

Profile: Nikhil Modak

Young Professional – II (Scientific)



Nikhil is a passionate wildlife biologist and has pursued his doctoral studies on anuran amphibians of the Western Ghats. He was part of the team that described seven new species of frogs and one new genus belonging to the families Ranidae and Ranixalidae. He continued working towards understanding the diversity, distribution, ecology, and evolution of amphibians. He is interested in acoustics of anuran amphibians and has published 11 papers in national and international journals. He has been awarded prestigious grants such as IAS, INSA, NASI Summer Fellowship, DST-INSPIRE Student fellowship, and Ernst Mayr travel grant for working on animal systematics. He was also invited for IUCN Red List assessment of 2020-21 for amphibians of Western Ghats and North Eastern India. He has worked with Biologia Life Science LLP as an honorary consultant for delivering workshops on topics related to GIS, bioinformatics, and acoustics. He has also worked as subject editor for the journal Check List and as a reviewer for the journal Check List and the Journal of Threatened Taxa (JoTT). He is a fond listener of Hindustani classical music, a poet, traveler, and a certified mountaineer.