

## Project Update: November 2020

This is to update you that we have submitted the manuscript (where we are naming a species after The Rufford Foundation) a few months back and currently we communicated the manuscript. It should be out in a few months. I will keep you updated. I will also share the images of the species as soon as we receive the pre-print of the manuscript. There are also quite a lot of manuscripts from this work that have been submitted during the lockdown and communicated recently. Will share them as soon as they are out.

In other updates, I recently presented the work on Cicadas of Meghalaya at the 11th Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS), Bangalore. The poster received a very good response. I am sharing it here.

I was also invited to give a talk at Wildlife Week Celebration at Central Zoo Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India. This talk was on cicadas in general for more than 2000 students from 70 schools of the country. It was not entirely about the work that Rufford supported but the foundation of my understanding of Indian cicadas was established due to the work on cicadas of Meghalaya which was supported by Rufford Foundation. This too got a very good response from the kids and the organisers. I am sharing the link here. My talk starts at 39:07min.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWI6V277TK8&list=LL&index=20&t=2234s&ab\\_channel=CentralZooAuthority%2CNewDelhi](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWI6V277TK8&list=LL&index=20&t=2234s&ab_channel=CentralZooAuthority%2CNewDelhi)

Recently I shared a chair in a panel discussion in the 'Valley of Words' literature festival, organised by The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) with historian Dr Ganesh Salli and writer Stephen Alter with the title 'Wild Himalaya'. We were linking the History, Ecology and Conservation aspect of Indian Himalayan region and there I talked about ecology and conservation of invertebrates citing my work on cicadas. The session was pre-recorded due to the pandemic and will be broadcast on 22nd November 2020. Will share the link.

Presently, I am working on my PhD thesis hence do not have any time to start writing new manuscripts for the rest of the findings but I will again resume publishing as soon as I submit the thesis in my university (tentatively January 2021).