

Maa Manikeshwari University has achieved another remarkable milestone in its academic journey. The Department of Zoology has successfully discovered and scientifically named a new species of spider, *Erovixia panigrahi*, found in Kusha Dangari Hill near Bhawanipatna. This significant discovery marks a proud moment for the university and the entire region. The research was led by Dr. Subrat Kumar Panigrahi, Head of the Department of Zoology, with active contributions from Basudev Bag, Dibyaraj Haripal, Mitrabhanu Meher, Swagatika Rani Bariha, Smruti Ranjan Parida, Raj Kumar Behera, Nihar Ranjan Nayak, and Sudhir Ranjan Choudhury. Their two years of dedicated research and teamwork reflect the department's strong culture of scientific inquiry and collaboration. This newly identified species, *Erovixia panigrahi*, has been officially recognized and included in the World Spider Catalog. It is also registered in ZooBank under LSID: [zoobank.org:pub:7CE16E3F-5B89-43E2-A9A6-FD67DA737D5E](https://zoobank.org/pub:7CE16E3F-5B89-43E2-A9A6-FD67DA737D5E). The achievement stands as a testament to the department's dedication and growing reputation for excellence in zoological research. Under the visionary leadership of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nibedita Nath, Maa Manikeshwari University continues to make impressive strides in academics and research. The university regularly organizes "Anwesha Lectures," a weekly series of invited talks across departments, promoting scholarly exchange, innovation, and knowledge sharing. Through persistent efforts, meaningful research outputs, and a spirit of collaboration, Maa Manikeshwari University is emerging as a vibrant hub of scientific exploration and higher learning, contributing substantially to both regional and national academic advancement.

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