

## Description of two new species belonging to the genus *Deltocephalus* Burmeister (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae: Deltocephalini) from India<sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

Two new species, *Deltocephalus (Recilia) delongi* and *Deltocephalus (Recilia) parapruthii*, of the genus *Deltocephalus* Burmeister from India are described and illustrated.

**Key words:** *Deltocephalus (Recilia) delongi*, *Deltocephalus (Recilia) parapruthii*, New species, *Deltocephalus*, Hemiptera, Cicadellidae, Deltocephalinae, Deltocephalini

### Introduction

The genus *Deltocephalus* Burmeister is one of the largest genera of the family Cicadellidae and belongs to the subfamily Deltocephalinae. This genus contains more than 210 species from all zoogeographical regions of the World; most of these, 104 species, are Palearctic; other regions are as follows: Nearctic (37 species), Oriental (34), Afrotropical (23), Australian (21), and Neotropical (6). Distant (1908), Oman (1949), Kramer (1971), Dash and Viraktamath (1998), and Viraktamath and Dash (2001) characterized the genus *Deltocephalus*. Its species mostly feed on members of the family Graminae viz., rice, sorghum, maize, wheat, sugarcane, in addition to a variety of grasses; *Deltocephalus* species may also vector phytopathogenic organisms (viruses, micoplasmas, and spiroplasmas).

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