

Orange Oakleaf - Chhattisgarh's Official State Butterfly

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Why in News?

Recently, the Orange Oakleaf has emerged as the winner in a public poll to become Chhattisgarh's first official state butterfly.

- The proposal was finalised during the **15th meeting of the State Wildlife Board** and subsequently submitted to the state government for formal notification.
- The designation will take effect as the official state butterfly following formal approval by the government.

The Orange Oakleaf is already the state butterfly of Madhya Pradesh; Chhattisgarh's selection is subject to formal notification.

Orange Oakleaf



- **Scientific name** - *Kallima inachus*

- **Distinctive adaptation** - Exhibits leaf-like camouflage that enables avoidance of detection by predators.
- **Identification feature** - The appearance of Kallima inachus changes significantly depending on whether its wings are folded or spread.

Butterfly Diversity

- In Chhattisgarh, a 2025 statewide biodiversity survey documented 201 native butterfly species.
- India is estimated to host approximately 1,500 butterfly species.

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STATE BUTTERFLIES OF INDIA

STATE / UT	OFFICIAL BUTTERFLY
Maharashtra	 Blue Mormon
Karnataka	 Southern Birdwing
Kerala	 Malabar Banded Peacock
Tamil Nadu	 Tamil Yeoman
Goa	 Malabar Tree Nymph
Uttarakhand	 Common Peacock
Arunachal Pradesh	 Kaiser-i-Hind
Madhya Pradesh	 Orange Oakleaf
Chandigarh (UT)	 Striped Tiger

Reference

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