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NEW ADDITION TO THE MOTH AND BEETLE FAUNA OF ACHANAKMAR-AMARKANTAK BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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ABSTRACT: Periodical surveys of two localities namely Amarkantak and Jagatpur of transition zone of Achanakmar- Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve were conducted and 2 lepidopteran species, viz., *Dichocrocis leptalis* Hamp. (Pyralidae) from Amarkantak sal forest, *Paectes* (*Ingura*) *subapicalis* Walk. (Noctuidae) from Jagatpur sal forest, and two coleopterans, viz., *Lophosternus indicus* Hope (Cerambycidae), *Macrotoma fisheri* Waterh. (Cerambycidae) from Jagatpur were recorded for the first time.

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