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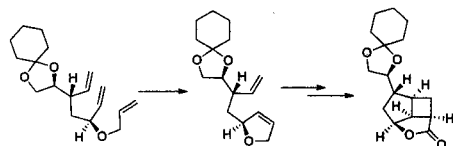
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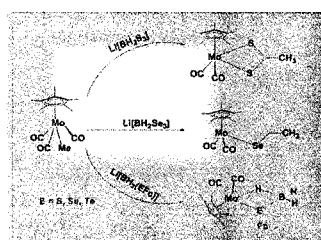
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**A simple approach to the construction of the core structure present in bielschowskysin and hippolachnin A**

Ritabrata Datta, Malasala Sumalatha and Subrata Ghosh. . . . . 1019–1023

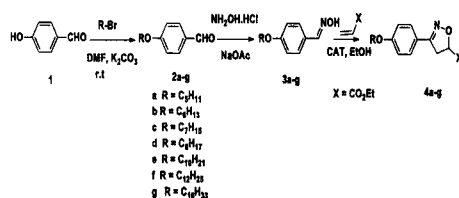
Synthesis of oxacyclobutapentalene, the core structure of bielschowskysin and hippolachnin A, has been achieved through ring closing metathesis and Cu(I)-catalysed intramolecular [2+2] photocycloaddition as the key steps.



**Reactivity of [Cp\*Mo(CO)<sub>3</sub>Me] with chalcogenated borohydrides Li[BH<sub>2</sub>E<sub>3</sub>] and Li[BH<sub>3</sub>EFc] (Cp\* = (η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>); E = S, Se or Te; Fc = (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-Fe-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>))**

Rongala Ramalakshmi, Koushik Saha, Anamika Paul and Sundargopal Ghosh . . . . . 1025–1032

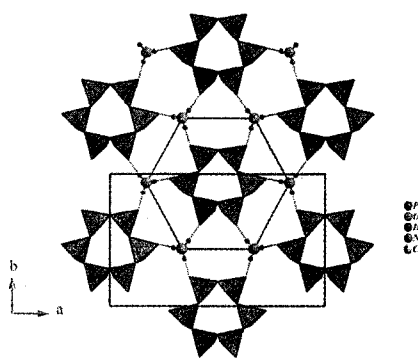
Reactivity of [Cp\*Mo(CO)<sub>3</sub>Me] with various chalcogenide ligands such as, Li[BH<sub>2</sub>E<sub>3</sub>] and Li[BH<sub>3</sub>EFc] (E = S, Se or Te; Fc = (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-Fe-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)), generated novel molybdenum thiolate and agostic borate complexes respectively.



**Synthesis of new series of 4, 5-dihydroisoxazole-5-carboxylate derivatives for the study of their liquid crystalline properties**

Sumana Y Kotian, Narayana U Kudva N, K M Lokanatha Rai and K Byrappa. . . . . 1033–1036

Synthesis and characterization of a few isoxazoline derivatives and their liquid crystalline properties are described.

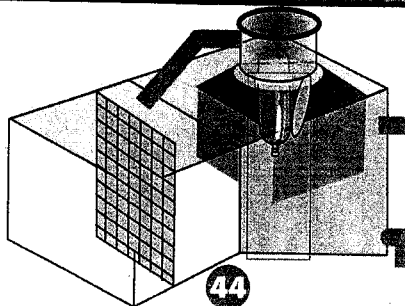


**Synthesis and Characterization of a new Cyclohexaphosphate, (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(P<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>)**

L Khedhiri, E Jeanneau, F Lefebvre, M Rzaigui and C Ben Nasr . . . . . 1037–1045

Structure and physicochemical properties of a new cyclohexaphosphate, (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(P<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>), are discussed on the basis IR spectrum, solid state MAS-NMR and X-ray crystal structure. The cyclohexaphosphate anion, with chair conformation, is generated by crystallographic inversion symmetry. The atomic arrangement can be described by thick layers built by P<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub> anions and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> cations parallel to the (a, b) plane. Each cyclohexaphosphate group is connected to its adjacent neighbors by six hydronium ions through strong O-H...O hydrogen bonds.





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**Too soon to celebrate**

Bio-toilets are gaining ground. But emerging challenges could defeat their very purpose

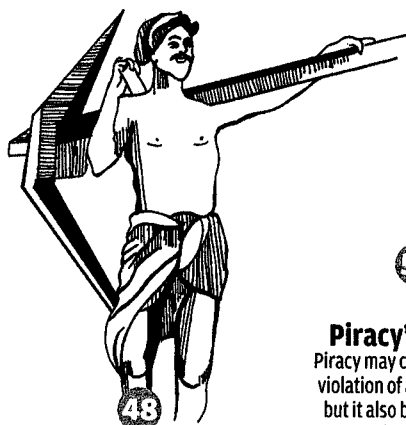
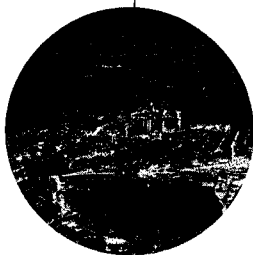
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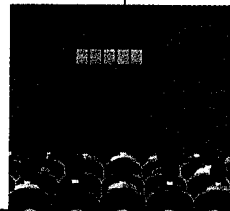


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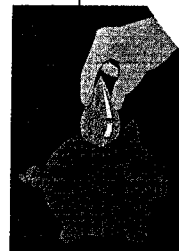


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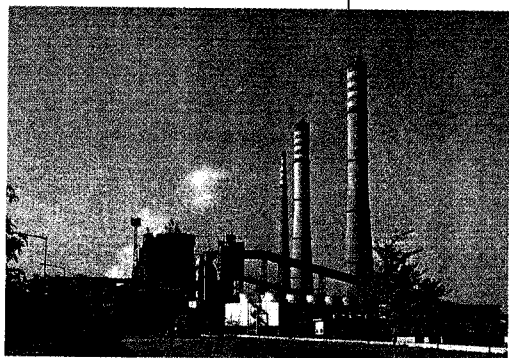
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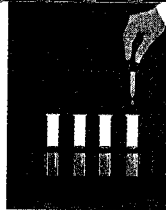


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### Review of Rural Affairs

In this issue of the Review of Rural Affairs the focus is on village studies. Five papers present the results of restudies of villages, three of which were first studied by British anthropologists in the 1950s. One paper discusses the theoretical and methodological challenges of undertaking such village restudies while two others study villages in Uttar Pradesh. The results of an evaluation of rural Nagaland are presented in yet another paper.

### Revisiting the Rural in 21st Century India

- 5 This introductory essay presents the context in which village studies emerged as a method of understanding rural society and economy in India, and the significance of going back to the village to try and understand the changing dynamics of caste, class and gender in 21st century India. — *Surinder S Jodhka*

### Land, Labour and Power: A Malwa Village, 1954–2012

- 8 Jamgod in Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh was first studied by Adrian C Mayer in the 1950s, and restudied in the period between 2012 and 2014. The results suggest that even as there have been significant changes in the economic landscape of the village, factors like land, labour and power continue to determine the nature of the village in rural India, and its connections with the wider world. — *Tommaso Sbriccoli*

### Migration, Bachelorhood and Discontent among the Patidars

- 17 Restudying Sundarana in Central Gujarat, which was first studied by David Pocock in the 1950s, this paper revisits the relatively prosperous agricultural Patidar community. Its members are coming to terms with new markers of status which are linked to securing employment away from land, possibly to move away from the village and preferably secure a job overseas. — *Alice Tilche*

### F G Bailey's Bisipara Revisited

- 25 This restudy of a village first studied by F G Bailey in the 1950s tries to understand the issue of temple entry in Bisipara. The unsuccessful attempts to enter the Shiva temple described by Bailey are compared to more recent events surrounding it, and are discussed as a manifestation of contested postcolonial identity politics. — *Tina Otten, Edward Simpson*

### Village Studies: Trials and Tribulations

- 33 Describing the conception of the project to restudy three villages, first studied by British anthropologists in the 1950s, this paper discusses the value of good record-keeping, the importance of reflexivity, the theoretical and methodological challenges of taking up such studies, and also the charm of working with two of the original researchers. — *Edward Simpson*

### Non-farm Diversification, Inequality and Mobility in Palanpur

- 43 Over the past seven decades social scientists have studied Palanpur in Uttar Pradesh several times. This paper documents the changes in intergenerational mobility, the nature of the shift in employment to non-farm occupations especially in poorer households, and the importance of networks and family ties in finding better, more remunerative employment. — *Himanshu, Bhavna Joshi & Peter Lanjouw*

### Inequality in Rural Nagaland: Changing Structures and Mechanisms

- 52 Challenging the usual perception that tribal villages are more egalitarian compared to the caste-structured villages of India, this paper argues that class and status are determined more by the ability to move away from the village than by clan rank or the organisation of agriculture alone, which are otherwise considered significant determinants of mobility. — *Andreas Küchle*

### Agrarian Transformation and the New Rurality in West Uttar Pradesh

- 61 Khanpur in Uttar Pradesh was first studied by the author in 2004–05 and once again a decade later. The results of the study suggest that with the rise in non-farm employment opportunities, changing demographics, more educational opportunities, and increased mobility of castes and communities, there have been changes in the nature and culture of rural life in the region. — *Satendra Kumar*

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