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New Species of Jumping Spider in Kerala Named After Kargil War Hero Capt. Vikram Batra

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Spider named after Captain Vikram Batra (Photo credits: Twitter/Dhruv_spidy)

Nature is so vast and full of so many different species that there is always something new to discover. Scientists keep making new discoveries regarding newer species. Dhruv Prajapati who is a spider expert from Gujarat has discovered a new species of jumping spiders in Kerala. This species of arthropod has a distinct pattern

on his head and shape of eyes is also different from the other spiders. His findings have been published in the latest issue of *Arthropoda Selecta*. What's interesting is the naming of this new discovery. He has proposed the new species to be called *Icius Vikrambatrai* in honour of Kargil superhero Captain Vikram Batra. Captain Vikram Batra was awarded the Param Vir Chakra for his valour in the 1999 Kargil War between India and Pakistan.

This new species of spider is not the first discovery of Dhruv. A student of doctoral studies at Sacred Heart College in Kerala, he has discovered 9 other spider species from different parts of the country. Back in his hometown Ahmedabad, he has focused on spiders found in South Gujarat. He has named one of his findings after former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and one after Gujarat capital Gandhinagar.



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I am dedicating my small reserch to India's braveheart soldier "PVC Capt. Vikram Batra" by giving his name to one new jumping spider species. Herewith I am presenting "Icius vikrambatrai".

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Pt 5140 from enemies and after securing the Pt 5140 he has to give this success code via wireless phone. Before going for a mission he invited Lt. Colonel for tea at Pt 5140 on very next day morning... after that he went for a mission in late evening!!!
It was already 4 o'clock of morning and Lt. Colonel yet not got any message from him so he sent a wireless message, "Shershah, report!" (Shershah was the secret code for that

was another message on wireless... "Sir... YEH DIL MANGE MORE.. Sir!!" Lt. Colonel replied, "Shershah, how many casualties?". Lt. Colonel was so happy after getting the reply from Shershah and it was, "NO CASUALTIES SIR!!" and as per the invitation Lt. Colonel went for a tea on Pt 5140 and he wrote a request letter to announce "Mahavir chakra

so risky but still they went to get him.... Now the thing is who will pick him from the front side?? from which the enemies were firing...and Raghunath told to Shershah, "Sir, Mai Matthe se pakdta hu.. aap pair pakdaiye (Sir, I will hold him from head and you please hold him from leas!)...and Shershah relied.

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A keen enthusiast in learning about arthropods, he finds these creatures very friendly. Talking about the latest species he said, "A total of 35 valid species has been known world-wide in the genus Icius of which seven have been recorded/described from the south and south-east Asia - one from Afghanistan, three from China, one from Indonesia and two from India. Icius alboterminus were recently described from both sexes from India. The new discovery would add a new chapter in the presence of the species in south India." A teenager at the time of the Kargil war, he always wanted to honour Captain Batra. With his new finding, he hopes he can associate the species with the name. Indeed some great work and thought by this gentleman.

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