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## **An annotated checklist of Earthworms from India**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Earthworms belong to Phylum Annelida, Class Oligochaeta are truly coelomate animals and are known to be swell dwellers. They are exposed to pathogens in the soil. Global in distribution, they reveal biodiversity across India. We have studied the earthworm fauna of India and present here a total distribution of different species of earthworm from India, highlighting their biodiversity and ecology. The study of diversity and earthworm distribution across different states of India and different soil conditions, included under 20 agroecological zones (AEZ) of India including 14 families and 445 valid species is an intriguing study, being reported for the first time from India.

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