



NEW DISTRIBUTIONAL RECORD OF LITTLE-KNOWN PLANT *PHYLLANTHUS PSEUDOPARVIFOLIUS* R.L. MITRA & SANJAPPA (PHYLLANTHACEAE) FROM ARUNACHAL PRADESH, INDIA

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ABSTRACT: *Phyllanthus pseudoparvifolius* R.L. Mitra & Sanjappa in the state of Arunachal Pradesh was reported for the first time. A taxonomic description and distribution along with the phenology of this species was provided to aid field identification.

Keywords: Arunachal Pradesh, New distribution, *Phyllanthus pseudoparvifolius* R.L. Mitra & Sanjappa.

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INTRODUCTION

Phyllanthus L. is an economically important genus of the family Phyllanthaceae which consists of (c.) 862 species and its native range is Tropics & Subtropics (POWO, 2024). During the floristic exploration in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, a plant specimen was collected from the forest of Seijosa Circle in Pakke-Kessang district at an elevation of 350-550 m a.s.l., which was not described earlier in the floristic literature of Arunachal Pradesh (Ambrish, 2013; Dash and Singh, 2017; Giri *et al.*, 2008). It was identified as *Phyllanthus pseudoparvifolius* R.L. Mitra &

Sanjappa, which is a new distributional record for Arunachal Pradesh. Earlier this species was reported from Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal (Gangopadhyaya *et al.*, 2007; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2020). Systematic enumeration, taxonomic description and distribution of the species along with herbarium sheet (Plate 1) have been provided to facilitate easy identification.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The vegetation survey was conducted in Seijosa circle (forest area) located in Pakke-Kessang district of Arunachal Pradesh during 2018-2019. It