

extant *Shorea* sp. Interestingly and probably overlooked by the authors<sup>5</sup>, a clear leaf impression is visible in the published fossil image which is superimposed over the ‘dragonfly abdomen’. The ‘abdomen’ is actually the third calyx of the seed (Figure 1) and the elliptic shape of the leaf is also surprisingly similar to that of *Shorea* sp. of the Neogene<sup>6</sup>. We therefore propose that the fossil belongs to that of a compressed seed of Dipterocarpaceae. The asymmetrical wings and abdomen of ‘fossil dragonfly’ are naturally asymmetrical calyx lobe, and the ‘thorax and

head’ of the dragonfly are the seed part of *Shorea* sp. The ‘leg’ may be a fragment of the calyx. Since there is the possibility of an alternative interpretation for the fossil, it may be further studied with high-resolution imaging to unequivocally establish the correct identity.

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## France Honours Rohini Godbole with ‘Ordre National du Mérite’

Prof. Rohini Godbole, a theoretical particle physicist, currently an Honorary Professor at the Centre for High Energy Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, has been awarded the National Order of Merit, one of the highest French civilian distinctions. Making a reference to her internationally acclaimed contributions to particle physics spanning more than four decades that led her to successfully set up strong and highly successful scientific collaborations between France and India, the award also highlights the major role Rohini Godbole has played in promoting the cause of women in science and her communication skills that have helped in

a better understanding of the physical sciences in India.

A fellow of all the three Science Academies of India and also a fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), and a founder-chair of the Panel for Women in Science of the Indian Academy of Sciences, her recent honours include Padma Shri from the Government of India and the R. D. Birla Award of the Indian Physics Association for outstanding contributions to Physics. Rohini Godbole’s current research interests focus on Higgs Phenomenology, Supersymmetry, Dark Matter Searches and related aspects of the Physics beyond the Standard Model, and Next Genera-

tion Colliders. She was also involved in the draft formulation of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020, as a chair of the Committee on Equity and Inclusion that has suggested several important measures for tackling the current inequitable participation in STEM with respect to gender, social, regional and economic diversity.

Other recent recipients of the ‘Ordre National du Mérite’ in the Indian scientific community include Satyajit Mayor, Director of the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru and A. S. Kiran Kumar, former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation.