

Tetrastichus narayandebnathi

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A new wasp ('bolta') species named *Tetrastichus narayandebnathi* was recently discovered in Rajarhat.

About *Tetrastichus narayandebnathi*

- It is a new species of **parasitoid wasp**.
- It was **discovered** in the Rajarhat region of **West Bengal**.
- It has been **named** after **award-winning cartoonist** and **creator of 'Batul' and 'Nonte-Phonte', Narayan Debnath**.
- It has been recorded as a **gregarious primary parasitoid of a tortoise beetle pupa**.
 - A **parasitoid** is an organism that spends a significant portion of its life cycle **attached to or inside a single host organism, which it ultimately consumes** and kills.
- Not only the **third account of the genus *Tetrastichus*** Haliday, 1844, as a **parasitoid of Cassidinae (a subfamily of leaf beetles)**, but it's also the second report from India among 86 valid Indian species.

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