



WILD WISDOM GLOBAL CHALLENGE REPORT 2025

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WILD WISDOM GLOBAL CHALLENGE

“Inspiring generations through the years”

The Wild Wisdom Global Challenge (WWGC) is WWF-India's invitation to young people to step into the living world around them and discover the richness of biodiversity and wildlife. Through an interactive and child-friendly platform, the Challenge reaches schools across the world, helping students explore nature and understand, from an early age, the part they play in caring for it.

At its heart, WWGC seeks to spark curiosity and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards. By encouraging students to observe closely, ask questions, and think about the choices they make, the Challenge helps nurture a sense of responsibility towards the natural world. Along the way, children encounter the wonders of wildlife and learn how even small actions can contribute to protecting the environment. In doing so, WWGC hopes to foster a lifelong connection with nature and a shared commitment to safeguarding the planet's natural heritage.

The Challenge unfolds as a learning journey, guided by engaging resources and brought to life through interactive experiences like webinars and workshops. These are complemented by fun, thought-provoking quizzes that test knowledge while building teamwork, confidence, and a spirit of friendly competition.

2008-2012

Launches as the Wild Wisdom Quiz in Delhi with

32 schools
1000 children

CBSE endorses Wild Wisdom Quiz

Expands to

17 cities
40,641 students

2013-2017

Engages

800 schools
1,60,669 children

Is featured



Is supported



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Ministry of Earth Sciences

Penguin Books, India
publishes Wild Wisdom
Quiz Book Vol. 1 & 2

2018-2022

Expands as the Wild Wisdom
Global Challenge to reach

90+ countries

The Challenge is hosted
digitally in

English
Spanish
Traditional Chinese

Engages

2500 schools
4,50,000 students



Endorses the
challenge

Winners meet Chess Grandmaster
Mr. Viswanathan Anand

2023-2025

Engages

Over 10K schools
Over 14,00,000 students
90+ countries

including government, tribal,
rural, and private institutions.

Endorsed By



State Education
Boards

Featured seven global expert-led
webinars

Bio-Blitz activity

National Winners win a sponsored
trip to Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

2 WILD WISDOM 2025: THE CHALLENGE

I. THE THEME

INCREDIBLE INSECTS!

Tiny, extraordinary, and unbelievably powerful – insects are some of the planet's greatest survivors. For over 450 million years, these little creatures have conquered deserts, forests, mountains, and even icy lands, all while quietly keeping ecosystems in balance. This year's theme, **Incredible Insects**, invited students to step into this hidden world and uncover the secret superpowers of these miniature marvels.

From the mighty horned dung beetle that can lift hundreds of times its own weight, to the lightning-fast dragonfly and the glowing magic of fireflies, insects amazed participants with their resilience, clever adaptations, and incredible survival skills. Students explored how insects live, communicate, hunt, build, and even travel thousands of kilometers on epic migrations. Along the way, they discovered not just fascinating facts, but also why protecting these tiny creatures is so important for the health of our planet.

From tiny wings to glowing lights, from secret lives to daring flights, the world of insects unfolded in all its wonder and surprise:



DIVERSITY AND DISTRIBUTION

The incredible variety of insect species and the habitats they call home.



INSECT BIOLOGY

How insects function – from their wings and antennae to their super senses.



ADAPTATIONS, PREDATION, AND COMMUNICATION

How insects survive, hunt, and communicate in astonishing ways.



SOCIAL LIVES

The complex communities within insect colonies and their teamwork.



ECOLOGICAL ROLES

How insects maintain the delicate balance of ecosystems.



HUMANS AND INSECTS

The connections between humans and insects, from pollination to their place in culture and food systems.



II. ACROSS THE GLOBE AND NATIONS

The Wild Wisdom Global Challenge
2025 included participants from 57
countries globally!



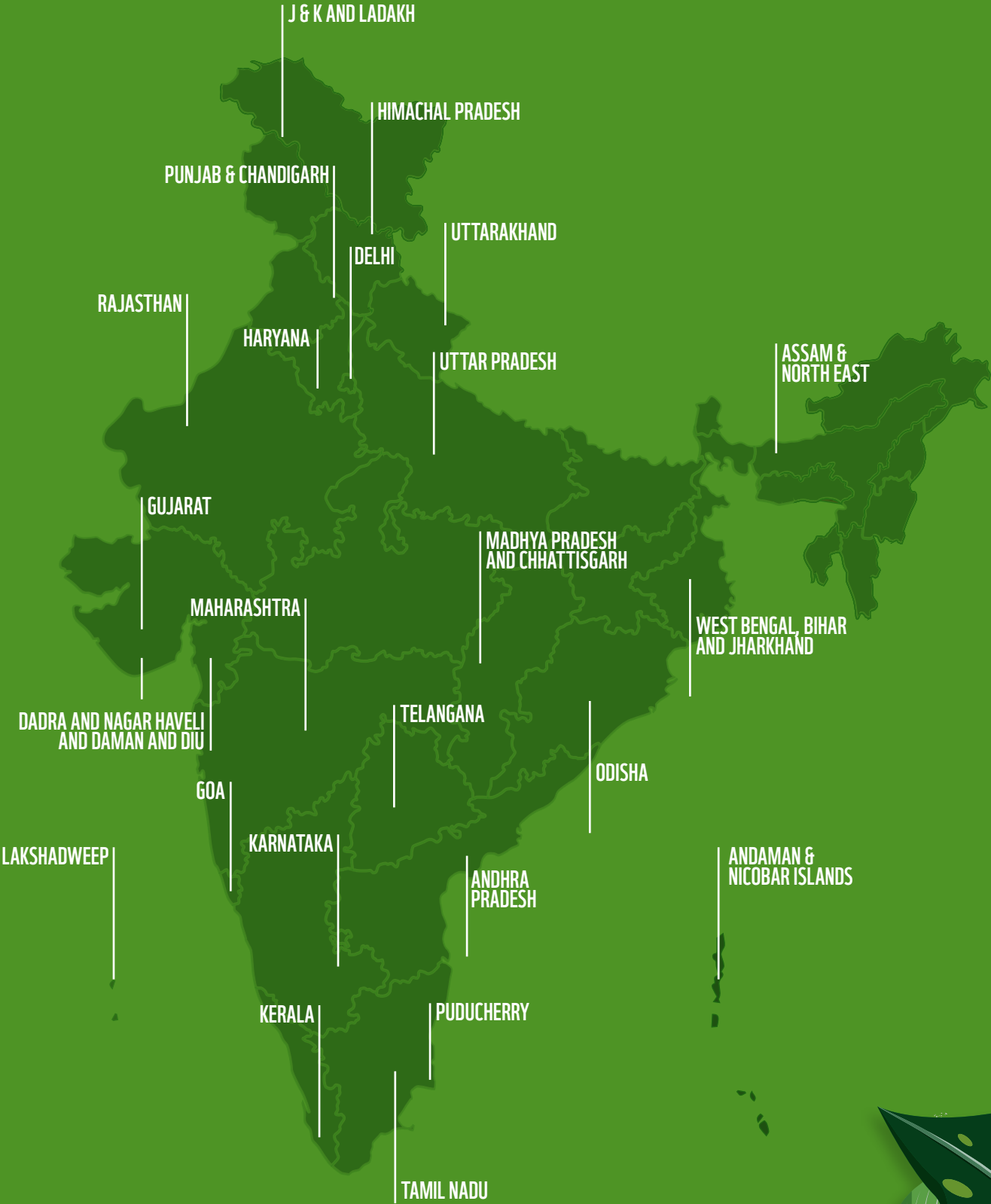
WWGC ACROSS THE COUNTRY

National Reach

The Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 saw participation from 28 states and 8 Union Territories across India.



LOCATIONS/STATE OFFICES	 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	 NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	09	1,327
Andhra Pradesh	168	14,034
Assam & North East States	410	77,176
Delhi - NCR	235	39,607
Goa	64	4,910
Gujarat	76	17,189
Haryana	42	4,567
Himachal Pradesh	75	3,860
Karnataka	326	41,153
Kerala	120	17,783
Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir	34	1,670
Madhya Pradesh & Chattisgarh	229	29,480
Maharashtra	257	39,744
Odisha	30	2,824
Puducherry	44	3,300
Punjab & Chandigarh	155	16,695
Rajasthan	91	14,322
Tamil Nadu	263	32,897
Telangana	380	27,745
Uttar Pradesh	115	15,420
Uttarakhand	37	4,590
West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand	188	25,906



III. WILD WISDOM 2025: SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

EXPANDING THE HORIZONS: HIGHLIGHTS OF WILD WISDOM GLOBAL CHALLENGE 2025

In 2025, the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge reached a remarkable global footprint, engaging **over 500,000 students from more than 4,000 schools across 57 countries**. This wide participation reflects a growing international curiosity about the natural world and a shared commitment to learning about wildlife and conservation.

In India alone, the Challenge connected with over 4,27,639 students from nearly 3,500 schools, spanning tribal, rural, and private institutions. By reaching learners from such diverse settings, WWGC continued to strengthen its commitment to inclusive and accessible environmental education, ensuring that opportunities to engage with nature were not limited by geography or background.

This year also marked an important step in overcoming physical distance. WWGC conducted **22 on-ground city level rounds and 8 online city level rounds**, allowing students to participate regardless of where they lived. For the first time, on-ground events were held in schools located in remote and far-flung regions, including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jaipur, and the Northeastern States.

Schools from these regions participated with great enthusiasm, demonstrating a strong eagerness to learn and a deep interest in wildlife conservation. Their involvement highlights the **far-reaching impact of the Challenge and its ability to bring together students from diverse cultural and geographic landscapes**, united by a shared curiosity for the natural world.



IV. LEARNING FROM THE EXPERTS

WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS



4,800
PARTICIPANTS
ACROSS INDIA

As part of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge (WWGC) 2025 and its theme Incredible Insects, a special series of seven expert-led webinars was conducted to help students explore the insect world through the eyes of leading entomologists and biodiversity researchers. These sessions that engaged over 4,800 participants across India offered real scientific insights, field experiences, and fascinating stories from India's top insect specialists.



DR. BULBULI KHANIKOR



ANTS

Dr. Khanikor unfolded the hidden world of ants, explaining their diversity, behaviour, and ecological importance. Her session also drew from her research on eco-friendly pest management and her significant scientific contributions, making the topic both relatable and inspiring.



DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES

Students were introduced to the vibrant world of dragonflies and damselflies. Dr. Sawant shared his rediscovery of the Elegant Blue Damselfly after a century and his extensive work documenting odonate species across India. Dr. Gopalan complemented this with insights into their behavior, habitats, and role as freshwater indicators.



DR. DATTAPRASAD SAWANT



DR. SUJITH V. GOPALAN

EXPERT SESSIONS



HONEY BEES

Focusing on one of nature's most important pollinators, Dr. Kakoti explained the biological and ecological value of honey bees. She shared her work in apiculture and sericulture, helping students understand the essential role of bees in agriculture and biodiversity.



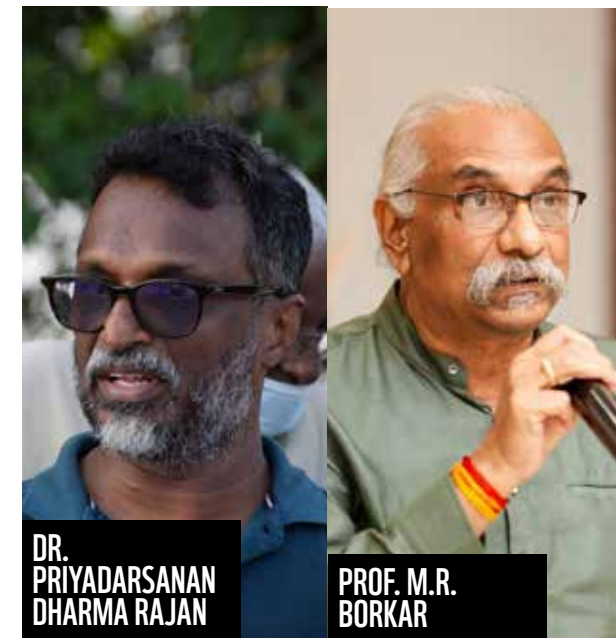
DR. RASHMIMALA KAKOTI



AMAZING INSECTS (MASTERS OF DISGUISE AND MIMICRY)

In the webinar, Dr. Shanker provided a broad, engaging overview of insects across ecosystems — their adaptations, agricultural relevance, and importance in sustainable pest management. Her experience in rice entomology offered students a real-world context for understanding insect-crop interactions.

DR. CHITRA SHANKER



**DR. PRIYADARSANAN
DHARMA RAJAN**

**PROF. M.R.
BORKAR**



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES & INTRODUCTION TO INSECTS

These two sessions expanded students' perspectives beyond individual species. Dr. Priyadarsanan highlighted the vital ecosystem services that insects provide, from pollination to nutrient cycling, while Prof. Borkar introduced learners to the astonishing diversity and evolution of insects, making the science of entomology accessible and exciting.



FIELD-BASED LEARNING THROUGH **WILD WISDOM BIOBLITZ**



Wild Wisdom BioBlitz: Hands-On Exploration and Citizen Science

Wild Wisdom BioBlitz brought together technology and field exploration to help students discover the rich biodiversity that exists all around them. By encouraging curiosity and outdoor observation, the activity created a meaningful learning experience that connected young learners with nature in their own neighbourhoods.



Engaging over 300 schools across the country,

BioBlitz invited students to step outside and explore the wildlife thriving in familiar spaces — backyards, school grounds, neighbourhood streets, parks, and nearby green patches. With careful observation, students searched for insects, often noticing for the first time the small creatures that share their everyday environments.



How it worked

- Schools created one iNaturalist account with their school's name
- Involved 5-10 students
- Explored outdoors and photographed insects, birds, and trees
- Uploaded 30 original observations to iNaturalist
- Submitted their details like username via form
- Earned bonus points for their school
- Using the iNaturalist platform, participants uploaded their observations, contributing valuable data to a global citizen science effort.

Through this immersive experience, Wild Wisdom BioBlitz nurtured students' scientific curiosity and fostered a deeper connection with local ecosystems, turning ordinary surroundings into living classrooms, helping students see nature as something immediate, alive, and worth protecting.

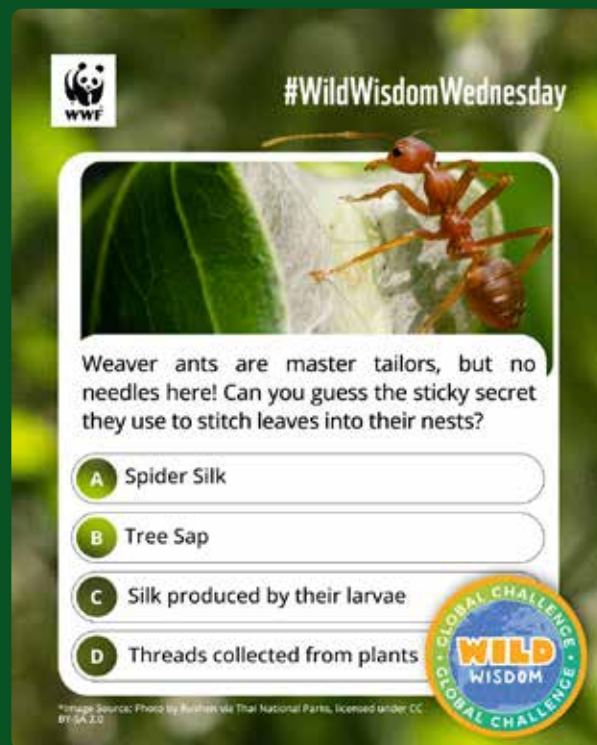


WISDOM WEDNESDAYS LEARN THROUGH TRIVIA



To keep the learning momentum alive beyond formal sessions and rounds, Wisdom Wednesdays was introduced as a weekly engagement initiative during WWGC 2025. Every Wednesday, curated insect-themed trivia was shared across social media platforms, offering students a simple yet engaging way to stay connected with the theme.

These trivia posts presented interesting facts and thought-provoking questions, encouraging students to pause, reflect, and explore the insect world further.



By combining learning with light, interactive content, Wisdom Wednesdays reinforced key concepts from the Incredible Insects theme in an accessible and enjoyable format.

The initiative effectively extended learning beyond classrooms and events, using digital platforms to nurture ongoing curiosity and deepen students' appreciation for insects and biodiversity.



V. PARTNERSHIPS

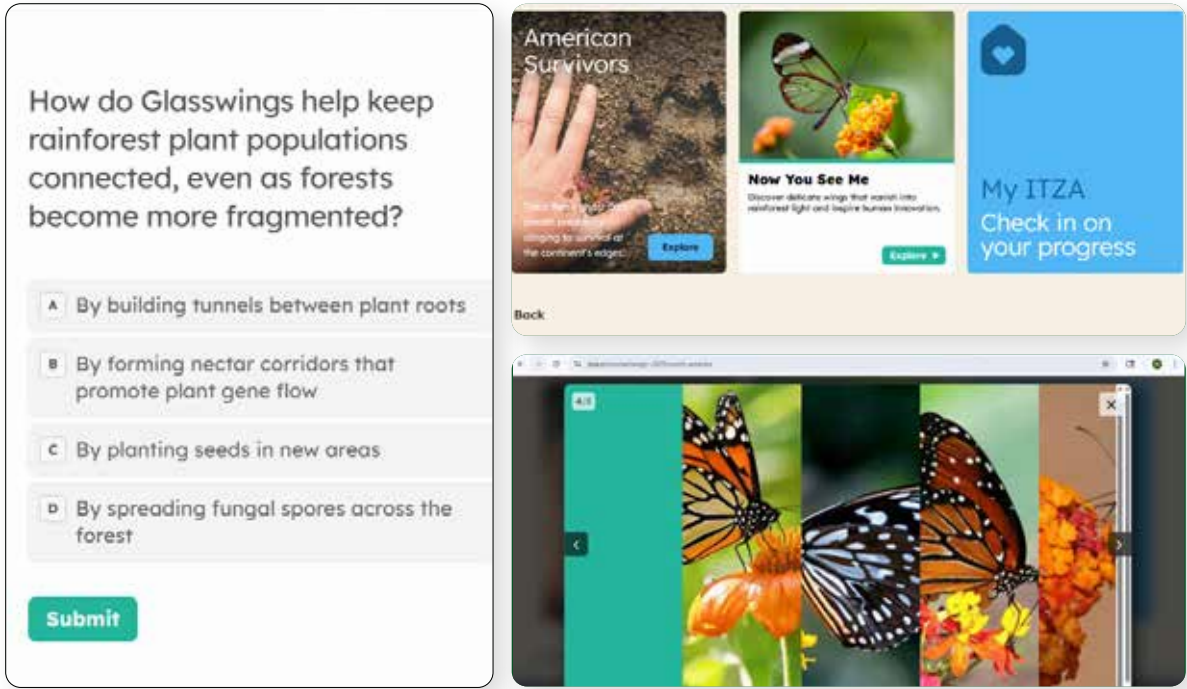
DIGITAL RESOURCE PARTNER



ITZA supported the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 by organising and managing the global digital platform that brought participants from across the world together. As a youth-focused learning platform, ITZA enabled independent, self-paced learning by providing a structured space where students could explore themes related to environmentalism, sustainability, and biodiversity.

The ITZA platform played a central role in the smooth conduct of the global competition, ensuring that participants — regardless of location — had consistent access to learning resources and assessments. Students engaged with insect-focused learning modules, interactive activities, and practice quizzes on the platform.

By combining engaging content with interactive learning tools, ITZA helped create a shared digital learning experience for WWGC participants worldwide, supporting both knowledge-building and active participation throughout the Challenge.



OUTREACH PARTNERS - NATIONAL



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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (CBSE)



KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA
SANGATHAN (KVS)

PRIZE SPONSORS & PARTNERS

TI CYCLES

Track and Trail is the ultimate destination for everything cycling. TI Cycles, a long-time supporter of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge, has provided 10 cycles for the top 5 positions at the Zonal Level.



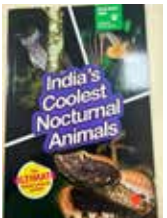
TI Cycles

Sponsored cycles for the top winners at the Zonal Level



Indian Pitta

Sponsored books for the winners



Nikon

Nikon supported the challenge by providing photography equipment for the winning school at the International Finale.

REGIONAL PARTNERS



STATE	OUTREACH PARTNER	VENUE PARTNER
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	 KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN REGIONAL OFFICE, SILCHAR An Autonomous Body Under Ministry Of Education, Government Of India KVS Regional Office Silchar	
	 Vivekananda Kendra Shiksha Prasar Vibhag Guwahati	
	 Bharat Scouts and Guides-North East Region,	
	Adarsha Vidyalaya Sanghathan, Assam Samagra Siksha, Kamrup, Assam	
KERALA	 South Zone Sahodaya	 Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram
	 Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Kochi Kendra	
	 Kochi Sahodaya	

STATE	OUTREACH PARTNER	VENUE PARTNER
KERALA	 Regional Office, KVS, Ernakulam	
	 Kochi Metro Sahodaya	
	 Central Zone Sahodaya	
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STATE	OUTREACH PARTNER	VENUE PARTNER
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WEST BENGAL, BIHAR AND JHARKHAND	 West Bengal Board of Secondary Education	
	 Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Regional Office Kolkata	
GOA	 Directorate of Education, Government of Goa	 DR. K.B. HEDGEWAR HIGH SCHOOL Cufira, Bambolim Goa

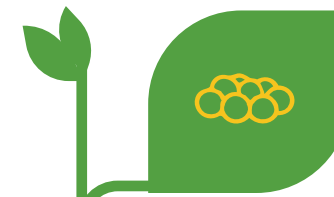
STATE	OUTREACH PARTNER	VENUE PARTNER
MADHYA PRADESH AND CHATTISGARH	 Kendriya Vidyalaya Regional Office, Bhopal	 IES Public School, IES University Campus, Ratibad Main Road, Kalkheda, Bhopal.
	 Kendriya Vidyalaya Regional Office, Raipur	
RAJASTHAN	 Rajasthan Education Department	 Subodh Public School, Near Airport, Sanganer, Jaipur
		 NEERJA MODI SCHOOL SOJATIA A Co Educational CBSE School till Grade 12
PUNJAB & CHNADIGARH	 Directorate of Education, Punjab	 Spring Dale Senior School Spring Dale Senior School, Amritsar
HIMACHAL PRADESH	 Directorate of Education, Himachal Pradesh	 Durga Public School, Solan
UTTAR PRADESH	 Department of Education, Uttar Pradesh	
UTTARAKHAND		 Welham Girls' School

WILD WISDOM GLOBAL CHALLENGE 2025

From Curious Minds to Global Champions



Each year, the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge sets thousands of young minds on a journey of discovery, and in 2025 that journey took a closer look at the remarkable world of insects. Through this theme, students were invited to explore creatures often overlooked, yet vital to life on Earth. What began as curiosity in the classroom gradually unfolded into a nationwide celebration of learning, teamwork, and growing environmental awareness.



CLASSROOM LEVEL – WHERE DISCOVERY BEGINS

The journey began in classrooms, where students from Grades 6 to 9 stepped into the world of insects with curiosity and enthusiasm. As they worked through questions, identified species, and explored new ideas, young learners sharpened their understanding of the natural world around them. The highest scorers from each school advanced to the next round, taking on the role of ambassadors and carrying forward the spirit of curiosity and learning beyond their classrooms.



427,639 +
STUDENTS
ENGAGED



3,500
SCHOOLS



28 STATES
8 UNION
TERRITORIES





CITY LEVEL – MEETING FELLOW EXPLORERS

The city-level rounds, **conducted through 22 on-ground events and 8 online rounds**, brought together diverse schools from across the country. In each round, the top two students from every participating school formed teams to collaborate, compete, and celebrate their shared curiosity for learning.

Each challenge sharpened their knowledge, while every interaction broadened their perspective. Across cities, the finalists stood out not only for their subject understanding but also for their teamwork and collaborative spirit. By the end of the city rounds, every team walked away a little wiser, a little prouder, and even more curious about the world around them.



State/ Region	City (On-Ground Event)
Assam	Guwahati
Delhi–NCR	Delhi
North Eastern Region	Guwahati
Goa	Panjim
Gujarat	Valsad
Himachal Pradesh	Solan
Karnataka	Davangere
	Bengaluru
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
	Kozhikode
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
Maharashtra	Mumbai
	Mumbai
Punjab	Amritsar
Puducherry	Puducherry
Rajasthan	Jaipur
	Udaipur
Tamil Nadu	Chennai
	Coimbatore
Telangana	Hyderabad
Uttarakhand	Dehradun
West Bengal	Kolkata



ZONAL LEVEL – THE HORIZON EXPANDS

City champions now represent their regions on a larger stage. The challenges grow tougher, thinking becomes sharper, and every round demands teamwork, focus, and resilience. In 2025, the competition spanned five zones across India:

1. NORTH ZONE

New Delhi, Delhi
Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan

Yamunanagar, Haryana
Dyal Singh Public School

Amritsar, Punjab
BCM Arya Model Sr. Sec. School, Shastri Nagar

Solan, Himachal Pradesh
Kasauli International Public School

Dehradun, Uttarakhand
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya IIP

Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya

2. WEST ZONE

Wardha, Maharashtra
Bhavan's Lloyds Vidya Niketan

Kolhapur, Maharashtra
Sanjay Ghodawat International School

Valsad, Gujarat
Hills High School, Gujarat

Jaipur, Rajasthan
Modern Public School

Udaipur, Rajasthan
Neerja Modi School

Panjim, Goa
Bhatikar Model High School

3. CENTRAL ZONE

Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh
Narayana e-Techno School

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Indore

Chhattisgarh
Kendriya Vidyalaya Bacheli, Chhattisgarh

Bengaluru, Karnataka
EuroSchool, North Campus

Davangere, Karnataka
Jain Public School, Shivamogga

4. EAST ZONE

Guwahati, Assam
Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti

North East
PM Shri KV Umroi Cantt., Meghalaya

Keonjhar, Odisha
Kendriya Vidyalaya

Kolkata, West Bengal
Ashok Hall Girls' H.S. School

Raniganj, West Bengal
R.L.J.D.M.C. D.A.V. Public School

5. SOUTH ZONE

Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh
Dr. Besant School

Kamareddy, Telangana
TGSWRS/JC(G), Eklara

Hyderabad, Telangana
Delhi Public School

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
Vidhya Niketan School CBSE

Chennai, Tamil Nadu
D.A.V. Adambakkam

Puducherry
Amalorepavam Lourdes Academy

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Shanthinikethan School

Kozhikode, Kerala
Bhavans Varuna Vidyalaya

Together, these zones brought the country's brightest young conservationists to a common platform, united by curiosity and a passion for nature.

The winners earned a coveted spot in the national arena, becoming voices of their zones.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

WINNING SCHOOL AT FIRST POSITION

The team was awarded with the Zonal level winner trophies, TI Cycle Voucher, a certificate and the Wild Wisdom Quiz book.

2ND & 3RD PLACE:

The teams received a field guide on Indian mammals by Vivek Menon, and a WWF-India kit, along with trophies, certificates, and goodie bags.





NATIONAL LEVEL –
RISING TO THE SUMMIT

At the National Level, the most outstanding teams from across the country came together on a virtual platform for the National Finals of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025. The top teams from each of the five zones qualified for this stage, proudly representing their states and regions.

The National Final was conducted over five well-structured quiz rounds, designed to test not just knowledge, but also presence of mind,

teamwork, and analytical thinking. The session was expertly conducted by Quiz Master Ajay Poonia, whose engaging style kept students motivated and the competition lively throughout.

The finalists demonstrated remarkable confidence, collaboration, and depth of understanding. Beyond competition, the National Round became a celebration of learning — where curiosity, teamwork, and passion for knowledge truly stood out.



AWARDS & RECOGNITION:



WINNING SCHOOL:

The team was awarded the prestigious Gold National Winner's Trophy.



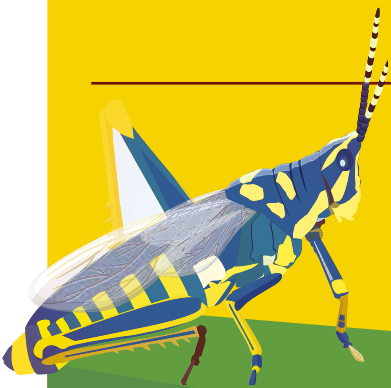
1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE

Teams received an exclusive educational excursion to Pilhibit Tiger Reserve, along with trophies, certificates, and goodie bags.



4TH & 5TH PLACE

Teams were honoured with consolation medals, certificates, and goodie bags.



The National Champion Team earned the privilege of representing India at the International Finale, competing on a global stage against top young conservationists from around the world.

OUR FIVE
NATIONAL
FINALISTS
WERE:

1ST POSITION

KERALA

**Bhavans Varuna
Vidyalaya,
Thrikkakkara,
Ernakulam**



**Sathwik Sarath &
Skandan K S**

2ND POSITION

HIMACHAL PRADESH

**Kasauli
International Public
School, Solan**



**Daksh Ghiloria &
Gitansh Gulati**

3RD POSITION

ASSAM

**Sarala Birla Gyan
Jyoti, Guwahati**



**Anubhadipta Boruah
& Ashwin Anand**

4TH POSITION

GUJARAT

**Hills High
School, Surat**



**Arianna Tripathi &
Ketki Matwani**

5TH POSITION

CHHATTISGARH

**Kendriya
Vidyalaya, Bacheli**



**Adarsh Gajbhiye &
Shailja Sanskriti**



INTERNATIONAL LEVEL – A GLOBAL STAGE FOR YOUNG CHAMPIONS

The International Round of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 brought together national champions from eight countries — India, Cyprus, the United Kingdom, France, Bhutan, Portugal, Hong Kong, and Colombia — onto a shared global stage. This final chapter of WWGC 2025 truly reflected the spirit of the Challenge: a growing international community of young thinkers and educators who believe in the power of knowledge, collaboration, and conservation to shape a more sustainable future.



COUNTRY	SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT NAME(S)	EDUCATOR / TEACHER COORDINATOR
 India	Bhavans Varuna Vidyalaya, Thrikkakkara, Ernakulam, Kerala	Skandan K S & Sathwik Sarath	Mayadevi Saraswathi
 Cyprus	Pascal Primary School, Limassol (City Centre)	Mitt Miron Student & Emin faridovich Sardarov	Andrie Theodosiou
 United Kingdom	Ilford County High School	Numayr Mohammad Aftab & Samraj Randhawa	Priji Gejo
 France	Mougins British International School	Edouard Genevier & Scarlett Simpson	Valentina Deidda
 Bhutan	Minjiwoong Central School	Sonam Choden & Ugyen Choden	Kelzang Gayley
 Portugal	Nobel Algarve British International School, Lagoa	Alex & Aaracv G	Ayten Carvalho Pais
 Hong Kong	St. Mary's Canossian College	Ng Tsz Ying Alicia & Cheung Tsan Ka Kaylee	Shiu Wai Ma
 Colombia	Colegio Integrado Campestre Colombia Hoy, Facatativá, Cundinamarca	Johan Sebastián Laguado	Viviana Patricia Obando
 Colombia	Institución Educativa La Paz, Envigado, Antioquia	Matías López	Viviana Patricia Obando

A JOURNEY THAT LEAVES A MARK

As WWGC 2025 unfolded, students moved from curiosity to understanding, discovering the world of insects and, in the process, seeing nature with fresh eyes. The Challenge became less about competition and more about learning – paying attention, working together, and recognising our shared responsibility towards the natural world.

Along the way, students connected with peers beyond their own schools and countries, reminded that care for nature is something we all hold in common. The journey offered a lasting lesson — when young people are given the space to observe and wonder, wisdom grows on its own.



VI. CHAMPIONS: STORIES & REFLECTIONS NATIONAL WINNING TEAMS:

1ST POSITION

BHAVAN'S VARUNA VIDYALAYA THRIKKAKKARA, KERALA



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It was a proud moment for us to represent India at the National and International Finals. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which gave us the opportunity to showcase our knowledge on a global platform. The exposure was truly enriching and helped us learn more about diverse species. Winning as a team was a proud milestone for all of us.

Skandan K S & Sathwik Sarath

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Namaste ! I am Mayadevi, Teacher Coordinator, and it gives me immense pleasure to share my experience as a mentor for the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge (WWGC). This year, my students, Skandan K. S. and Sathwik Sarath, emerged as International Winners – 2025, which is a moment of great pride for all of us.

Guiding them through this journey—from the classroom challenge to the international level—was a truly enriching experience. Their success is a result of their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm, which earned them the title of international winners. I wish them the very best in all their future endeavours.

Our school and I share a long-standing association with WWF-India, and we sincerely thank the organisation for designing diverse and meaningful activities that help students understand and value nature and wildlife conservation. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the WWF-India team for their continued support and commitment.



*Mayadevi Saraswathi,
Teacher Coordinator*

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Namaste!

The Wild Wisdom Global Challenge (WWGC) is an international wildlife quiz organised by WWF-India. With immense pride and joy, I stand before you today as my students have emerged as International Winners, competing with participants from eight countries across the globe.

With great honour and responsibility, our children proudly represented Team India, showcasing their knowledge, confidence, and global competitiveness. Their achievement is a true reflection of their dedication, hard work, and deep curiosity, which have shaped them into young achievers.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to them and wish them continued success in all their future endeavours. I also sincerely thank WWF-India for providing such a wonderful platform that ignites young minds and nurtures a lasting passion for nature and wildlife conservation.

Thank you.



*Remadevi K.P.,
Principal*



2ND POSITION

KASALI INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL,
HIMACHAL PRADESH



“Participating in the World Wild Wisdom Global Quiz Challenge on the theme Incredible Insects was an exciting and memorable experience for us. While preparing for the quiz, we explored the fascinating world of insects and learned about their life cycles, habitats, adaptations, and their important role in maintaining ecological balance.

The questions were challenging, informative, and thought-provoking, encouraging us to research, think critically, and learn beyond our textbooks. The competition also helped us improve our teamwork, confidence, and problem-solving skills.

We truly enjoyed being a part of such a well-organized and educational platform. We sincerely thank the organizers of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge for providing us with this wonderful opportunity to learn, compete, and grow. This experience has inspired us to stay curious and continue learning about nature and wildlife.

Gitansh Gulati & Daksh Ghiloria



Participating in the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 was a truly engaging and enriching experience for our students. The quiz offered a fascinating insight into the diverse world of insects, helping students understand their importance in ecosystems, biodiversity, and environmental balance.

The thoughtfully designed questions sparked curiosity, encouraged research-based learning, and enhanced critical thinking skills. Students thoroughly enjoyed exploring new facts about insects while competing in a healthy and motivating environment.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the organizers for selecting such an interesting and educational theme and for conducting the challenge in a well-organized and inspiring manner. The *Incredible Insects* theme of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge has left a lasting impression and ignited a deeper interest in environmental learning among our students

 **Suman Lata,**
Teacher Coordinator



Participating in the **WWGC 2025 at the national level** on the theme Incredible Insects was an enriching and truly memorable experience for our institution. Throughout the competition, our students demonstrated exceptional creativity, scientific understanding, and teamwork. Their innovative ideas, well-researched content, and confident presentation reflected months of dedicated effort and the strong guidance of our teachers. Competing alongside talented teams from across the country was both inspiring and motivating, as it encouraged learning, collaboration, and healthy competition.

Winning **2nd Position -North** at the **National level** is a moment of immense pride for our entire school community. This achievement not only validates our commitment to experiential learning and environmental awareness but also motivates us to continue nurturing curiosity, critical thinking, and innovation among our students.

I sincerely congratulate our students and teachers for their hard work, perseverance, and passion. This victory at WWGC 2025 will remain a milestone in our school's journey and will inspire us to aim even higher in future national and international platforms.

 **Dr. Rajiv Guleria,**
Principal



3RD POSITION

SARALA BIRAL GYAN JYOTI,
GUWAHATI ASSAM



Participating in WWF-India's Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 was an inspiring and enriching experience. This year's theme, *Incredible Insects*, deepened our understanding of the vital role even the smallest creatures play in maintaining ecological balance. Reaching the National Level strengthened our curiosity, confidence, and commitment to wildlife conservation. We congratulate all the National Level winners and were proud to represent Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati. We sincerely thank our teachers, principal, and WWF-India for their constant support and this valuable opportunity.

Ashwin Anand & Anubhadipta Boruah



The Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 offered an impactful learning experience for our students. It strengthened their knowledge, confidence, and collaborative skills. Achieving the 3rd position at the national level has been a moment of great pride. We truly value the learning experience this platform offers.

Mamta Sethi,
Teacher Coordinator



The Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 on the theme Incredible Insects, inspired our students' deep learning amidst millions of participants nationwide. Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati (Sarala Birla Group of Schools) triumphed, from State Champions to East Zonal toppers, earning the 3rd at the Nationals, thanks to Ashwin Anand, Anubhadipta Boruah, their mentors, and their teachers' relentless teamwork and excellence. We celebrate this success and commit to cultivating thoughtful global citizens of tomorrow.

Dr. Diganta Haldar,
Principal

4TH POSITION

HILL HIGH SCHOOL, GUJARAT



Participating in the WWGC 2025 was an enriching and intellectually stimulating experience for us. The preparation process involved extensive reading and careful revision from multiple sources, which significantly deepened our understanding of biodiversity and insect life. The quiz rounds were intense and closely contested, testing our presence of mind, teamwork, and subject knowledge at every stage.

We sincerely appreciate WWGC for organising such a well-structured and thoughtfully designed challenge that made learning both engaging and meaningful. The experiential learning opportunities, including the visit to the biodiversity park and species identification using the iNaturalist app added immense value to our learning journey. Reaching the National Level and securing the 4th position was a proud and rewarding achievement for us.

Arianna Tripathi & Ketki Matwani



Participating in WWF-India's WWGC 2025 was a rewarding and enriching experience for our students. The quiz was well-structured, academically challenging, and supported by the WWF team at every stage. The students' win at National Level securing 4th position boosted their confidence and deepened their understanding of environmental conservation. The initiative taken by the team at WWF-India is commendable, and the dedication and commitment towards the Challenge is truly inspiring.

Tasneem Kachwala,
Teacher Coordinator



We were delighted to send our students to participate in the WWGC 2025, as it reflects our school's commitment to experiential and research-based learning. The Challenge was excellently structured, academically challenging, and encouraged students to prepare extensively from diverse sources. I appreciate WWGC for providing a prestigious international platform that promotes environmental awareness, analytical thinking, and confident participation among young learners.

P. P. Jose
Principal

5TH POSITION

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA BACHELI,
CHHATTISGARH



Participating in the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 has been an inspiring and memorable journey. Exploring insects helped us understand their beauty, diversity, and importance in nature. Reaching the National Finale made us proud, and though we narrowly missed the win, the learning and confidence we gained were invaluable. We are sincerely grateful to WWF-India for this enriching platform.

Shailja Sanskriti & Adarsh Gajbhiye



As the school coordinator for WWGC 2025, witnessing our students grow at every stage was truly special. Their dedication in researching, preparing notes, and exploring the theme was remarkable as they progressed from school to city and then proudly won at the zonal level. Though we narrowly missed the National Finale, the learning and commitment they displayed made the experience deeply rewarding. I am grateful to WWF-India for offering such an inspiring platform for young learners.



Suyash Rawat,
Teacher Coordinator



Adarsh and Shailja of Kendriya Vidyalaya BachelI have brought pride to the Vidyalaya by their commendable journey in the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025, reaching the National level. Their effort and discipline exemplify the holistic learning culture of our institution. I thank WWF-India for providing a valuable platform that nurtures informed and responsible learners.



Mr. Shersingh Rajpoot,
Principal

INTERNATIONAL TESTIMONIALS

COLOMBIA



My experience at the international final of Wild Wisdom was wonderful. Testing my knowledge about the environment alongside students from different countries was truly exciting, especially because I almost won. Achieving first place at the national level and second place internationally fills me with pride. Knowing that my passion for caring for the planet can contribute to its protection inspires me every day. Without a doubt, it was an incredible experience that I will always carry with me.

Joan Sebastian Lagos Molina

Colegio Integrado Campestre Colombia Hoy of Facatativá, Cundinamarca



I really enjoyed the experience because it filled me with knowledge and learning. Seeing my parents and my family happy was very meaningful to me. I also liked it because I challenged myself, tested my abilities, and realized how intelligent I am and how many doors open when one studies with discipline and dedication. All of this is very motivating for me and drives me to keep moving forward and growing.

Matias López

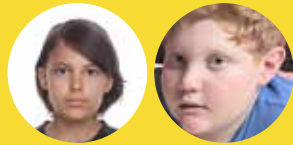
Institución Educativa La Paz of Envigado, Antioquia, Colombia



Accompanying our student in the Wild Wisdom 2025 competition has been one of the most enriching experiences of my teaching career. His commitment, curiosity, and discipline led him to represent Colombia internationally alongside a fellow student, achieving an outstanding second place. This process not only strengthened his scientific and communication skills, but also his confidence and worldview. Witnessing his growth reaffirms the importance of encouraging talent and creating spaces that connect young people with science and nature. I feel deeply proud of his achievement and of the impact this experience had on the entire educational community.

Viviana Patricia Obando
Teacher Coordinator

CYPRUS



“I was really excited to get points and learn about new insects like beetles, fireflies, and dragonflies. Every new fact made me want to keep researching. When I saw myself take the 5th place out of more than 30 schools worldwide, I felt so proud and surprised. It made me happy just to take part, and this victory has inspired me to keep learning more about nature and how to protect it.”

Mitt Miron Student & Emin faridovich Sardarov

Pascal Primary School, Limassol (City Centre), Cyprus



Students found the experience engaging from start to finish. They were intrigued by how the Challenge brought together so much learning — spanning science, geography, and the study of animals — within a single competition. The online format made it easy to participate, and the opportunity to earn Yakka points added an element of fun that kept students motivated and involved throughout.



Andrie Theodosiou,
Teacher Coordinator

Pascal Primary School, Limassol (City Centre), Cyprus

FRANCE



“We liked the event because the activities were fun and helped us learn new things”.

“It was exciting to join WWF and compete in the final quiz with students from all around the world.”

Edouard Geneviev & Scarlett Simpson

Mougins British International School, France



The event itself was extremely well organised and full of interesting activities. It provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn in an innovative and engaging way and they were very motivated by some of the rewards. The collaboration with WWF was particularly valuable; it added a real-world context and helped the students understand life beyond the classroom. Being part of the Globeducate network continues to open doors for our students, giving them opportunities to engage with peers internationally and to take part in initiatives that broaden their global awareness and sense of responsibility. We are very proud to be part of such a forward-thinking community. Thank you for inviting us to be part of this inspiring event.



Valentina Deidda,
Teacher Coordinator

Mougins British International School, France

HONG KONG



Taking part in the International Final of the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 was a real honour. Competing alongside participants from different countries made me proud to represent Hong Kong. Through the preparation and the competition, I learned a lot about insects, and this deepened my interest in nature. This experience not only challenged me but also inspired me to keep exploring and learning more.

Cheung Tsan Ka Kaylee

St. Mary's Canossian College, Hong Kong



I am very honoured to represent my school, St. Mary's Canossian College, and Hong Kong in this event. I learned a lot about insects and nature, improved my thinking skills and learnt the importance of teamwork. I am thankful to my teammate Kaylee, who was great at discussing ideas. Overall, this experience has been both fun and educational, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

Ng Tsz Ying Alicia

St. Mary's Canossian College, Hong Kong



I was delighted and honoured to represent Hong Kong to join the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 with the students. With the interactive videos and challenges in the ITZA website, students learned more about the organisms in different continents, broadening their horizons in learning science and nature. I am looking forward to the WWGC next year.



Shiu Wai Ma,
Teacher Coordinator

St. Mary's Canossian College, Hong Kong

BHUTAN



“I felt that participating in the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025 was an incredible experience. It deepened my appreciation for entomology and connected me with passionate individuals from around the world.”

Ugyen Choden,

Minjiwoong Central School, Bhutan



“Being part of the WWGC 2025 was both stimulating and fulfilling, as it inspired continuous learning and a stronger connection to nature and wildlife”

Sonam Choden,

Minjiwoong Central School, Bhutan



IZTA is an exciting platform for students to explore nature and develop the habit of lifelong learning. The online quiz challenge was a new experience for the students, opening avenues for active learning and a quest for knowledge.



Kelzang Gayley,
Teacher Coordinator

Minjiwoong Central School

VII.

WILD ADVENTURES WITH THE WINNERS



DAY 1 | 19TH JANUARY 2026, MONDAY

The national winning teams from Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, accompanied by members of the WWF India team, departed early from Delhi for their much-anticipated nature camp at Pilibhit Tiger Reserve. The teams arrived at Earth Home Resort by mid-afternoon and were warmly welcomed with refreshments before settling into their accommodations amidst the tranquil forest surroundings.

In the evening, students and WWF staff members got to know each other over an introductory session, followed by a briefing about their stay inside the reserve. As the sun set, the participants enjoyed a wildlife movie screening focused on Pilibhit Tiger Reserve and conservation efforts there, which helped set the context for the learning experiences ahead. The day concluded with a campfire session, informal interactions, and shared excitement for the adventures to come



DAY 2 | 20TH JANUARY 2026, MONDAY

The day began with early morning birdwatching at the Sarda Sagar Reservoir, offering participants an opportunity to observe diverse avifauna in their natural habitat. This was followed by breakfast at the Chuka SSB Camp. The day continued with a village walk and community engagement session, allowing students to interact with local residents and understand their relationship with the surrounding landscape. Lunch was organised at Sapt Sarovar, after which participants enjoyed a wildlife safari in Zone 2 of the reserve, gaining insights into the region's biodiversity and conservation efforts. The day concluded with a return to the camp, followed by dinner and recreational games around a friendly campfire.



DAY 3 | 21ST JANUARY 2026, MONDAY

The third day began with an exciting morning wildlife safari in Zone 1, providing further exposure to the forest ecosystem and wildlife. After a sumptuous lunch at the Earth Home Resort, participants visited a nearby community to witness sustainable livelihood initiatives like traditional honey processing practices and the manufacturing of products made from water hyacinth. Students were then familiarised with conservation issues through an engaging Nukkad Natak organised by the local Baghmitras group. The remainder of the day included nature-based games, student interaction sessions, relaxation time, and a freewheeling discussion with WWF experts on conservation, community participation, and wildlife protection.



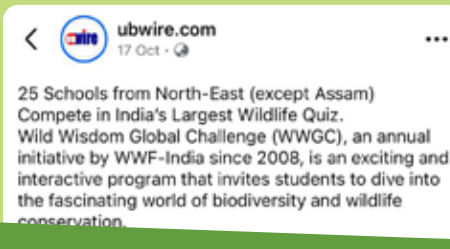
DAY 4 | 22ND JANUARY 2026, MONDAY

The fourth day marked the conclusion of the programme with the departure for Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, the teams attended an interaction session with Mr. Karan Bhalla, COO of WWF-India, along with the Heads of Departments over high tea. This session provided an opportunity for reflection, feedback, and discussions on key learnings from the visit. The Wild Adventures programme concluded with a prize distribution ceremony for the winning teams.



VIII. IN THE PRESS

Media coverage, digital highlights, and public engagement showcasing the impact of WWGC 2025.



PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION TEAM PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROGRAMME

The success of WWGC 2025 is a testament to the seamless synergy between our Delhi Secretariat Team and our dedicated State & Regional Teams. Together, they transformed a global vision into a local reality for 500,000 students.

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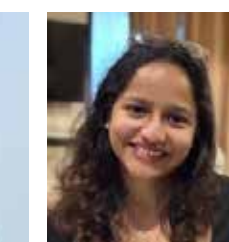


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3. LOOKING FORWARD: WILD WISDOM 2026

FROM THE COASTLINE TO THE SEAFLOOR



Earth is a blue planet — vast, restless, and alive, with oceans covering 71% of its surface. Yet this immense world beneath the waves remains largely unexplored. We have mapped Mars in greater detail than our own seafloor. Scientists estimate that around 2.2 million species inhabit the ocean, but fewer than one-tenth have been identified. Each year, new life emerges from the depths — like a ghostly white deep-sea octopus species scientists have affectionately nicknamed “Casper.” Countless others remain hidden in darkness, waiting to be discovered.

From sunlit coastlines to pitch-black trenches, the ocean is a realm of astonishing diversity. Microscopic plankton drift in currents that also carry some of the largest animals ever known, like the blue whale. Coral reefs burst with colour, mangroves cradle young marine life, kelp forests sway like underwater woodlands, and deep-sea vents host creatures found nowhere else on Earth. Every organism, no matter how small, plays its part — producing oxygen, recycling nutrients, filtering water, and sustaining intricate food webs.

Survival here demands brilliance. Some fish sense electricity. Sea turtles migrate thousands of kilometres across entire oceans. Lobsters regrow lost claws. Seabirds plunge with astonishing precision. Sea cucumbers can eject their internal organs to escape predators — and regrow them weeks later. In freezing polar waters and crushing deep-sea pressures, life adapts, evolves, and endures against the odds.

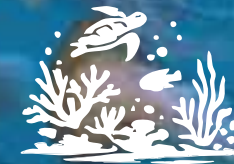
The ocean is not just a habitat — it is the beating heart of our planet. Phytoplankton produce more oxygen than all the world’s forests combined. Oceans regulate climate, absorb vast amounts of carbon dioxide, and shape global weather systems. They provide food and livelihoods for billions of people, sustaining coastal cultures that have thrived for generations, from traditional pearl divers to fishing communities that depend on healthy seas.

Yet this magnificent system is under strain. Half of all coral reefs have disappeared in just three decades. Plastic pollution entangles and chokes marine life. Rising temperatures disrupt breeding cycles and migration routes. Some species — like the vaquita, with fewer than ten individuals remaining — stand on the brink of extinction, possibly before we can fully understand their story.

When the ocean suffers, we all feel the impact. It regulates our climate, produces the oxygen in every other breath we take, and stabilises life on Earth itself. Protecting the ocean is not a distant concern — it is a shared responsibility.

At the Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2026, we invite you to dive deeper. Journey with WWF from shoreline to seafloor, to explore mysteries hidden beneath the waves, towards a future where humans live in greater harmony with nature.

MARINE DIVERSITY AND DISTRIBUTION



MARINE DIVERSITY AND DISTRIBUTION

Discover the ocean’s incredible variety of life, from vibrant reef hotspots to rare and endemic species, guided by both science and coastal community wisdom.



ADAPTATIONS AND BEHAVIOUR

Uncover stories of camouflage, glowing creatures, epic migrations and extraordinary survival strategies shaped by the sea.



WORLD BENEATH THE WAVES

Explore coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass meadows, the open ocean and deep sea, and see how every creature is connected in delicate webs of life.



CHALLENGES TO OCEAN HEALTH

Learn about the pressures facing our oceans — from climate change to pollution — and why their future matters to us all.



LIFE FUNCTIONS UNDERWATER

Understand how marine organisms breathe, move, sense and grow, using remarkable abilities to survive in a world unlike our own.



HUMAN-OCEAN CONNECTIONS

Discover how people and oceans are deeply intertwined, and how conservation, community action and innovation can help protect our blue planet.



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