

**During the year 2009, the Plant discoveries from India by the Plant Taxonomists of BSI
and other organizations**

NEW TO SCIENCE FROM INDIA

	10 genera
	184 species
New Species	1 nothospecies
	8 varieties

NEW RECORDS FOR INDIA

	5 genera
	60 species and
	1 variety

During the year 2009, the scientists of BSI published 1 new genus, 41 new species, and 3 new varieties of plants and discovered 3 genera, 31 species and 1 variety as new records for India, while the taxonomists from academia and other organizations published 9 new genera, 143 new species, 1 new nothospecies, 5 new varieties of new plants and 29 species as new records for India.

SEED PLANTS

The spermatophytes (also known as phanerogams) are those plants that produce seeds. The living spermatophytes form five main groups:

Cycads, a subtropical and tropical group of plants with a large crown of compound leaves and a stout trunk,

Ginkgo, a single living species of tree,

Conifers, cone-bearing trees and shrubs,

Gnetophytes, woody plants in the genera *Gnetum*, *Welwitschia*, and *Ephedra*, and

Angiosperms, the flowering plants, a large group including many familiar plants in a wide variety of habitats.

During 2009

01 new genus from Himalaya (*Cymbidiopsis*)

53 new species

01 nothospecies

(11 from Arunachal Pradesh, 06 from Tamil Nadu, 04 from Maharashtra, 04 from Kerala and 04 from Uttarakhand, 03 from Meghalaya, 03 from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 03 from Jammu & Kashmir, 02 from Karnataka, 02 from Andhra Pradesh, 02 from Nagaland, 02 from unknown localities in North East India, 01 each from Goa, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram and West Bengal and 01 species of *Ephedra* from Himachal Pradesh and 01 species distributed throughout the country) and

07 new varieties and 13 new distributional records have been published from India.

Seed Plants

NEW GENUS

CYMBIDIOPSIS H. J. Chowdhery, Ind. J. Forest. 32(1): 154. 2009. (ORCHIDACEAE)

NEW SPECIES

Aralia devendrae Pusalkar, Taiwania 54(3): 226. 2009. (ARALIACEAE)

Bambusa majumdarii P. Kumari & P. Singh, Kew Bull. 64(3): 565. 2009. (POACEAE: BAMBUSOIDEAE)

Bambusa mizoramensis H.B. Naithani, Indian Forester 135(9): 1291. 2009. (POACEAE: BAMBUSOIDEAE)

Bambusa mohanramii P. Kumari & P. Singh, Kew Bull. 64(3): 567. 2009. (POACEAE: BAMBUSOIDEAE)

Bambusa nairiana P. Kumari & P. Singh, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 13. 2009. (POACEAE: BAMBUSOIDEAE)

Berchemia jainiana Pusalkar & D.K. Singh, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 9. 2009. (RHAMNACEAE)

Bhesa andamanica N. Balach. & Chakrab., J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. 33(3): 719. 2009. (CELASTRACEAE)

Canscora sanjappae Diwakar & R. Kr. Singh, Indian J. Forest. 32(2): 337. 2009. (GENTIANACEAE)

Chimonobambusa jainii T.P. Sharma & S.K. Borthakur, J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. 33: 783. 2009. (POACEAE: BAMBUSOIDEAE)

Chirita sahyadriensis Punekar & P. Lakshmin., Folia Malaysiana 10(1): 17. 2009. (GESNERIACEAE)

Chlorophytum gothanense N.V. Malpure & S.R. Yadav, Kew Bull. 64: 739. 2009. (ANTHERIACEAE)

Cleisostoma schneideri Choltco, Orchid Rev. 117(1285): 41. 2009. (ORCHIDACEAE)

Coriaria duthiei D.K. Singh & Pusalkar, Nordic J. Bot. 27(3): 203. 2009. (CORIARIACEAE)

Corydalis kedarensis Pusalkar & D.K.Singh, Taiwania, 54(4): 334.2009. (FUMARIACEAE)

Dimeria jayachandranii Arisdason & P.Daniel, Kew Bull. 64(2): 345.2009. (POACEAE)

Dipcadi goaense A.Prabhugaonkar, U.S.Yadav & M.K.Janarthanam, Kew Bull. 64: 743. 2009. (HYACINTHACEAE)

Diplycosia indica Debta & H.J. Chowdhery, J. Bot. Res. Inst. Texas 3(1): 147, fig. 1. 2009. (ERICACEAE)

Eleocharis wadoodii S.R.Yadav, Lekhak & Chandore, Rheedia 19(1 & 2): 37. 2009. (CYPERACEAE)

Embelia arunachalensis R.K. Choudhary, R.C. Srivast. & A.K. Das, J. Jap. Bot. 84(6): 338-341. 2009. (MYRSINACEAE)

Enkianthus indicus Debta & H.J.Chowdhery, J. Non-Timber Forest Prod. 16(2): 173. 2009. (ERICACEAE)

Ephedra sumlingensis P. Sharma & P.L. Uniyal, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 179. 2009.

Ephedra sumlingensis P. Sharma & P.L. Uniyal, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 179. 2009. (EPHEDRACEAE)

- Eria hegdei** Agrawala & H.J. Chowdhery, Phytotaxonomy 8: 8. fig. 1-2. 2008 [publ. 30 Sept. 2009.] (ORCHIDACEAE)
- Eriocaulon baramaticum** Shimpale, Bhagat, R.B. Deshmukh & S.R. Yadav, Rheedea 19(1 & 2): 47. 2009. (ERIOCAULACEAE)
- Eriocaulon epedunculatum** Potdar, Anil Kumar, Otaghvari & Sonkar, Kew Bull. 63(3): 503. fig. 1. 2009. (ERIOCAULACEAE)
- Gaultheria kamengiana** S. Panda & Sanjappa, Pleione, 3(2): 229. 2009. (ERICACEAE)
- Gymnema kollimalayanum** A. Ramachandran & M.B. Viswan., Adansonia 34(2): 408. 2009. (ASCLEPIADACEAE)
- Impatiens vidya** R.C.Srivast., Res. J. Hindi Sc. Acad. (Vigyan Parishad Pryag) 52(4): 362. 2009. (BALSAMINACEAE)
- Ipomoea laxiflora** H.J. Chowdhery & Debta, Indian J. Forest. 32(1): 120. 2009. (CONVOLVULACEAE)
- Leucas matthewiana** Sunojk., Candollea 64(1): 46.2009. (LAMIACEAE)
- Lindera sanjappae** M. Bhaumik, M.K. Pathak & Chakrab., J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. 33(3): 657. 2009. (LAURACEAE)
- Lindera vermae** M.K.Pathak, M.Bhaumik & Chakrab., J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. 33(3): 658. 2009. (LAURACEAE)
- Luzula brevispicata** Knjaz., Novosti Sist. Vyssh. Rast. 40: 35. 2008 [publ. 30 Mar. 2009.] (JUNCACEAE)
- Mussaenda nicobarica** Shimpale, S. R. Yadav & Babu, Rheedea 19 (1&2): 53. 2009. (RUBIACEAE)
- Neolitsea gamblei** Chakrab. & P.G. Diwakar, J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. 33(2): 345. 2009. (LAURACEAE)
- Neolitsea sanjappae** M.K. Pathak, M. Bhaumik & Chakrab., J. Econ. Taxon. Bot. 33(3): 658. 2009. (LAURACEAE)
- Oreome aegopodioides** Pimenov & Kluykov, Willdenowia 39(1): 95. 2009. (APIACEAE)
- Panax sokpayensis** Shiva K. Sharma & Pandit, Syst. Bot. 34(2): 434. 2009. (ARALIACEAE)
- Phoebe palghatensis** M. Gangop. Bangladesh J. Plant Taxon. 16(2): 146. 2009. (LAURACEAE)
- Phyllanthus rangachariarii** C. Murugan, K.A.A. Kabeer & G.V.S. Murthy, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 201. 2009. (EUPHORBIACEAE)
- Pogostemon manipurensis** V.S. Kumar, Phytotaxonomy 8: 21.2009. (LAMIACEAE)
- Saurauia nicobarica** T.K. Paul, J. Jap. Bot. 84(4): 229. 2009. (ACTINIDIACEAE)
- Saurauia parasnathensis** Ranjan & S.K. Srivast., J. Jap. Bot. 84(4): 233. 2009. (ACTINIDIACEAE)
- Saxifraga assamensis** B.M. Wadhwa, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 205. 2009. (SAXIFRAGACEAE)
- Sonerila anaimudica** Lundin & B. Nord., Novon 19(1): 76. 2009. (MELASTOMATACEAE)
- Sonerila coriacea** Lundin & B. Nord., Novon 19(1): 77. 2009. (MELASTOMATACEAE)
- Strobilanthes borii** J.R.I. Wood, Kew Bull. 64(1): 25. 2009. (ACANTHACEAE)
- Strobilanthes parvifolia** J.R.I. Wood, Kew Bull. 64(1): 25. 2009. (ACANTHACEAE)

Strobilanthes pothigaiensis Gopalan & Chithra, Kew Bull. 63(3): 499. 2009.
(ACANTHACEAE)

Teucrium ramaswamii M.B. Viswan. & Manik., Nordic J. Bot. 27(2): 86 (-89; fig. 1). 2009.
(LAMIACEAE)

Tinospora formanii Udayan & Pradeep, Edinburgh J. Bot. 66(1): 77 (-80; fig. 1). 2009.
(MENISPERMACEAE)

Tripogon borii K.A.A. Kabeer, V.J. Nair & G.V.S. Murthy, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50:115-118.
2009. (POACEAE)

Vaccinium amakhangium S. Panda & M. Sanjappa, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 1. 2009.
(ERICACEAE)

Vanda motesiana Choltco, Orchid Rev. 117(1287): 148. 2009. (ORCHIDACEAE)

NEW NOTHOSPECIES

Populus x kashmirica A.K.Skvortsov, Novosti Sist. Vyssh. Rast. 40: 63. 2008 [publ. 2009.]
(SALICACEAE)

NEW VARIETIES

Actephila excelsa (Dalzell) Muell.-Arg. var. **brevifolia** N.Balach., B.Maheswaran & Chakrab.,
J. Econ.Taxon. Bot. 33(3): 717. 2009. (EUPHORBIACEAE)

Apollonias arnottii Nees var. beddomei M. Gangop. Bangladesh J. Plant Taxon. 16(2): 141.
2009. (LAURACEAE)

Fimbristylis ligulata Govind. var. **kanaraensis** R.I. Shaikh & S.N. Solanke, Bioinfolet, 6(3):
201. 2009. (CYPERACEAE)

Fimbristylis ligulata Govind. var. **rohaensis** R.I. Shaikh & S.N. Solanke, Bioinfolet, 6(3): 203.
2009. (CYPERACEAE)

Microstegium vimineum (Trin.) A. Camus var. **loharkhetianum** Kandwal & B.K. Gupta, Indian
J. Forest. 32(1): 171. 2009. (POACEAE)

Pedicularis pectinata Wall. var. **rosea** P Agnihotri & T. Husain, Phytotaxonomy 8:18. 2008
[publ. 30 Sep. 2009.] (SCROPHULARIACEAE)

Persea macrantha (Nees) Kosterm. var. **brevifolia** M. Gangop. Bangladesh J. Plant Taxon.
16(2): 144. 2009. (LAURACEAE)

NEW DISTRIBUTION RECORDS

Cleistanthus robustus Muell.-Arg. (EUPHORBIACEAE) published by R. Sumathi, J. Jayanthi, K.
Karthigeyan and D. Narasimhan in Rheedia 19 (1 & 2): 69-71. 2009.

Delphinium nordhagenii Wendelbo (RANUNCULACEAE) published by D.K. Singh and
Pusalkarin Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50:183. 2009.

Gymnocladus burmanicus C.E. Parkinson (LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONOIDEAE) published by
R.K. Singh, R.C. Srivastava, and T.K. Mukherjee in Ind. J. Trad. Knowl. 8(4): 482-484. 2009.

Gynura amplexicaulis Oliv. & Hiern (ASTERACEAE) published by M.Y. Bachulkar and D.G.
Jagtap in Rheedia 19 (1 & 2): 59-60. 2009.

Impatiens harae H. Ohba & S. Akiyama var. **micrantha** (Hara) H. Ohba & S. Akiyama (BALSAMINACEAE) published by Pusalkar and D.K. Singh in Ann. For. 17(1):113-116.2009.

Lindera cercidifolia Hemsl. (LAURACEAE) published by A.A. Ansari in Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50:156. 2009.

Ruellia brittoniana Leonard (ACANTHACEAE) published by S. Kumar & C. Murugan in Journal of Indian Botanical Society 88: 100-102. 2009.

Ruellia elegans Hook. (ACANTHACEAE) published by S. Kumar & C. Murugan in Journal of Indian Botanical Society 88: 100-102. 2009.

Saussurea forrestii Diels (ASTERACEAE) published by Pusalkar and D.K. Singh in Rheedea 19(1& 2): 61-63. 2009.

Scolopia pusilla (Gaertn.) Willd. (FLACOURTIACEAE) published by R. Sumathi, J. Jayanthi, K. Karthigeyan and D. Narasimhan in Rheedea 19(1& 2): 69-71. 2009.

Sesbania sericea (Willd.) Link (LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONOIDEAE) published by M. Mohanan & J.V. Sudhakar in Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50:171-172. 2009.

Sidastrum micranthum (A. St.-Hil.) Fryxell (MALVACEAE) published by Vinod B. Shimpale, S.P. Sutar and S.R. Yadav in Rheedea 19(1 & 2): 50-52. 2009.

Zingiber parishii Hook.f. (ZINGIBERACEAE) published by M. Sabu, V.P. Thomas and M.C. Shameer in Acta Botanica Hungarica 51(3-4): 363-366. 2009.

Ferns (Pteridophytes) live in a wide variety of habitats and often succeed in places where environmental factors discourage growth of flowering plants.

The Indian ferns account for about 12 per cent of the total fern species of the world.

In the present state of our knowledge India has about 1,200 species of ferns. Many more are yet to be identified and described.

The collated information presented here includes new distribution records of two species for India.

Thelypteris ratnapurae Fraser Jenk. (THELYPTERIDACEAE) published by Anjali Biswas in Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 207 - 208. 2009.

Aleuritopteris tamburii (Hook.) Ching (PTERIDACEAE) published by B.S. Kharia and A.A. Ansari in Natl. Acad. Sci. lett. 32(7&8): 227-230. 2009.

Bryophytes have long been considered the simplest group of land plants.

Liverworts are thought to be the earliest-diverging branch of land plants, followed by mosses, followed by the "hornworts and vascular plants" which are therefore considered "sister groups".

An interesting morphological characteristic that may have a common origin in the hornworts and vascular plants is the indeterminate growth of the sporophyte.

During 2009

02 new generic distributional record and 18 new species distribution records of bryophytes have been published from India.

New Distribution Records

GENUS RECORDS

SACCOGYNIDIUM Grolle (HEPATICAE: GEOCALYCACEAE) published by D.K. Singh & D. Singh in Journal of Bryology 31: 50-54. 2009.

STENOLEJUNEA R.M. Schust (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey, Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4): 669-684. 2009.

SPECIES RECORDS

Caudalejeunea lehmanniana (Gottsche) A. Evans (LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4): 653-66. 2009.

Cololejeunia distalopapillata (E.M. Jones) R.M. Schust (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by A.E.D. Daniels and P. Daniel in Acta Botanica Hungarica 51(1-2): 61-66. 2009.

Cololejeunia longiana Grolle & Mizut. (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey and D.K. Singh in Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 209-211. 2009.

Cololejeunia vidaliana Tixier (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by A. E. D. Daniels and P. Daniel in Acta Botanica Hungarica 51(1-2): 61-66. 2009.

Drepanolejeunea fleischeri (Steph.) Grolle & Zhu (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Geeta Asthana and A. Shukla in Journal of Bryology 31: 139-142. 2009.

Drepanolejeunea pentadactyla (Mont.) Steph. (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Geeta Asthana and A. Shukla in Journal of Bryology 31: 139-142. 2009.

Geocalyx lancistipulus (Steph.) S. Hatt. (GEOCALYCACEAE) published by Geeta Asthana and Murti in The Bryologist, 112(2): 359-362. 2009.

Herbartus armitanus (Steph.) H.A. Mill (HERBERTACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey, Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4) : 669-604. 2009.

Herbertus longispinus J.B. Jack & Steph. (HERBERTACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey, Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4): 669-604. 2009.

Isotachis japonica Steph., (BALANTIOPSACEAE) published by Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(3): 501-504. 2009.

Jungermannia obliquifolia (Schiffn) Vana (HEPATICAE: JUNGERMANNIACEAE) published by C.N Manju, K.P Rajesh and P.V. Madhusoodanan in Bangladesh Journal of Plant Taxonomy 16(1): 95-97. 2009.

Lejeunea papilionacea Steph. (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Devendra Singh, Monolisa Dey and D.K. Singh in Bull. Bot. Surv. India 50: 212- 215. 2009.

Lejeunea sordida (Nees) Nees (LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey, Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4): 669-604. 2009.

Orthotrichum hispanicum F. Lara, Garilletti & Mazimpaka (ORTHOTRICHACEAE) published by Garilletti, R. Medina, Mazimpaka & F. Lara in Journal of Bryology 31: 46-47. 2009.

Riccia haskarliana Steph. (RICCIACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey, Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4): 669-684. 2009.

Saccogynidium irregularospinum C.H. Gao, T. Cao & M.J. Lai(GEOCALYCACEAE) published by D.K. Singh & Devendra Singh in Journal of Bryology 31: 50-54. 2009.

Spruceanthus thozetianus (Gottsche & F.A. Mull.) B. Theirs. & Gradst (HEPATICAE: LEJEUNEACEAE) published by A. E. D. Daniels and P. Daniel in Acta Botanica Hungarica 51(3-4): 283-287. 2009.

Stenolejeunea apiculata (Sande Lac.) R.M. Schust. (LEJEUNEACEAE) published by Monolisa Dey, Devendra Singh and D.K. Singh in Indian Journal of Forestry 32(4): 669-604. 2009.

Lichens were a component of the early terrestrial ecosystems, and the estimated age of the oldest terrestrial lichen fossil is 400 Ma.

During 2009

30 new species (12 from Maharashtra, 10 from West Bengal, 01 from Meghalaya, 02 from Tamil Nadu, 02 from Sikkim, and 01 each from Himachal Pradesh and Manipur) and 01 genus and 8 species as new distribution records of lichens have been published from India.

NEW SPECIES

Caioplaeca himalayana Y. Joshi & Upreti, Lichenologist 41(3): 250. 2009. (TELOSCHISTACEAE)

Cryptothecia alboglauca Jagadeesh & al., Lichenologist 41(6): 605. 2009. (TELOSCHISTACEAE)

Cryptothecia bengalensis Jagadeesh & al., Lichenologist 41(6): 608. 2009. (ARTHONIACEAE)

Cryptothecia farinosa Jagadeesh & al., Lichenologist 41(6): 608. 2009. (ARTHONIACEAE)

Cryptothecia multipunctata Jagadeesh & al., Lichenologist 41(6): 609. 2009. (ARTHONIACEAE)

Cryptothecia verruculifera Jagadeesh & al., Lichenologist 41(6): 610. 2009. (ARTHONIACEAE)

Diorygma albocinerascens Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 381. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma albovirescens Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 382. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma dealbatum B.O. Sharma & Makhija, Mycotaxon 107: 89. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma excipuloconvergentum Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 383. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma inaequale B.O. Sharma & Makhija, Mycotaxon 107: 90. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma longilirellatum B.O. Sharma & Makhija, Mycotaxon 109: 212. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma manipurensse B.O. Sharma & Makhija, Mycotaxon 107: 91. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma megaspermum Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 386. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma megistosporum Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 388. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma microsporum Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 390. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma panchganiense Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 389. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma patwardhanii Makhija & al., Mycotaxon 109: 391. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma saxicola B.O. Sharma & Makhija, Mycotaxon 109: 215. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Diorygma verrucirimosum B.O. Sharma & Makhija, Mycotaxon 107: 92. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Graphis neoraensis Jagadeesh & G.P. Sinha, Mycotaxon 110: 32. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

Hemithecium himalayanum Jagadeesh & G.P. Sinha, Mycotaxon 110: 34. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)

- Hemithecium microspermum** G. Chitale & al., Mycotaxon 108: 86. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Herpothallon flavominutum** Jagadeesh, G.P.Sinha & Elix, Mycotaxon 110: 38. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Herpothallon granulosum** Jagadeesh & G.P. Sinha, Lichenologist 41(6): 610. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Herpothallon himalayanum** Jagadeesh & G.P. Sinha, Mycotaxon 110: 40. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Herpothallon isidiatum** Jagadeesh & G.P. Sinha, Lichenologist 41(6): 611. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Pallidogramme indica** A. Dube & Makija in G. Chitale & al., Mycotaxon 108: 90. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Pallidogramme undulatolirellata** A. Dube & Makija in G. Chitale & al., Mycotaxon 108: 91. 2009. (GRAPHIDACEAE)
- Ramboldia amarkantakana** Upreti & Nayaka, Mycotaxon 107: 240. 2009. (LECANORACEAE)

NEW DISTRIBUTION RECORDS

GENUS

ERYTHRODECTON G. Thor (ROCCELLACEAE) published by Kr. P. Singh & al., Indian J. Forest. 32(2): 335. 2009.

SPECIES

Caloplaca alnetorum Giralt & al. (TELOSCHISTACEAE) published by Y. Joshi & al., in Lichenologist 41(3): 251. 2009.

Caloplaca crocea (Kremp.) Hafellner & Poelt (TELOSCHISTACEAE) published by Y. Joshi & al., in Lichenologist 41(3): 251. 2009.

Erythrodecton malacum (Kremp.) G. Thor (ROCCELLACEAE) published by Kr. P. Singh & al., Indian J. Forest. 32(2): 335. 2009.

Herpothallon albhidum (Fee) Aptroot, Lucking & G. Thor (ARTHONIACEAE) published by Jagadeesh & al. in Mycotaxon 110: 41. 2009.

Herpothallon australasicum (Elix) G. Thor (ARTHONIACEAE) published by Jagadeesh & al. in Lichenologist 41(6): 612. 2009.

Herpothallon cinereum G. Thor (ARTHONIACEAE) published by Jagadeesh & al. in Mycotaxon 110: 41. 2009.

Herpothallon granulare (Sipman) Aptroot & Lucking (ARTHONIACEAE) published by Jagadeesh & al. in Lichenologist 41(6): 612. 2009.

Herpothallon philippinum (Vain) Aptroot & Lucking (ARTHONIACEAE) published by Jagadeesh & al. in Mycotaxon 110: 41. 2009.

The **Fungi** - a large group of eukaryotic organisms that includes microorganisms such as yeasts and molds, as well as the more familiar mushrooms- are classified as a kingdom that is

separate from plants, animals and bacteria.

One major difference is that fungal cells have cell walls that contain chitin.

The discipline of biology devoted to the study of fungi is known as mycology, which is traditionally regarded as a branch of botany, even though genetic studies have shown that fungi are more closely related to animals than to plants.

Abundant worldwide, most fungi are inconspicuous because of the small size of their structures, and their cryptic lifestyles in soil, on dead matter, and as symbionts of plants, animals, or other fungi. They become visible when fruiting, either as mushrooms or molds. The fungi encompasses an enormous diversity of taxa with varied ecologies, life cycle strategies, and morphologies ranging from single-celled aquatic chytrids to large mushrooms.

However, little is known of the true biodiversity of Kingdom Fungi, which has been estimated at around 1.5 million species, with only about 5% of these having been formally classified.

During 2009

05 new genera from Kerala

58 new species (29 from Kerala, 07 from Madhya Pradesh, 07 from Meghalaya, 03 from Goa, 03 from Karnataka, 03 from Tamil Nadu, 02 from Andhra Pradesh, 01 each from Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttrakhand and West Bengal)

01 variety from Kerala and

02 new generic records and 19 new species records have been published from India.

NEW GENERA

BRAMHAMYCES Hosag., Indian J. Sc. Tech. 2(6): 17. 2009. (COELOMYCETES)

CHASAKOPAMA C. Manohar, G. Bhagyan, N. Kr. Rao & I.K. Kunwar, Mycotaxon 110 : 459-463. 2009. (DIADEMACEAE)

MAHESHWARAMYCES Hosag., Indian J. Sc. Tech. 2 (6): 12. 2009. (LEMBOSIACEAE)

MANOHARACHARIELLA G. Bagyan. N. Kr. Rao & I.K. Kunwar, Mycotaxon 109: 301-305. 2009. (DIADEMACEAE)

RATTANIA A. Prabhug. D. J. Bhatt, Mycotaxon 108: 217-222. 2009. (HYPHOMYCETES)

NEW SPECIES

Asteridiella ficicola Hosag., G.R. Archana and T. Sabu, J. Threat. Taxa 1 (9): 474. 2009. (MELIOLACEAE)

Asteridiella kodaikanalensis Hosag., K. Ravikumar & G.R. Archana, J. Threat. Taxa 1(8): 434. 2009. (MELIOLACEAE)

Asteridiella phukanea Hosag., Jacob Thomas and P.J. Robin, Indian J. Sc. Tech. 2(6): 3. 2009 (MELIOLACEAE)

Asteridiella shenbaganurensis Hosag., K. Ravikumar & G.R. Archana, J. Threat. Taxa 1(8): 434. 2009. (MELIOLACEAE)

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