R.cyanophlyctis* M.Phil, Bharathidasan University, Jan'99.

Studies on the amphibian fauna of point Calimere wildlife sanctuary (1999).

Amphibian population in the sugarcane fields of Thanjavur Dist. -1998.

Studies on the mortality of amphibians due to agricultural at Nagai Dist. -1999

Species/group of special Interest: *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*, *Limnonectes Limnocharis* and other anmans.

Projects:

Sep. 1998 – Aug. 99. Studies on the effect of organochlorine pesticides on the amphibian fauna of Mannampandal, Toxicology.

Dec. 1998 – Apr. 99. Studies on the diversity of amphibian fauna at Pointcalimer Wildlife Sanctuary, Wildlife Diversity & Conservation..

Oct. 1998 – Mar. 99. Studies on the effect of agricultural organochlorine pesticides on Amphibian fauna at Mannampandal village - Nagai Dist.

Dec. 1998 – Mar. 99. Studies on the Amphibian fauna of Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes. *R. Cyanophlyctis* 50 +

Publication:

Ramaswamy, G. 1983. Studies on the glycemc agents on the islets of *R. cyanophlyctis* in the Abstract Bharathidasan University. Current trends in Biological Research.

Effect of gluchemc agents on the adrenals of 1995. *R. cyanophlyctis* anophly this in the abstract of Bharathidasan University. Current Trends in Biological Research.

Diversity of Lower vertebrates at selected sacred grooves of Kerala, *Cobra*.

Popular articles on Amphibian Conservation

Any other information:

Want to develop Software packages/CD's on Amphibia - an encyclopaedia on Amphibians.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Bio Diversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No.

Species/group of special interest: Amphibians

Projects:

1990 - till date. Taxonomic studies about Amphibian Fauna in Southern India

1984 - 1990. Taxonomic studies of amphibian fauna in Southern part of Western Ghats.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

15 Papers about amphibian Taxonomy and Biodiversity, 5 papers in press.

Any other information:

I want to become an active member of Amphibian Field Resarchers in South Asia with the approval of Director, Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta. I have personally attended more than 150 scientific enquiries relating to identification of Amphibian fauna. Besides, on numerous occasions I have rendered advisory service on scientific matters to southern Indian researchers on amphibians in the wild and their taxonomy.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Population studies

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1996. (Mrs. A.V.N.S. Maruti). M.Phil. Studies on the herpetile resources of the North Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh.

1989. (Mrs. S. Subbalakshmi Devi). Ph.D. Ecological Studies on Helminth parasites of selected Herpetiles of Vizianagaram district of Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh

1987. (Mrs. P.V.Manju). M.Phil. Feeding habits of bull frog, *Rana tigerina* of two different areas of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

Species/group of special Interest: Anurans.

Projects:

1990-1992. Herpetofaunal Survey in and around Visakhapatnam (UGC funded project). Visakhapatnam urban areas.

1986-1989. A survey of Herpetofaunal resources on Eastern Ghats. (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India funded project). Andhra Pradesh (14 dist.)

1984-1987. Herpetofaunal studies in Marripakalu forests of Eastern Ghats (CSIR funded project). East Godavari dist. Andhra Pradesh

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publication:

Subba Rao, M.V. & S. Subbalakshmi Devi, 1994. An Ecological study of Helminth parasites of selected Herpetiles of Eastern Ghats of Northern Andhra Pradesh. *Forests, Wildlife & Environment*, 241-254.

Subba Rao, M.V., K. Kameswara Rao, P. Appala Raju, P.S. Raja Shekar, P.V. Prasad Rao, M. Ramachandraiah, & A.V.V.S. Swamy, 1994. Management and Conservation of Herpetofaunal Resources of the Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh. *Forests, Wildlife & Environment*. 173-207.

Subba Rao, M.V. & S. Subbalakshmi Devi, 1991. Conservation and Management of Herpetofauna of Eastern Ghats in relation to Helminth infestations. *J. Nature and Environment*.

Subba Rao, M.V., 1991. Amphibian Resources of India. *Bioresources Conservation and Management*. (ed. M.V. Subba Rao) 76-83

Subba Rao, M.V., A.V.V.S. Swamy & P.S. Raja Shekar, 1990. Herpetofaunal Resources of Eastern Ghats. *J. Natcon*, 3:243-247.

Subba Rao, M.V., A.V.V.S. Swamy, P.S. Raja Shekar & V.V. Subba Rao, 1990. Herpetofaunal Resources of Eastern Ghats - Human impact and their conservation. *Growth Development and Natural Resources Conservation*. 243-247.

Subbalakshmi Devi, S. & M.V. Subba Rao, 1990. An ecological study of helminth infestation in *Rana cyanophlyctis*. *J. Comp. Phy. Ecol.*, 15(2):70-74.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Education, Biological control

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1989. Studies on the amphibian fauna of District Dehradun (U.P) India in relation to systematics. University of Garhwal (Srinagar, U.P). Guide: Dr. Raj Tilak, Ex Deputy Director, ZSI, Dehradun

Species/group of special Interest: Microhylids, Rhacophorids including some complicated group of Ranids, In respect of Karnataka concentration on Caecilians

Projects:

1993-1996. Amphibian fauna of Mysore District, Karnataka W.S.R to R.M.N.H.Campus (&) Amphibian & Reptilian live corner pertaining to local species and life stages as a part of exhibit at RMNH, Mysore.

1989-1992. Amphibian fauna of Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve. Uttar Pradesh. Chamoli, Almora & Pithoragarh higher elevations.

1988-1989. Amphibian fauna of Western Himalaya (U.P). Districts of Garhwal and Kumaon i.e..

Dehradun 1988-1989. Amphibian fauna of Rajaji National Park. Dist. Harwar, Sarhanpur, Dehradun.

1985-1987. Amphibian fauna of Dudhwa National Park. Dist. Lakhimpur Kheri (U.P.)

1980-1985. Study of named & unnamed Amphibians housed in Northern Regional Station, Zoological Survey of India, Dehradun. Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab & Haryana.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publications:

Dutta, S.K. and P. Ray, 2000. *Microhylla sholigari*, a new species of microhylid frog (Anura: Microhylidae) from Karnataka, India. *Hamadryad* 25(1): 38-44.

Ray, P., 1995. Systematic studies on the Amphibian fauna of District Dehradun, Uttar Pradesh, India. *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*: MSS 1-145 (accepted)

Ray, P., 1995. Amphibia in fauna of conservation area. Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve. *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*. MSS 12 pp. (accepted)

Ray, P., 1995. Amphibia in fauna of Western Himalaya (U.P) Himalayan Ecosystem Series: Part I

Ray, P., 1994. Amphibia in Fauna of conservation area 5. Rajaji National Park. *Zool. Surv. India*: 55-75

Ray, P., 1993. *Chirixalus dudhwaensis* a new rhacophorid from Dudhwa National Park, Uttar Pradesh, India. *Indian J. Forestry* 15(3): 146-149

Ray, P., 1992. Two new hill-stream frogs of the genus *Amolops* cope (Amphibia: Anura: Ranidae) from Uttar Pradesh, India. *Indian J. Forestry* 15(4):346-350

Ray, P., 1991. On the extension of range of distribution of *Kaloula pulchra* Gray, 1831 (Anura: Microhylidae) with special reference to its morphology, osteology and biology. *Indian J. Forestry* 14(2): 127-130.

Ray, P., 1991. On the natural distribution of the rare tree frog *Rhacophorus taeniatus* Boulenger, 1906 (Anura: Rhacophoridae) with notes on its biology and osteology. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 88(3): 359-361.

Tilak, R & P. Ray, 1988. Range extension and notes on *Rana erythraea* (Schlegel, 1837) (Anura: Ranidae) from Dudhwa National Park, Uttar Pradesh. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 87(3): 380-384.

Ray, P., 1986. On the distribution of *Uperodon globulosum* (Günther) (Microhylidae: Anura) in district Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, Terai, with notes on larval forms of *U. globulosum* and *U. systoma* Schneider. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* MSS (1-5 pp) 5 figs (accepted).

Tilak, R. & P. Ray, 1985. Description of a new species of the genus *Rana* (*Paa*) from Chakrata Hills, District Dehradun, Uttar Pradesh, India (Ranidae: Anura), *Zool. Anz.*, 215 (3/4): 231-239.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Physiology, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education, Animal behaviour, Acoustic communication.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

1980. Certain aspects of ecology and development of *Rana limnocharis*, Wiegmann. North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Guide: Late Prof. M.K. Khare.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1996 (started) Ph.D. - Mr. Nachiketa Homchoudhary
1996. M. Phil - Mr. Amarendra Sarma
1995. (started) Ph.D. - Ms. Bakordar. W. Bennett
1997. (to complete) Ph. D. - Ms. Bijoylakshmi Borah
1995. M. Phil - Ms. Syeda Rezir Ahmed

Species/group of special interest: *Limnonectes limnocharis*, *Euphylyctis cyaophlyctis*, *Rana erythraea*, *Rana gerbillus*, *Hyla annexers*, *Microhyla ornata*, *Tyrototriton verrucosus*

Projects:

2000. Conservation of Crocodile Salamander, *Tyrototriton verrucosus*, Darjeeling.
1996-1999. Acoustically mediated behaviour in amphibians from metamorphosis to adults. DST, SERC Funding. Northeastern India
1993-1996. Acoustic Communication in Frogs. DST, SERC Funding. Northeastern India.
1975-1979. Ph.D. work - "Studies on Certain Aspects of Ecology and Development of *Rana limnocharis*". Shillong, Meghalaya.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publication:

Roy, D. & M.K. Khare, 1978. Normal table of development of *Rana limnocharis* Wiegmann. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, India. XLVIII.
Roy, D. & M.K. Khare, 1979. The influence of embryonic limiting temperature on the development of *Rana limnocharis* Wiegmann. *Biol. J. Linn. Soc.*, London. 11: 279-287.
Khare, M.K., D. Roy & A. Kumar, 1981. Induced breeding in two Indian frog species. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, India. 51(B) 11: 187-189.
Roy, D. & M.K. Khare, 1986. Cellular cyclic changes in the pars distalis of *Rana limnocharis* Wiegmann, in relation to annual gonadal cycle. In: *Studies in Herpetology* (ed) Rocek, Z. Charles. University Press, Prague, Czechoslovakia. pp. 613-619.
Roy, D. & H.K. Mueller, 1986. Vegetative reactions in *Rana temporaria*. In: *Studies in Herpetology* (ed) Rocek, Z. Charles. University Press, Prague, Czechoslovakia. pp. 607-611.
Roy, D. 1989. A preliminary report on early cell type specific antibodies in *Xenopus laevis*. *Current Science*. 58(20): 1163-1165.
Roy, D. 1990. Annual breeding cycle of *Rana limnocharis* in the North-Eastern Hills of India. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, India. 60(B) III: 363-365.

- Otte, A., D. Roy, M. Siemerink, C.H. Koster, F. Hochstenbach, A. Timmerman & A.J. Durston, 1990. Characterization of a maternal type VI collagen in *Xenopus* embryos suggests a role collagen in gastrulation. *J. Cell Biol.* 111: 271-278.
- Roy, D. & A. Elepfandt, 1990. Analysis of the middle ear development in the clawed frog. *Verh. Dt. Zool. Ges.* 83: 469-470.
- Roy, D. & A. Elepfandt, 1993. Bioacoustic analysis of frog calls from northeast India. *J. Biosci.* 18(3): 381-393.
- Roy, D. 1994. Development of auditory structures in vertebrates with special reference to anurans. *J. Biosci.* 19(5): 629-644.
- Roy, D., B. Borah & A. Sarma, 1995. Analysis and significance of female reciprocal calls in frogs. *Current Science.* 69(3): 265-270.
- Roy, D., A. Sarma, B. Borah, & B.W. Bennett. Significance of biometric ratios and bioacoustic call analysis in amphibian systematics. (Communicated).
- Roy, D, B. Borah & A. Sarma. Acoustic communication: a guiding factor in the social structure of *Rana erythraea* (Amphibia: Anura: Ranidae). (In preparation).

Abstracts:

- Roy, D. & M.K. Khare, 1977. Food and feeding habits of *Rana limnocharis*. 46th Annual Session. Natl. Acad. Sci., Allahabad, India.
- Roy, D. & M.K. Khare, 1977. Studies in the life history of *Rana limnocharis*. 2nd All India Symposium on Development Biology, Pune, India.
- Roy, D. & M.K. Khare, 1977. Embryonic temperature tolerance and development of *Rana limnocharis*. 2nd All India Symposium on Development Biology, Pune, India.
- Roy, D., F.W. Schomoe & H.K. Mueller, 1987. ECG and skin potential in *Rana temporaria* and *Bufo bufo* under the influence of autonomic acting drugs. European Herpetological Congress, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
- Otte, A., D. Roy & A.J. Durston, 1987. Characterisation of an antigen that is localised in early *Xenopus* embryo. European Developmental Biology Conference, Helsinki, Finland.
- Roy, D., B. Borah & A. Sarma, 1994. Vocalisation and social behaviour in *Rana erythraea*. Annual Meeting of the Ethological Society of India and National Symposium on Animal Behaviour, Lucknow.
- Roy, D., B. Borah, A. Sarma & B.W. Bennett, 1996. Significance of biometric ratios and bioacoustic analysis in amphibian systematics. Annual Meeting of the Ethological Society of India, Dharwad.

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Research Interest: Herpetology, Comparative Endocrinology, Reproduction in Amphibians and Lizards

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Steroidogenic cellular sites in the Gonads of *Rana cyanophlyctis*, *Rana tigrina* and *Bufo melanostictus*.
1974. Karnataka University, Dharwad. Guide: V.B. Nadkarni (Retd.)

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

1982. Some Aspects of Reproductive Biology of the toad *Bufo melanostictus*. Candidate: R.D. Kanamadi

1983. Some experimental studies on the Pars distalis in relation to Thyroid, Interrenal gland and Ovary of the frog, *Rana cyanophlyctis* (Schn.) Candidate: M. Masood-Hussain

1984. Some studies on the regulation of Ovarian cycle in the frog, *Rana tigrina* (Daud.). Candidate: S. Pramoda

1984. Some studies on the regulation of Spermatogenesis in the frog, *Rana tigrina* (Daud.). Candidate: T. Kurian

1984. Studies on the development and Atresia of Ovarian Follicles in the frog, *Rana cyanophlyctis* (Schn.). Candidate: M. Pancharatna

1988. Some studies on Endocrine regulation of Oocyte recruitment and development in the frog, *Rana cyanophlyctis* (Schn.). Candidate: Y.S. Prasadmurthy

1989. Some studies on the Endocrine aspects of the female frog, *Rana cyanophlyctis* (Schn.) in relation to reproduction. Candidate: V.A. Kupwade

1995. Factors controlling growth and recruitment of Oocytes in the bull frog, *Rana tigrina* (Daud.). Candidate: B. Hoque

Species/group of special Interest:

Hoplobatrachus tigrinus, *Euphylyctis cyanophlyctis*, *Rana curtipes*, *Rana temporalis*, *Polypedatus maculatus*, *Bufo melanostictus*, *Microhyla ornata*, Bioecology of anuran Tadpoles, Behaviour of tadpoles etc.

Projects:

1996-99. Bioecology of Tadpoles of South Indian Anurans and Sex differentiation in Dharwad, Uttar Kannada and Western Ghats. Funded by DST.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: *Hoplobatrachus tigrinus*, Tadpoles of various anurans until metamorphosis

Any other information:

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Amphibians

Projects:

1996 (1 month/ 3 Asst.). A study of Amphibians in the Peechi Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary, Western Ghats, Kerala Thrissur dist. Kerala.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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Species/group of special Interest: Cats and Reptiles

Projects:

Biodiversity status of West Bengal, Fauna and Flora

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Research Interest: Ecology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Leaf Litter Anuran Communities

Projects:

1997-1998. Photodocumentation of amphibians and reptiles of the Western Ghats.

1994-1995. Effect of habitat conversion on the leaf litter anurans of Varagaliar. Western Ghats.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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Research Interest: Ecology, Taxonomy

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Anuran taxonomy and ecology

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publication:

Sarkar, A.K. *et al.*, 1976. On the occurrence of Himalayan Newt, *T. verrucosus* from Arunachal Pradesh, India. Newsletter. *Zool. Surv. India* 2(6): 243-245

Sarkar, A.K. & M.R. Mansukhani, 1977. Amphibians of Midnapur dist, West Bengal. *Newsl. Zool. Surv. India*, 3 (4): 156-157

Sarkar, A.K. & R. Tilak, 1977. On the occurrence of *Bufo viridis* in Kinnaur dist. (H. P.). *Newsl. Zool. Surv. India.*, 3 (1): 29-30

Sarkar, A.K. & M.R. Mansukhani, 1980. On a new species of toad from camorat, Andaman and Nicobar, India. *Bull. Zool. Surv. India*, 3(192): 97-101

Sarkar, A.K. & M.R. Mansukhani, 1981. Notes on some amphibian collections from Tripura, India. *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*, 79: 267-273

Sarkar, A.K., 1984. Ecological studies on the amphibians of Gujarat. *Bull. Zool. Surv. India*, 6(1-3): 87-93

Sarkar, A.K., 1984. Taxonomic and ecological studies on the Amphibians of Calcutta & Environs. *Rec. Zool Surv. India*, 81 (93&\$): 215-236

Sarkar, A.K. & D.P. Sanyal, 1985. Fauna of Namdapha, Arunachal Pradesh, Amphibia. *Rec. Zool. Surv., India*, 82 (1-4): 285-295

- Sarkar, A.K., et al., 1988. Anuran fauna of Gwalior and Chambal Division of Madhya Pradesh, India. *J. Hydrobiol.*, 4(1): 25-27
- Sarkar, A.K., 1990. Taxonomic and Ecological studies on the Amphibians of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India, *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*, 86(1): 103-117
- Sarkar, A.K., et al., 1992. State Fauna Series 3 (ZSI): *Fauna of West Bengal: Amphibia* Part 2, pp. 67-100
- Sarkar, A.K., 1993. State Fauna Series I (ZSI): *Fauna of Orissa Part 4: Amphibia*, pp. 39-49
- Sarkar, A.K., 1993. State Fauna Series 5 (ZSI): *Fauna of Andhra Pradesh Part 1: Amphibia*: 65-87
- Sarkar, A.K., 1991. The Amphibians of Chota Nagpur, Bihar), India. *Rec. Zool. Surv. India*, 89(1-4): 2099-217
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. *Fauna of Manipur: Amphibia* (In Press)
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. Fauna of Arunachal Pradesh, India: Amphibia (In Press)
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. Fauna of Gujarat, India: Amphibia (In Press)
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. Fauna of Tripura, India: Amphibia (In Press)
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. Fauna of KabarLake (Bihar): Amphibia (In Press)
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. Fauna of Yamuna River & It's Environs: Amphibia (In Press)
- Sarkar, A.K. & S. Ray. Fauna of Damodar River & Its Environs: Amphibia (In Press)

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Physiology, Taxonomy, Embryology and Education

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special interest: *Rana* and *Microhyla* species

Projects:

- 1980-89 & 1992-94, Amphibians of Nagpur Nagpur-Vidarbha region
1995-96, Amphibians of Maldives.
1995-99, Development stages of Amphibians.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes. *Rana* sp. and *Bufo* sp.

Publication:

- Sawarkar, D.B. 1993. Report on *Microhyla*, *J.B.N.H.S.*
Sawarkar, D.B. 1995. Frogs of Nagpur, *J.M.V.P.*
Sawarkar, D.B. 1996. Uric acid excretion in frog, Symposium on Animal behaviour.

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Education, Animal behaviour, Toxicology & Treatments

Species/group of special Interest: *Rhacophorus cruciger cruciger*, Herpetiles and their habitats

Projects:

1995-1996. Biodiversity assessment of the 'Kuruluकेle' Forest Reserve in Kuruluकेle area, Kegalle (GEF/SGP - UNDP Funding).

1998-99. Conservation on Biodiversity of 'Kuruluकेle' area and its management (GEF/SGP - UNDP funding)

1995-96. Nature study of 'Thithhawella' in 'Thithhawella' lake, Kurunegala district (SLEES)

1996-97. Biodiversity study of 'Dombagaskande' reserve in Ibbagauwa area and Kurunegala dist. (SLEES)

1995-96. Nature study of 'Koskela' reserve in Polgahawela area and Kurunegala dist., (SLEES)

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Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Any other information:

Research and studies going on twelve selected forest reserves in the Kegalle district, Sabaragamuwa Province (including Amphibian studies)

Participated the 'International Conference on biology & conservation of South Asian Amphibian Reptiles', Kandy, Sri Lanka from 1st -5th August 1996.

Participated the Inaugural meeting of Conservation Breeding Specialist Group of Sri Lanka (CBSG/IUCN/SSC) on 18.10. 97 at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

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Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: Baya Weaver Bird

Projects:

1998, Dr. Salim Ali Project to study effect of IGNP on avifauna of Thar-desert in Rajasthan

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Sharma, S.K. 1994a. Effect of sewage water on different species of amphibians. *JBNHS*.

Sharma, S.K. 1994b. Throat coloration in female *Microhyla ornata* (Dumeril & Bibron) *JBNHS* 91:463

Sharma, S.K. 1995a. An overview of the amphibians and reptilian fauna of Rajasthan. *Flora and Fauna* 1(1): 47-48

Sharma, S.K. 1995b. Amphibians of Phulwari Ki Nal Wildlife Sanctuary. *JBNHS* 92(2): 271-272.

Sharma, S.K. 1995c. Further notes on frog-eating habit of grey musk shrew *Suncus murinus*. *JBNHS* 92(2): 251

Sharma, S.K. 1996. Habitat preference and distribution of amphibians in Rajasthan. *ZOOS' PRINT* 11 (6):77

Sharma, S.K. 1997a. The occurrence of the common tree frog *Polypedates maculatus* (Gray, 1834) (Family: Rhacophoridae) in Rajasthan. *JBNHS* 94(3):580-81.

Sharma, S.K. 1997b. The occurrence of *Bufo stomaticus* and *Uperodon systoma* in Haryana state. *JBNHS* 94(3): 581-82

Sharma, S.K. 1998. Biota of Rajasthan. (In reviving the wetlands Ed. S.K. Verma, Himanshu Publications, Udaipur).

Sharma, S.K. 1991. Frog eating habit of longeared hedgehog *H. auritus* and Grey Musk Shrew *S. murinus*. *JBNHS* 88(1): 115

Sharma, S.K. 1992. First record of *Uperodon systoma* from Rajasthan. *JBNHS* 89(1): 133

Sharma, S.K. 1995. Amphibians of Rajasthan. *Vijnana Parishad Annsandhan Patrica* (Hindi) 38 (3): 185-93

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Biodiversity, Taxonomy.

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special interest: Tree frog

Projects:

1982-1984. Breeding behaviour of Amphibians of Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivili, Bombay.
1987-1989. Amphibian fauna of Goa. Bondla, Volpol, Molem, Sanguem & Canacona, Goa.
1993-1995. Amphibians of northern Western Ghats, Borivili, Thane, Koyna, Satara District, Chandoli Sangh District and Amboli, Sindhum District, Maharashtra.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

1984. Distribution of *Bufo camortensis* Mansukhani & Sarkar in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 81: 458.
1987. A note on the breeding habits of Jerdon's *Ramanella montana* (Jerdon, 1854). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 84:231-232.
1988. On a small collection of Amphibians from Goa (with Humayun Abdulali). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 85:202-205.
1988. A note on the morphometry of *Rhacophorus malabaricus*, the malabar gliding frog. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 85:627.
1989. Field guide to the Amphibians of Western India - Part4 (with J.C. Daniel) *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 86: 194-202.
1990. Observations in the developmental stages of the Tadpoles of the Malabar gliding frog. *Rhacophorus malabaricus* Jerdon, 1870. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 87: 223-226.
1990. Notes on the morphometry, Ecology, Behaviour and Food of the Tadpoles of *Rana curtipes*. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 87: 312-313.
1991. Distribution of the Amphibian fauna of India. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 88: 125-127.
1992. Additions to the list of Amphibians fauna of Goa. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 89: 134.
1992. A study on the food habits of six anuran tadpoles. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 89: 9-16.
1992. Key to the Amphibian fauna of Goa. *Herpeton* 4: 14-15.
1992. Notes on morphometry, habitat, behaviour and food of the tadpoles of Leith's frog *Rana leithii*. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 89: 259-261.
1995. On the morphology, advertising call and habitat of the Bush frog *Philautus leucorhinus* (Lichtenstein and Martens, 1856). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 92: 22-25.

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Research Interest: Amphibian population, density, diversity, ecological parameter and energetics

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Submitted. A comparative study of Amphibian population in Sambalpur, Orissa and effect of pesticides on it. Guide: Prof. M.C. Dash

Species/group of special Interest:

Hoplobatrachus tigerinus; *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis* and *Limnonectes limnocharis*

Captive populations of amphibians maintained:

Hoplobatrachus tigerinus - 50; *Limnonectes limnocharis* - 70; *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis* - 90

Publication:

Mohanta, J.K., S.K. Swain, and Madhab C. Dash, 1997. Morphometric relationship in tropical Anurans and their relationship to some life history parameters. *Journal of Bombay Nat. Hist. Society*. Vol. 94 (2) August 1997.

Dr. Veena Tandon

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Research Interest: Biodiversity, Parasites, Zoonoses

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: Yes.

1. Parasites of Amphibia in Nagaland – 1998, R. Imrongwapang, M.Phil North Eastern Hill University.
2. Studies on the monogenean parasites of anuran Amphibia in Meghalaya India-morphological, ecological and biological aspects 1997 Ph.D., Momoni Dutta, NEHU.
3. Studies on the monogenean and cestode parasites of anuran amphibian hosts in Meghalaya, 1991, Momoni Dutta, North-Eastern Hill University. M.Phil.
4. Helminth parasite spectrum of amphibian hosts in Meghalaya- 1989, Ph.D., C.A.R. Diengoloh, North-Eastern Hill University

Species/group of special Interest: Rhacophorids, Anura in general

Projects:

1995-97. Helminth parasites of Amphibia in Nagaland, Kohima, Dimapur, Mokorchung, (Nagaland)
1992-1995, Studies on the monogenean parasites of anuran Amphibia in Meghalaya, Shillong, East Khasi Hills, Garo Hills
1982 – 89. Helminth parasite spectrum of Amphibia in Meghalaya

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Tadpoles of rhacophorid species, from time to time.

Publications:

Tandon, V. & Invkongwapang, R. 1999. Natural Infection of sparganum in Nagaland (North East India) an Amphibia-borne zoonosis? *ZOOS' PRINT Journal*, 14(5),13-16.
Imkongwapang, R., V. Tandon and B. Roy 1999. Surface fine topography of *Diplodiscus* spp. (Trematoda: Paramphistomidae) parasitic in anuran frogs. *Journal of Parasitology and Applied Animal Biology*, 8(1), 55-62.
Dutta, M. and Tandon, V. 1994. The nervous system of *Polystoma indicum* (Monogenea: Polystomatidae) as revealed by nonspecific esterase localization. *Folia Parasitologica*, 41, 177-182.
Diengdoh, C.R. and Tandon, V. 1991. A new species of *Polystoma* (monogenea) parasitic in rhacophorid amphibians in Meghalaya, India. *Helminthologia*, 28, 173-178.

Any other information: No

Karthykeyan Vasudevan

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Taxonomy

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: Ph.D. thesis under submission.

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: No specific group or species, the entire assemblage

Projects:

1995 onwards. Western Ghats Amphibian study, 8°N Lat. to 12°N Lat.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: I hope to in the near future

Publication:

Vasudevan, K. 1997. Rediscovery of Black Microhylid *Melanobatrachus indicus* (Beddome 1878). *JBNHS* April 97, pp 170-171
Vasudevan, K. and S.K. Dutta 2000. A new species of *Rhacophorus* (Anura: Rhacophoridae) from the Western Ghats. *Hamadryad* 25(1): 21-28.

Seenapuram Palaniswamy Vijayakumar

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Sex: Male

Occupation: Research

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Research Interest: Zoogeography, Community Ecology, Conservation and Anuran acoustics

Species/group of special Interest: Family: Rhacophoridae

Projects:

1996-97 Audio and Photodocumentation of the Anuran fauna of Southern Western Ghats (Volunteer). (Funded by WII to Mr. Shivaprasad, P.S. Wildlife Sound Recordist) in Tamil Nadu & Kerala.

1998 Study on the impact of vehicular traffic on the herpetofauna of rainforest fragments (Collobarated work with Mr. V. Karthikeyan, Mr. N.M. Ishwar, WII) in Valparai, Tamil Nadu & Southern Western Ghats

1999 Study on the Anurans Fauna of the Sholas (Montane wet temperate forests) (As part of M.S. dissertation, Partly funded by Palani Hills Conservation Council) in Upper Palnis

1999 Study on the herpetofaunal communities in the dry forests of Kalakkad-mundanthurai Tiger Reserve. World Bank, FREEP- KMTR Project, Wildlife Institute of India in Kalakkad-mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Vijayakumar, S.P., 1998. Anurans of Pondicherry University Campus. *FROGLEG* Vol. III No. 1

T. Vijayakumaran

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Animal behaviour, Taxonomy and population studies

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies:

Hendry, D. Sankari, A. Ravi 1998. Studies on the Survey of frogs in Nangur village for National Children's Science Congress.

Sathiya et al 1998. Studies on the morphometry and sex ratio at the common Indian toad, *Bufo melanostictus*. Proc. Of VIth National Children's Science Congress

Childambaram R, et al., Studies on the dry skin preparation of frogs and toads. Proc. Of VIth National Children's Science Congress.

Species/group of special Interest: *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*, *Euphlyctis hexadactylus*, *Limnonectes limnocharis*, *Bufo melanostictus*

Projects: No

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

K.R. Vinod

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Phone: 91 (265) 336492 Fax: 91 (265) 481080

Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Genetics, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Toxicology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies:

Thesis in preparation. Studies in certain ecological and cytogenetic aspects of anuran amphibians. M.S. University, Baroda

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Projects:

Effect of environmental contaminants on frog chromosomes.
1990. Ecological studies on amphibians in Gujarat.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod. A review on amphibian fauna of India. In: *Threats and Preservation in Indian Wildlife*. ed.B.D.Sharma (in press)

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod, 1995. An update checklist and key to the amphibian fauna of Gujarat. *J. Amm. Morphol. Physiology*.(accepted)

Naik, Y.M., K.R. Vinod & B. Pilo, 1995. Importance of preservation of amphibian fauna in Shoolpaneshwar Sanctuary. *Proceedings of the National symposium on recent trends in Indian Wildlife Research*. (in press)

Naik, Y.M. & K.R. Vinod, 1994. Record of a frog *Rana keralensis* from Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bharuch, Gujarat. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Society*. 90:521-522.

Naik, Y.M., K.R.Vinod & C. Patel, 1993. Record of a frog *Kaloula pulchra* from Mal-Samot, Bharuch, Gujarat. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Society*. 90:299

Vinod K.R. & Y.M. Naik, 1993. An unusual case of prolonged metamorphosis in the frog *Rana cyanophlyctis*. *J. Anim. Morphol. Physiol.*40:185-186

Naik, Y.M. & K.R.Vinod, 1993. Studies on distribution of amphibian fauna of Gujarat. *Hamadryad* 8:28-34.

Naik, Y.M. & K.R.Vinod, 1992. Amphibian fauna of Shoolpaneshwar Sanctuary. *Cobra*. Vol.8 pp 7-10 .

Any other information:

Two species (*Rana keralensis*, *Kaloula pulchra*) were reported for the first time from the state

Dr. Madhu Vyas

Date of Birth: **Sex:** Female **Occupation:** Assistant Professor

Correspondence: 6, Prakash Nagar, Near Circuit House, Dhar 454 001 M.P.

Research Interest: Conservation, Physiology, Education, Toxicology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*

Projects:

1995. Biology of commonly available amphibians of Malwa region of M.P. Dhar, Ujjain, Indore, Shagapur, Districts of Malwa Region of M.P.

1994. Endocrine Glands of *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*.

1981. Toxicity of Potassium dichromate to the tadpoles of common Indian frog *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: Yes

Publication:

Pandey, A., M. Vyas & T.P. Vyas, 1995. Effects of Malathion on the development of Indian frog *Rana tigerina*. *Proceeding of National Seminar on Modern Trends in Research in Zoology*. pg. 33.

Vyas, T.P. & M. Vyas, 1995. Effects of Methyldeleton on the development of the common frog *Rana tigerina*. *Proceedings of National Seminar on Modern Trends in Research in Zoology*. pg. 32

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1995. Effect of Benzene hexachloride on the development of the Indian frog *Rana tigerina*. *Proceeding of National Seminar on Modern Trends in Research in Zoology*.pg. 7

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1981. Toxicity of potassium dichromate to the tadpoles of common Indian frog *Rana tigerina*. *National Academy Science letters*, Allahabad, India. Vol 4, No 2.

Dr. Raju Vajubhai Vyas

Date of Birth: 18-8-1958

Sex: Male

Occupation: Zoo Inspector

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Research Interest: Ecology, Conservation, Taxonomy

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Projects:

1998, Amphibian diversity in Vamsda National Park and Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publications:

Vyas, R. & B.H. Patel, 1994. Second record of the frog *Kaloula pulchra* Gray from Gujarat State. *Cobra* (18):25-26.

Vyas, R., 1996. Amphibian fauna of Gujarat State: Update list and regional distribution. *ZOOS' PRINT* 11(5):12-13

Vyas, R., 1998. Predation of Euphylyctis cyanophlyctis tadpoles by squirrel and myna. *Cobra* (34):23

Bhatt, K., R. Vyas & Mahesh Singh, 1999. Herpetofauna of Gir protected area. *ZOOS' PRINT* 14(5): 27-30.

Romulus Earl Whitaker

Date of Birth: 23-5-1943

Sex: Male

Occupation: Film maker

Correspondence: Madras Crocodile Bank, Post Bag No. 4, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu 603104
Phone: (04114) 46332 Fax: (044) 4918747
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Research Interest: Field Ecology, Captive husbandry

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: No

Species/group of special Interest: General

Projects:

General surveys, Andaman & Nicobar islands, Western Ghats

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

Publication:

Within other herpetological survey publications (no separate amphibian publications)

Dr. M.R. Yadav

Date of Birth:

Sex: Male

Occupation: Teaching and Research

Correspondence: Wildlife, Environment and Tourism Society, 3/16, Muraitola, Ayodhya, Faizabad
Uttar Pradesh
Phone: 91 (5278) 32214

Research Interest: Ecology, Cytology, Conservation, Genetics, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies, Education, Toxicology

Ph.D. in amphibian studies: No

Guiding/guided students in amphibian studies: Yes

Species/group of special Interest: Amphibians

Projects:

1994-96. Survey of amphibians status in northern and central India.

1994-96. Nesting and development aspects of amphibians in northern and central India.

1994-96. Ecological studies on amphibians of northern and central India.

1994-96. Toxicological effects on the amphibians of northern and central India.

Captive populations of amphibians maintained: No

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**List of Organisations involved in amphibian
research in South Asia**

(as of December 1999)

List of Organisations with South Asian Amphibian Research Interest (As of December 1999)

This list includes all known amphibian research interested organisations in South Asia. There are 74 institutes in South Asia who have either in the past or are presently involved in amphibian studies -- be it field work, taxonomy or conservation related work. This list has been compiled from information obtained through networking and from a previous list compiled by Indraneil Das and Anslém de Silva.

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Department of Zoology/ Wildlife Biology, Mayiladuthurai, Mannampandal, Tamil Nadu 69 305, [India](#)

Amphibian and Reptile Research Organisation of Sri Lanka (ARROS)

Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, [Sri Lanka](#)

Andhra University

Department of Environmental Sciences, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 530003, [India](#)

Arignar Anna Zoological Park

Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, [India](#)

Arya Vidyapeeth College

Department of Zoology, Guwahati, Assam 781016, [India](#)

Bangalore University

Department of Zoology, Jnana Bharathi, Bangalore, Karnataka 560056, [India](#)

Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)

Hornbill House, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Salim Ali Chowk, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400024, [India](#)

Chaiduar College

Department of Zoology, Gohpur, Sonipur, Assam 784178, [India](#)

Chennai Snake Park Trust (CSPT)

Guindy National Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, [India](#)

Christ College

Department of Zoology, Irinjalkuda, Thrissur, Kerala, [India](#)

Coimbatore Zoological Park and Conservation Centre (CZPCC)

Pioneer House, Avanashi Road, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu 641004, [India](#)

Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) India, Amphibian Special Interest Group
c/o Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO),

79, Bharathi Colony, P.B. 1683, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu 641004, [India](#)

Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI)

Department of Zoology, Biochemical Genetics Lab, Dayalbagh, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282005, [India](#)

Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force - South Asia (DAPTF-SA)

c/o Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO)

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Ecological Research Centre (ERC)
Thattakadu Bird Sanctuary, Njyapilly, Kerala 686 691, [India](#)

Friends of Rare Amphibians of the Western Ghats (FRAWG), c/o Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO)
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Goa University
Department of Zoology, Talegaon, Goa 403206, [India](#)

Government Arts College
Department of Zoology, Calicut, Kerala, [India](#)

Herp Laboratory
15/6 Darul Saddam N., Rabwah 35460, [Pakistan](#)

Indian Herpetological Society (IHS)
Poona Serpentarium, "Usant", Pune-Satara Road, Pune, Maharashtra 411009, [India](#)

Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, 94300 Kota
Samarahan, Sarawak, [Malaysia](#)

J.C.B.M. College
Department of Zoology, Sringeri, Karnataka 577139, [India](#)

Jahangirnagar University
Department of Zoology, Wildlife Biology Branch, Savar, Dhaka [Bangladesh](#)

Kanpur University
Department of Zoology, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, [India](#)

Karnatak University
Department of Zoology, Dharwad, Karnataka 580003, [India](#)

Kerala Forest Department
Wildlife Division, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, [India](#)

Kerala Forest Research Institute
Wildlife Biology Division, Peechi, Thrissur Kerala, [India](#)

Kuvempu University
Department of PG Studies and Research in Environmental Sciences, Jnana Sahyadri, Shankaraghatta,
Sringeri, Karnataka 577451, [India](#)

M.S. University
Department of Zoology, Vadodara, Gujarat 390002, [India](#)

Madras Crocodile Bank Trust (MSBT)
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Mar Thoma College
Department of Zoology, Thiruvilla, Kerala, [India](#)

Modern College
Department of Zoology, Pune, Maharashtra 411005, [India](#)

Nagarjuna University
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National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources
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National Museum
Department of Zoology, Colombo, [Sri Lanka](#)

Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS)
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P.R.S.S. University
School of studies in Life Sciences, Raipur, Madhya Pradesh 492010, [India](#)

Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH)
Markaz F-7, Black 2, Islamabad, [Pakistan](#)

Patna University
Environmental Biology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, Patna, Bihar 800005, [India](#)

Poornaprajna College
Department of Zoology, Udipi, Karnataka 576101, [India](#)

Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, [India](#)

Regional Research Laboratory, CSIR
Rural Development Unit, Canal Road, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir 180001, [India](#)

Research Centre on Natural Science
Duillya, Howrah, West Bengal 711302, [India](#)

Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatty P.O., Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu 641010, [India](#)

Sambalpur University
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South Asian Reptile and Amphibian Specialist Group (SARASG)
c/o Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, P.O. Bag 4, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu 603104, [India](#)

Sree Gopal Banerjee College
Department of Zoology, P.O. Mogra, Hoogly District, West Bengal, [India](#)

Sri Aurobindo Institute of Indigenous Culture (SAIC)
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Sri J.C.B.M College
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Sri Venkateswara University
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Tribhuvan University
Department of Zoology, Kirtipur Campus, Kathmandu, [Nepal](#)

Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute
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U.G. Mahavidyalaya
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University of Chittagong
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University of Dhaka
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University of Jammu
Department of Biosciences, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir 180001, [India](#)

University of Kerala
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University of Peradeniya
Departments of Zoology and Medicine, Peradeniya, [Sri Lanka](#)

University of Rajasthan
Department of Zoology, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302400, [India](#)

Utkal University
Department of Zoology, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa 751004, [India](#)

Vidharba Nature and Human Sciences (VNHS)
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Vivekananda College
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Wildlife Heritage Trust of Sri Lanka (WHT)
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Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
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Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
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Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
Herpetology Section, Fire-Proof Spirit Building, 27 J.L. Nehru Road, Calcutta, West Bengal 700016, [India](#)

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
Southern Regional Station (SRS), 100, Santhome High Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600028, [India](#)

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
Western Ghats Regional Station (WGRS), Kamala Building (I Floor), Annie Hall Road, Calicut, Kerala 673002, [India](#)

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
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Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)
Arunachal Pradesh Field Station (APFS), P.B. 12, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh 791111, [India](#)