

**THE 5th SOUTH ASIAN SYMPOSIUM OF
ODONATOLOGY, Nagpur, India; 20-21 Decem-
ber 1998: A REPORT**

The 5th South Asian Symposium of Odonatology was organized on 20-21 December 1998, by the SIO Regional South Asia Council and the Shri Shivaji Science College, Nagpur, in the framework of Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Birth Centenary and the Nagpur University Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It took place in Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Memorial Hall, Congress Nagar, Nagpur, India.

The Inaugural Function was held on 20 December. Honorable Shri Anil D e s h m u k h, State Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, was the Chief Guest, and Shri M.S., *alias* Balasaheb

S a p k a l, Vice President of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati, presided the Session. Drs A.S. S a t p u t a l e y (Chairman of the Nagpur University Platinum Jubilee Organizing Committee) and V.K. T h a k a r e (Emeritus Professor and former Head of the Post-Graduate Department of Zoology, Nagpur) were the Guests of Honour.

Shri Anil D e s h m u k h inaugurated the Symposium by lightening the lamp, and Dr A.S. S a t p u t a l e y presented the "Symposium Souvenir". N.S. S a s t e (Principal of Shri Shivaji Science College) rendered a welcome to the guests, and Dr D.B. T e m b h a r e (President of the South Asian Council of Odonatology) delivered the introductory address. At this point, Dr V.K. T h a k a r e was offered congratulations for having laid the foundations of the School of Odonatology at the Nagpur University. The Minister and Drs Thakare and Satputaley spoke on the advancement of odonatology, applications of odonate larvae in the mosquito and agricultural pest control etc., and urgently called for more attention to the conservation of dragonfly habitats.

Some 35 workers from various parts of India,

Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan, and ca 25 persons from various colleges of the Nagpur and Amravati Universities participated. In the six Symposium Sessions, ca 24 research papers and 6 plenary lectures were presented.

In the closing Session, Dr D.B. T e m b h a r e expressed on behalf of the Organizing Committee their gratitude to the Principal of Shri Shivaji Science College for the kind patronage. Dr T.M. K a r d e, presented the *Professor S.N. Prasad Memorial Medal* to Mrs Kaplana A. K a l a s k a r, a young Symposium participant, for the best oral presentation, and to an undergraduate and a post-graduate student the award for the best presentation in the Symposium Exhibit.

Last but not least, the participants passed a warm motion of thanks to Dr R.J. A n d r e w, Secretary of the Organizing Committee.

Abstracts of papers read at the Symposium were supplied at the Registration Desk. Copies of the booklet are available from the Author of this report.

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