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OCTOBER 2025 — MARCH 2026

Online Sessions

Webinars connecting researchers and conservationists

ONLINE SESSION

BY

Tiasa Adhya

12 October 2025

"Ripples of Survival: Fishing Cat in a Challenging Landscape"

ONLINE SESSION
ON
Ripples of Survival:
Fishing Cats in a Changing Landscape

WINGS
Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society
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OCTOBER 12th, 2025

04.00
PM

Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/joq-yogv-aa>

SPEAKER
Tiasa Adhya
Conservationist
Co-founder: The Fishing Cat Project
Joint Secretary, HEAL

WINGS (Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society) hosted Tiasa Adhya, Co-founder of The Fishing Cat Project, for an inspiring online session on the ecology and conservation of the Fishing Cat *Prionailurus viverrinus*. The talk spotlighted a significant recent record of the species from the industrial district of Paschim Bardhaman, underscoring its resilience beyond traditional wetland habitats. Ms. Adhya also outlined field methodologies for studying this vulnerable species, emphasizing its role as a flagship for wetland conservation. The session drew 67 enthusiastic participants from various institutions, reflecting the growing interest in wildlife research and wetland conservation.

ONLINE SESSION
BY

Girish Arjun Punjabi

06 December 2025

"How can field research contribute to conservation?"



**HOW CAN FIELD RESEARCH
CONTRIBUTE TO CONSERVATION?**

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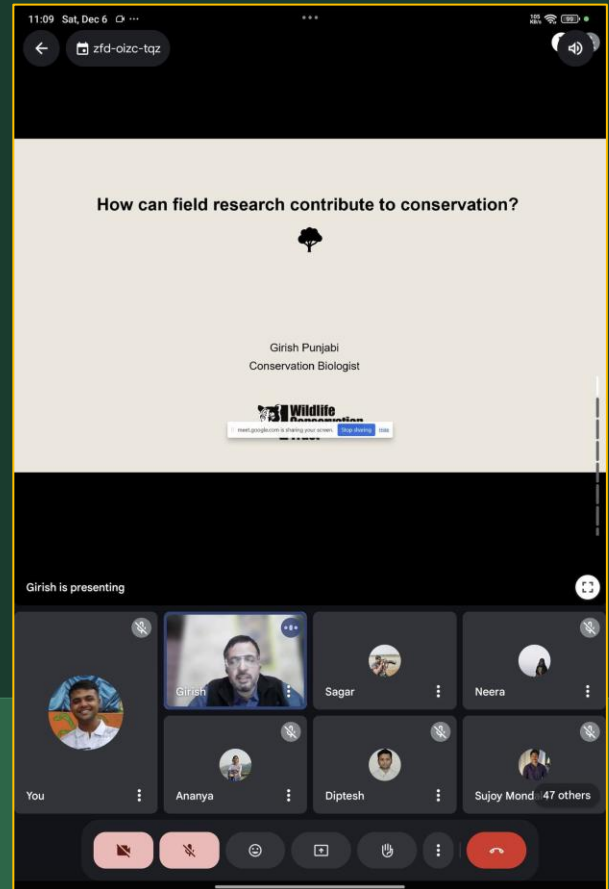
by
GIRISH ARJUN PUNJABI
CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

Take action today to protect
the wonders of nature for future
generations.

06 DECEMBER
AT 11.00AM-12.00PM

**Don't forget
to join**

Meeting Link:
meet.google.com/zfd-oizc-tqz



11:09 Sat, Dec 6

zfd-oizc-tqz

How can field research contribute to conservation?

Girish Punjabi
Conservation Biologist

Wildlife Conservation Trust

Girish is presenting

Participants: You, Ananya, Diptesh, Sagar, Neera, Sujoy Mond, 47 others

WINGS – Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society successfully hosted an enriching webinar on the power of field research in shaping conservation. We were honoured to welcome Mr Girish Arjun Punjabi, Conservation Biologist, Wildlife Conservation Trust, as our distinguished speaker. Drawing from years of fieldwork across India — particularly in ecologically sensitive landscapes like the Western Ghats — he shared compelling insights on how long-term research drives species protection, habitat understanding, and evidence-based conservation planning. The session reinforced that science-driven field research is not just academic — it is the backbone of effective conservation action. We sincerely thank Mr Punjabi for an inspiring talk and extend our heartfelt gratitude to all 70+ participants from various institutions for their active engagement and thoughtful discussions. Together, let us continue learning, researching, and protecting our natural heritage.

Biodiversity Awareness

Reaching communities, schools & institutions across the region

BIODIVERSITY AWARENESS



11 OCT 2025

Biodiversity Awareness Campaign

Kenda Area Office, ECL, Paschim Bardhaman

Durgapur WINGS – Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department and Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), successfully organised a Biodiversity Awareness Campaign at the Kenda Area Office, Paschim Bardhaman. The event featured an inspiring address by Dr. Sagar Adhurya, who highlighted the urgent need to conserve biodiversity and protect our natural ecosystems to ensure a sustainable future. The campaign underscored the vital role every living being plays in maintaining ecological balance. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to ECL, a subsidiary of Coal India, and the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal, for making this initiative a resounding success.

BIODIVERSITY AWARENESS



03 DEC 2025

Biodiversity Awareness Campaign

General Degree College, Mangalkote, Purba Bardhaman

WINGS – Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society was invited by the Government General Degree College, Mongalkote, Purba Bardhaman, to deliver a talk on local biodiversity. Our dedicated member Dibyendu Kumar Mondal delivered an insightful lecture at the Department of Zoology, spotlighting the richness of the flora and fauna around Purba Bardhaman. The session sparked wonderful energy — students actively participated, asked thoughtful questions, and expressed a genuine interest in protecting the biodiversity around them. We thank the faculty and students for their warm welcome and enthusiasm.



28 DEC 2025

Say No to Illegal Wildlife Trade

Panagarh Station Area, Paschim Bardhaman

WINGS, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department and the Bird Watchers' Society, conducted an awareness campaign at Panagarh Station and Panagarh Market to promote public awareness against illegal wildlife trade. As part of the campaign, informative leaflets were distributed, awareness posters were displayed at important public locations, and audio awareness messages were played to engage commuters and local residents. The initiative aimed to educate the public about the ecological threats posed by illegal wildlife trade and the importance of conserving biodiversity and protecting wildlife.



03 JAN 2026

Say No to Illegal Wildlife Trade

Khatra, Bankura

WINGS, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department (Bankura South Division) and Birdwatchers' Society, successfully organised another awareness campaign on 03.01.2026 to spread the message of wildlife protection and conservation. The campaign was honoured by the presence of esteemed chief guests Mr. Asit Kumar Das, ADFO, and Mr. Sumanta Goswami, Forest Ranger. The programme was conducted from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, with the rally route covering Khatra Forest Office to Mukutmanipur via Pump Mor. As part of the campaign, awareness posters were posted, informative leaflets were distributed, and public announcements were made to sensitise local people to the threats posed by the illegal wildlife trade. The initiative aimed to educate the public and encourage collective responsibility towards wildlife conservation and biodiversity protection. We sincerely thank the Forest Department, especially ADFO Sir and Forest Ranger Sir, Birdwatchers' Society, volunteers, and all participants for their valuable support and cooperation in making the campaign successful.

We sincerely thank Mr. Vijay Salimath, Dr. Gourav Dhar Bhowmick, Mr. Saptarshi Mukherjee, Mr. Sukanta Roy, Mr. Sreeparna Das, and the teams from the West Bengal Forest Department and Bird Watchers' Society for their valuable support .

BIODIVERSITY AWARENESS



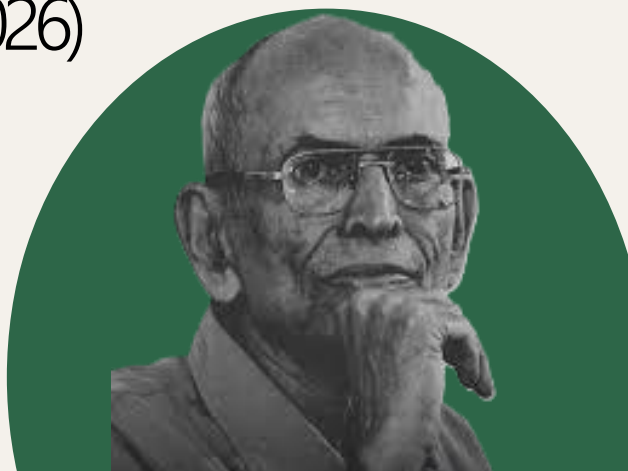
25 JAN 2026

Biodiversity Awareness Campaign

 Durgapur Heroes Club, Paschim Bardhaman

WINGS successfully hosted a Biodiversity Awareness Campaign at Durgapur Heroes Club (Ashis Market, A-Zone, Durgapur 4) on 25.01.2026 with the objective of promoting awareness about local biodiversity and environmental conservation. The programme focused on highlighting the rich flora and fauna of the region and encouraging sustainable coexistence with nature. It was encouraging to witness the active participation, enthusiasm, and curiosity of residents regarding their surrounding environment and ecological responsibilities. We sincerely thank Durgapur Heroes Club for providing the platform and for their support and commitment towards fostering environmental awareness and community engagement.

7th January 2026
Madhav Dhananjaya Gadgil
(1942-2026)





Indian Grey Wolf Conservation

*A sustained ground-level effort across villages and schools to build
coexistence*

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



09 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Pirolgari, Bankura

WINGS, in collaboration the West Bengal Forest Department, successfully conducted an awareness campaign under the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project at Choto Amlatora, Piralgari Beat, Bankura South Division. The programme was graced by the presence of ADFO Sir, Forest Ranger Ma'am, and Beat Officer Sir. Activities included an informative address by ADFO Sir, a PowerPoint presentation on the ecological importance and threats faced by the Indian Grey Wolf, interactive discussions with local villagers, and a village survey to promote awareness and human-wolf coexistence. WINGS sincerely thanks all forest officials, participants, local villagers, and supporters for their valuable cooperation and contribution towards the successful execution of the campaign.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



13 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Rakshitpur High School, Durgapur

From classrooms to conservation!

WINGS conducted an Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign at Rakshitpur High School, Durgapur, as part of the Action Grant Project on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation, funded by The Habitats Trust, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. Students and local villagers came together for an engaging session on wolf ecology, behaviour, and the vital role these magnificent predators play in our ecosystem. The curiosity and enthusiasm of the young students, alongside the lived experiences shared by community members, made the session a truly enriching exchange.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



18 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Moldanga, Malandighi, Durgapur

WINGS successfully organised an awareness campaign under the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project at Moldanga Community Centre, Moldanga village, under Malandighi Forest BEAT, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The programme was graced by the presence of BEAT Sir and other Forest Department officials. Activities included an informative speech by the BEAT Officer of Malandighi BEAT on the importance of conserving the Indian Grey Wolf, a PowerPoint presentation on the species, its habitat, and human-wildlife coexistence, interactive discussions with villagers, and distribution of awareness leaflets for participants. The campaign aimed to strengthen community awareness and encourage local participation in conserving the Indian Grey Wolf through coexistence and grassroots-level engagement. WINGS sincerely thanks all forest officials, villagers, participants, and supporters whose active involvement made the programme meaningful and impactful.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



19 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Labna Para FP School, Kantaberia, Durgapur

WINGS successfully organised an awareness programme on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation under the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project at Labna Para FP School, Labna Para Village, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The programme aimed to sensitise students and the local community about the ecological importance of the Indian Grey Wolf and promote peaceful human-wildlife coexistence. Activities included an informative speech by the BEAT Officer of Kantaberia BEAT, highlighting the significance of Indian Grey Wolf conservation, a PowerPoint presentation on the species, its habitat, threats, and coexistence strategies, interactive discussions with students regarding their questions and local experiences and distribution of awareness leaflets.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



19 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Kalipur, Ukhra, Durgapur

WINGS successfully organised an awareness campaign under the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project at Kalipur Village, Ukhra, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The programme was graced by the presence of BEAT Sir and other Forest Department officials. Activities included an informative speech by our Member Dibyendu Kumar Mandal on the importance of conserving the Indian Grey Wolf, a PowerPoint presentation on the species, its habitat, and human-wildlife coexistence, interactive discussions with villagers, and distribution of awareness leaflets. The campaign aimed to strengthen community awareness and encourage local participation in conserving the Indian Grey Wolf through coexistence and grassroots-level engagement.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



21 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Jharia Primary School, Simlapal, Bankura

WINGS successfully conducted an awareness programme on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation at Jharia Primary School under Simlapal Range (Bankura South Division), in collaboration with West Bengal Forest Department. The programme focused on creating awareness among students and local community members about the ecological importance of the Indian Grey Wolf and the importance of human-wildlife coexistence. The session was coordinated by WINGS Field Manager Aritri Chatterjee, whose active engagement and efforts made the programme informative and impactful. WINGS extends sincere thanks to the school authorities, Forest Department officials, students, and residents for their valuable participation and support.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



22 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Khichka High School, Simlapal, Bankura

WINGS reflects on the successful Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign held at Khichka High School under Simlapal Range(Bankura South Division), in collaboration with The Habitats Trust and the West Bengal Forest Department. The campaign was conducted as part of the Action Grant Project on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation and aimed to promote awareness, understanding, and coexistence with this often-misunderstood predator. WINGS sincerely thanks the school authorities of Khichka High School, Forest Department officials, students, local community members, and all participants who joined, shared knowledge, and contributed towards making the programme meaningful and impactful. WINGS sincerely thanks all forest officials, villagers, participants, and supporters whose active involvement made the programme meaningful and impactful.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



27 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Kalipur High School, Ukhra, Durgapur

WINGS successfully organised an awareness campaign under the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project at Kalipur High School, Ukhra, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The programme was graced by the presence of BEAT Sir and other Forest Department officials. Activities included an insightful speech by our Member Dibyendu Kumar Mandal on the importance of conserving the Indian Grey Wolf, a PowerPoint presentation on the species, its habitat, and human-wildlife coexistence, interactive discussions with villagers, and distribution of awareness leaflets. The campaign aimed to strengthen community awareness and encourage local participation in conserving the Indian Grey Wolf through coexistence and grassroots-level engagement.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



28 JAN 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Saraswatigunj, Malandighi, Durgapur

WINGS successfully conducted an awareness programme on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation at Saraswatigunj under the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project, supported through the Action Grant by The Habitats Trust and carried out in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The programme focused on spreading awareness about the ecological importance of the Indian Grey Wolf and promoting coexistence between wildlife and local communities. The event was graced by the presence of the Forest BEAT Officer and officials from the Forest Department, along with Mr. Sanjay Gubbi and Mr. Ninad Bhosale from The Habitats Trust, who shared valuable insights on wolf conservation and community participation. Through interactive discussions and open dialogue with residents, the programme encouraged awareness, understanding, and responsibility towards conserving the Indian Grey Wolf.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



15 FEB 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Patrasayer Range Office, Patrasayer, Bankura

WINGS reflects on the Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign held at the Patrasayer Range Office, Patrasayer, Bankura, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department, as part of the Action Grant Project on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation, funded by The Habitats Trust. The session brought together Beat Officers, Forest Guards, and local villagers for an engaging presentation on the wolf's ecology, behaviour, ecosystem role, and ongoing conservation efforts. Frontline forest staff and community members shared their own ground-level experiences, making the exchange rich, interactive, and deeply rooted in the local landscape. WINGS sincerely thanks The Habitats Trust for their generous funding and support, and the West Bengal Forest Department for their continued commitment to wolf conservation in the Bankura landscape.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



18 FEB 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Dhonara Primary School, Belboni, Bankura

WINGS successfully conducted an Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign at Dhonara Primary School, Bankura, as part of the Action Grant Project on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation, funded by The Habitats Trust, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. Students, local villagers, and officials from Belboni Beat Office came together for an engaging session on wolf ecology, behaviour, and the landscapes it shares with local communities. The enthusiasm and curiosity shown by the young students and community members made the exchange truly inspiring. WINGS sincerely thanks the school authorities, students, local villagers, Belboni Beat Office, The Habitats Trust, and the West Bengal Forest Department for their wonderful support and participation in this journey of coexistence.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



21 FEB 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Brindabanpur and Srikrishnapur, Beliatore, Bankura

Bridging the gap between communities and carnivores!

On February 21, 2026, WINGS conducted a dedicated awareness session on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation in Brindabanpur and Srikrishnapur, Baliatore Range, Bankura, as part of the Action Grant Project on Indian Grey Wolf Conservation, funded by The Habitats Trust, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. Local villagers gathered for an engaging and insightful session highlighting the critical role wolves play in maintaining a healthy ecosystem, while opening up honest conversations around coexistence. The warmth and participation of the communities made the session truly impactful. WINGS sincerely thanks the local villagers of Brindabanpur and Srikrishnapur, the West Bengal Forest Department, and The Habitats Trust for their continued support in building a landscape where both wildlife and communities can thrive together.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



08 FEB 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Alefnagar, Purba Bardhaman

WINGS successfully organised the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Mega Awareness Campaign at Alefnagar in collaboration with Wildlife Conservation Trust and the West Bengal Forest Department. The programme drew more than 150 residents and community members, reflecting growing awareness and support for conserving the Indian Grey Wolf and its grassland ecosystem. The event was graced by the presence of the Aushgram Forest Beat Officer, whose valuable insights on local conservation initiatives and human-wildlife coexistence enriched the discussions. Through awareness sessions and community interaction, the campaign aimed to strengthen understanding about the ecological importance of the Indian Grey Wolf and the need to protect its natural habitat. WINGS sincerely thanks all participants, Forest Department officials, and community members for their active involvement, which made the programme meaningful and impactful.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



01 MARCH 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Sener Bandh, Panchal Bankura

On March 01, 2026, WINGS successfully conducted an awareness programme titled "Indian Grey Wolf Conservation" in Sener Bandh FP School, division Bankura North, range Radhanagar, BEAT Panchal, with more than 70 participants from the village, along with the Range Officer, BEAT Officer and others. This initiative is a core component of the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project, supported by an Action Grant from The Habitat Trust and organized in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The session focused on educating students and the local community about the wolf's critical ecological role, emphasizing the importance of fostering a harmonious relationship between humans and wildlife.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



01 MARCH 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Sener Bandh, Panchal Bankura

On March 01, 2026, WINGS successfully conducted an awareness programme titled "Indian Grey Wolf Conservation" in Sener Bandh FP School, division Bankura North, range Radhanagar, BEAT Panchal, with more than 70 participants from the village, along with the Range Officer, BEAT Officer and others. This initiative is a core component of the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project, supported by an Action Grant from The Habitat Trust and organized in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Department. The session focused on educating students and the local community about the wolf's critical ecological role, emphasizing the importance of fostering a harmonious relationship between humans and wildlife.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



07 MARCH 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Kesia High School, Bankura

On March 07, 2026, WINGS organized an awareness programme on Indian Grey Wolf conservation at Kesia High School, Bankura, to educate students about the importance of protecting this unique grassland predator. The session focused on the ecological role of wolves, threats from habitat loss and human disturbance, and the significance of community participation in conservation. Students actively engaged in the interactive discussions, making the programme informative and inspiring.

INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



08 MARCH 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Madhavpur, Ratanpur, Bankura



09 MARCH 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Susunia, Chhatna, Bankura



14 FEB 2026

Indian Grey Wolf Awareness Campaign

Kakardanga and Komorkhola, Paschim Bardhaman



INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION



29 MARCH 2026

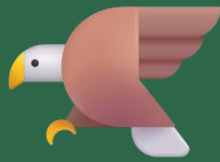
Indian Grey Wolf Mega Awareness Campaign

Ukhra Forest Range Compound, Ukhra, Durgapur

WINGS successfully conducted its first Mega Awareness Campaign under THT's Action Grant for the Indian Grey Wolf Conservation Project on 29th March 2026 at the Ukhra Forest Range Compound under the Durgapur Division, Paschim Bardhaman. As part of the campaign, a hands-on camera trapping training session was organized for the officials and staff of the Ukhra Range of the Durgapur Forest Division, West Bengal Forest Department. The programme was graced by the Assistant Divisional Forest Officer of Durgapur Division as the Chief Guest and witnessed active participation from more than 30 forest department personnel along with around 20 additional participants, making the event highly successful. This initiative marks a significant step toward strengthening conservation efforts by equipping forest frontline staff with essential technical skills for effective monitoring and protection of the Indian Grey Wolf.

During our field surveys, forest patches such as Madhaiganj and Kantaberia under the Ukhra Range were identified as important habitats for the Indian Grey Wolf, highlighting the ecological significance of the area. In addition to camera trapping, participants were also provided with hands-on training in the use of drones, further enhancing their capacity for advanced wildlife monitoring and surveillance.





Birdwatching & School of Birds

*Educational outings and school programmes bringing young
people closer to nature*

EDUCATIONAL BIRDWATCHING



31 DECEMBER 2025

EDUCATIONAL BIRDWATCHING AWARENESS

BERO PAHAR, PURULIA

WINGS conducted an educational birdwatching awareness session titled "Chirp & Learn – A Day with the Birds" on 31st December 2025 at Bero Pahar (Asansol Trekkers Camp) with the participation of 50 enthusiastic students. The session introduced students to the basics of birdwatching techniques and highlighted the bird diversity of West Bengal, with special focus on the Chotanagpur Plateau region. Interactive learning activities included flash card-based identification, bird call recognition through sound analysis, and discussions on biodiversity documentation using eBird. An engaging interactive session encouraged students to develop curiosity, observation skills, and appreciation for avian diversity and nature conservation. The programme aimed to strengthen environmental awareness and inspire young minds to connect with nature through birdwatching and biodiversity education.

10th CAMPUS BIRD COUNT EVENT-DURGAPUR



10th CAMPUS BIRD COUNT
DURGAPUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE
A yearly event on the occasion of the Great Backyard Bird Count

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Venue:
Durgapur Government College

The Oldest Campus Bird Count event in West Bengal.

10th Campus Bird Count and eBird Workshop at Durgapur Government College!

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S299920505>

No of Participants 25

Date: 13/02/2026

Location: Durgapur Government College

WINTER BIRD COUNT CENSUS-2025



27 DECEMBER- 2 FEBRUARY 2025

WINTER BIRD COUNT CENSUS 2025

PURULIA, JHARGRAM, PASCHIM MEDINIPUR AND BANKURA DISTRICT

WINGS NGO conducted a series of Winter Bird Count Surveys across multiple districts of West Bengal during December 2025 – February 2026. The surveys spanned key wetlands, forest ranges, and water bodies across Purulia, Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur, and Bankura districts, covering 15 locations including Bhalo Dam, Ghoratika Dam, Khandarani Dam, Rajbandh Wetlands, Harisinghapur Jheel, and Mukutmanipur, among others. The initiative aimed at documenting avian diversity across the Chotanagpur Plateau fringe and adjoining forest landscapes during the peak winter migration season. Regular birdwatching sessions, boat rides, and evening watches were organised to ensure comprehensive coverage of both resident and migratory bird species, contributing valuable data towards biodiversity conservation and ecological monitoring of the region..

Sl.	Date	Location	District
1	27-28 Dec 2025	Bhало Dam	Purulia
2	27-28 Dec 2025	Ghoratika Dam	Purulia
3	29 Dec 2025 – 03 Jan 2026	Duarsini, Jhilli Pakhiralay, Hatibari Range	Jhargram
4	29 Dec 2025 – 03 Jan 2026	Khandarani Dam, Belpahari Range	Jhargram
5	29 Dec 2025 – 03 Jan 2026	Rajbandh Wetlands, Jhargram Range	Jhargram
6	29 Dec 2025 – 03 Jan 2026	Ketki Jharna, Bhulabheda Range	Jhargram
7	17 Jan 2026	Harisinghapur Jheel	Paschim Medinipur
8	28 Dec 2025	Mukutmanipur	Bankura
9	30 Dec 2025	Asberia Bandh, near Hatirampur	Bankura
10	04 Jan 2026	Mukutmanipur (Baraghutu side)	Bankura
11	11 Jan 2026	Talberia	Bankura
12	18 Jan 2026	Kadamdeuli	Bankura
13	23 Jan 2026	Kasipur	Bankura
14	25 Jan 2026	Kumari Side, Mukutmanipur	Bankura
15	02 Feb 2026	Mukutmanipur	Bankura

SCHOOL OF BIRDS 2025

5

Schools Visited

236

Students Reached

472

Contact Hours

190

Guides Distributed

5

Sessions

February – March 2026 · Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal



MADHAIGANJ FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

13 FEBRUARY 2026

MADHAIGANJ, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

Birdwatchers' Society (BWS) conducted a School of Birds workshop in collaboration with Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society (WINGS) at Madhaiganj Free Primary School, Paschim Bardhaman, on 13th February 2026. The program aimed to introduce young learners to the fascinating world of birds and to promote early interest in nature conservation and responsible bird-watching.

The session engaged 48 young students (ages 8–10) for 2 hours, featuring an opening PowerPoint presentation on local birds, an interactive PPT Quiz and Flashcard Activity where students identified bird species by sight, and a lively prize distribution ceremony that celebrated enthusiasm and participation. 35 pocket field guides were distributed to participants. WBFD actively supported the programme.

48

Students

2 hrs

Duration

35

Guides

8–10

Age Group



RAKSHITPUR HIGH SCHOOL

13 FEBRUARY 2026

RAKSHITPUR, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

Birdwatchers' Society (BWS) conducted a School of Birds workshop in collaboration with Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society (WINGS) at Rakshitpur High School, Paschim Bardhaman on 13th February 2026. The program aimed to introduce young learners to the fascinating world of birds and to promote early interest in nature conservation and responsible bird-watching.

Forty-five students aged 14–16 participated in a 2-hour session that included an engaging PowerPoint introduction to local birds, a live binoculars demonstration, Flashcard Activity for bird identification, and a creative Colour the Bird & Justify exercise that blended artistic expression with scientific accuracy. 35 pocket guides were distributed. Wbfd actively supported the programme.

45

Students

2 hrs

Duration

35

Guides

25

Students

ASANSOL CHELIDANGA HIGH SCHOOL

13 FEBRUARY 2026

RAKSHITPUR, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

Birdwatchers' Society (BWS) conducted a School of Birds workshop in collaboration with Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society (WINGS) at Chelidanga High School, Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman on 5th March 2026. The program aimed to introduce young learners to the fascinating world of birds and to promote early interest in nature conservation and responsible bird-watching.

Twenty-five students aged 14–16 participated in a 2-hour afternoon session that included a colourful PowerPoint introduction, a live binoculars demonstration, a Flashcard Activity for rapid bird identification, and a creative Colour the Bird & Justify exercise. An exhibition and open discussion forum rounded out the programme. 25 pocket guides were distributed. Wbfd actively supported the programme.

2 hrs

Duration

25

Guides

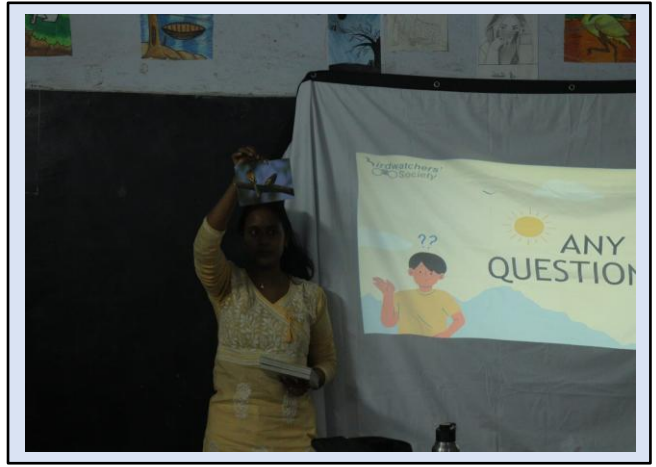
14–16

Age Group

14–16

Age Group





KALIPUR HIGH SCHOOL

27 FEBRUARY 2026

KALIPUR, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

Birdwatchers' Society (BWS) conducted a School of Birds workshop in collaboration with Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society (WINGS) at Kalipur High School, Paschim Bardhaman on 27th February 2026. The program aimed to introduce young learners to the fascinating world of birds and to promote early interest in nature conservation and responsible bird-watching.

Forty-three students aged 14–16 engaged in a full 2-hour programme featuring a PowerPoint presentation on local bird species, a multimedia PPT Quiz projecting close-up bird images for identification, an interactive Flashcard Activity, and a Colour the Bird & Justify exercise rewarding creativity and observational accuracy. 35 pocket guides were distributed. Wbfd actively supported the programme.

43

Students

2 hrs

Duration

35

Guides

75

Students

SUBHAS PALLY VIDYA NIKETAN

6 MARCH 2026

BURNPUR, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

14–16

Age Group

Birdwatchers' Society (BWS) conducted a School of Birds workshop in collaboration with Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society (WINGS) at Subhas Pally Vidya Niketan (H.S), Burnpur, Paschim Bardhaman on 6th March 2026. The programme aimed to introduce young learners to the fascinating world of birds and to promote early interest in nature conservation and responsible bird-watching.

The largest session of the series, 75 students aged 14–16 participated alongside 12 adult attendees, totalling 150 contact hours. Activities included a PowerPoint bird presentation, live binoculars demonstration, Flashcard Activity, an energetic Quiz Round, and an exhibition. 60 pocket guides were distributed. Wbfd actively supported the programme.

2 hrs

Duration

60

Guides

14–16

Age Group





12 JANUARY- 2 FEBRUARY 2026

ANNUAL BIRD COUNT CENSUS 2026

PASCHIM BARDHAMAN DISTRICT

As part of the Annual Bird Count 2025, WINGS conducted a series of bird survey events across wetlands, water bodies, and natural habitats in and around Paschim Bardhaman and surrounding districts. A total of 10 counting sessions were held between 12 January and 2 February 2026, in collaboration with the West Bengal Forest Service (WBFS).

The surveys covered key locations across three forest ranges — Durgapur SF Range, Asansol T Range, and Ukhra Range — including significant wetlands such as Durgapur Barrage, Gunjan Wetland, Maithon Wetland, Chittaranjan Wetland, IISCO Ash Pond, Burnpur Riverside, and several local bandhs. These sites serve as important habitats for resident and migratory bird species during the winter season.

The Annual Bird Count is a vital citizen science initiative that helps document bird diversity, monitor population trends, and generate data to support long-term conservation planning in the region.

Sl. No.	Date	Location	Range
1	12 Jan 2026	Durgapur Barrage	Durgapur SF Range
2	12 Jan 2026	Gunjan Wetland	Asansol T Range
3	12 Jan 2026	Suko Bandh	Ukhra Range
4	13 Jan 2026	Nachan Dam	Ukhra Range
5	19 Jan 2026	Mudir Bandh	Ukhra Range
6	19 Jan 2026	Chittaranjan Wetland	Asansol T Range
7	25 Jan 2026	Choti Raniganj	Asansol T Range
8	01 Feb 2026	Burnpur Riverside	Asansol T Range
9	01 Feb 2026	IISCO Ash Pond, Burnpur	Asansol T Range
10	02 Feb 2026	Maithon Wetland	Asansol T Range



12TH DURGAPUR BARRAGE BIRD WALK



15 FEBRUARY 2026

12th Durgapur Barrage Bird Walk-2026

DURGAPUR, 2026

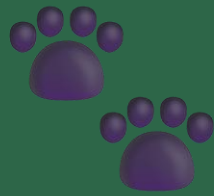
WINGS celebrated the Great Backyard Bird Count with an inspiring bird walk at the Durgapur Barrage. On 15.02.2026, our group of 20 dedicated participants braved the early morning mist to document local avian life, contributing vital data to global conservation efforts.

From spotting migratory waterbirds to tracking residents, it was a fantastic morning of citizen science and community spirit. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us in making a difference for our feathered friends!

Checklist:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S300743800>





Indian Striped Hyena Conservation

Awareness for one of India's most misunderstood carnivores

INDIAN STRIPED HYENA CONSERVATION



21 JANUARY 2026

INDIAN STRIPED HYENA AWARENESS PROGRAMME

TARA MINES, CHURULIA, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

INDIAN STRIPED HYENA CONSERVATION



19 FEBRUARY 2026

INDIAN STRIPED HYENA AWARENESS PROGRAMME

KALIPUR VILLAGE, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN

WINGS successfully conducted two impactful awareness programmes on the conservation of the Striped Hyena in the coal belt regions of West Bengal. The first programme was held on 21st January 2026 at TARA Mines, Churulia, followed by another session on 19th February 2026 at Kaipur Village.

The initiatives aimed to raise awareness among local communities about the ecological importance of the Striped Hyena and the growing need for its conservation in human-dominated landscapes. Participants were introduced to the species' role as a natural scavenger, helping maintain ecosystem health by reducing carrion and waste in the environment.

The programmes included interactive discussions on habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, and the misconceptions surrounding hyenas. Community members, students, and local stakeholders actively participated in the sessions, sharing their experiences and learning about coexistence strategies for safeguarding local wildlife.

Through these awareness campaigns, WINGS continues its commitment to promoting conservation education and encouraging community participation in protecting the unique biodiversity of the region.

Fladry Installations

Non-lethal deterrents protecting livestock and reducing human-wildlife conflict

Fladry Installation Sites

Coloured flags strung along fence lines — a proven, humane technique to deter wolves from livestock enclosures.

15 January 2026

**Jamgora Village, Madhaiganj,
Paschim Bardhaman**



07 March 2026

Belboni, Bankura



25 March 2026

**Saraswatiganj, Malandighi
Paschim Bardhaman**



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উপমহাদেশের বিভিন্ন অরণ্য মিলিয়ে তাদের সংখ্যা মেরেকেটে হাজার উল্লেখ করা যায়। গত কয়েক বছরে উল্লেখযোগ্য হারে কমেছে ভারতীয় ধূসর নেকড়ের (ইন্ডিয়ান গ্রে উলফ) সংখ্যা। আন্তর্জাতিক সংস্থা 'ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ইউনিয়ন ফর কনজারভেশন অব নেচার' (আইইউসিএন) এই নেকড়দের অবলুপ্তির আশঙ্কাও প্রকাশ করেছে। প্রশ্ন উঠেছে, এ রাজ্যে নেকড়ের জন্য পৃথক অভয়ারণ্য হবে কি? কারণ, এ রাজ্যের পশ্চিমাঞ্চলে নেকড়ের বসবাস আছে। তবে তাদের সরেকদের প্রক্রিয়া এখনও জোরালো নয়। দুর্গাপুরের কাছে মাধাইপুরের

জঙ্গলে নেকড়ের পাল বসবাস করে। সম্প্রতি ওই নেকড়ের পালের উপরে, একটি গবেষণাপত্র প্রকাশিত হয়েছে বম্বে নাচারাল হিস্ট্রি সোসাইটির জার্নালে। তাতে বলা হয়েছে, দক্ষিণবঙ্গে নেকড়ের বসবাস মানুষের বসতির কাছাকাছি এবং এই জায়গাগুলি সরেকিত বনাঞ্চলের বাইরে। তাই মানুষ এবং নেকড়ের সংঘাতের আশঙ্কা বেশি। এর ফলে সরেকণের ক্ষেত্রেও বাধা থাকছে। এ ছাড়াও, এই সমীক্ষার জন্য পাতা ক্যামেরা ফাঁদে কিছু 'সদেহজনক' মানুষের গতিবিধিও ধরা পড়েছিল। সে কথাও গবেষণাপত্রে জানানো হয়েছে। সমীক্ষক দলের প্রধান তথা খড়্গপুর আইআইটি-র পোস্ট-ডক্টরাল ফেলো অর্কজ্যোতি মুখোপাধ্যায় বলেন, "বন



■ সমীক্ষক দলের ক্যামেরা ফাঁদে ধরা পড়া নেকড়ে। দুর্গাপুর এর মাধাইপুরের জঙ্গলে।

দফতর সক্রিয়। তবে কোনও সরেকিত বনাঞ্চলের তকমা পেলে নেকড়ে সংরক্ষণ প্রক্রিয়া জোরালো ও সুস্থায়ী হবে।" বছর কয়েক আগে দুর্গাপুরের কাছে ওই জঙ্গলে নেকড়ের অস্তিত্ব টের পাওয়া গিয়েছিল। মূল্য বনপাল (পশ্চিমাঞ্চল) কল্যাণ দাসের নেতৃত্বে ওই এলাকায় প্রাথমিক সমীক্ষা করা হয়। বনাঞ্চলে নজরদারি এবং নিরাপত্তাও বাড়ানো হয়। সেই তথ্যের উপরে ভিত্তি করেই বন দফতর এবং ওয়াইল্ডলাইফ ট্রাস্ট অব ইন্ডিয়া-র সহায়তায় 'ওয়াইল্ডলাইফ ইনফরমেশন অ্যান্ড নেচার গাইড সোসাইটি' (উইসি) নামে একটি সংস্থা এই সমীক্ষায় নামে। যুক্ত হন বনকর্তা কল্যাণ দাসও। ক্যামেরা

ফাঁদ এবং ডিএনএ বিশ্লেষণ-সহ নানা বিজ্ঞানসম্মত পদ্ধতির মাধ্যমে সার্বিক সমীক্ষা করেছেন তারা। বন দফতরের খবর, ওই তলাটে নেকড়ের পাল ঘুরে বেড়ায়। এখনও পর্যন্ত যা হিসেব তাতে ২৪-২৮টি নেকড়ে আছে। তার মধ্যে পুরুষ, স্ত্রী এবং ছানা আছে। তবে এর বাইরেও কয়েকটি জায়গা আছে যেখানে নেকড়ের বসবাস থাকতে পারে। বনকর্তাদের দাবি, গত কয়েক বছরে ওই এলাকায় অরণ্য বেড়েছে। জঙ্গলের মধ্যে একাধিক পুকুর কাটা হয়েছে। তার ফলে নেকড়েরা নিরাপদে বাসবিস্তারও করতে পারছে। ওই এলাকায় মেহো বেড়াল, শেয়াল, বুনো গুয়ার, ময়ূরও বসবাস করছে। বেড়েছে জনসচেতনতাও। তবে

সর্বশেষ প্রকাশিত গবেষণাপত্রে এ-ও বলা হয়েছে, জঙ্গল লাগোয়া এলাকা কৃষিকাজ এবং কয়লা খনির জন্য নেকড়ের আবাসস্থলের ক্ষতি হচ্ছে। এ ছাড়াও, চোরাকারবারের বিপদও রয়েছে। নেকড়ে সরেকণের কৌশল আরও দৃঢ় করতে কয়েকটি নেকড়ের গলায় রেডিও কলার পড়ানো, ডিএনএ-র নির্ভিড বিশ্লেষণ ইত্যাদি করা যেতে পারে। তাতে নেকড়ের দল কোন কোন এলাকায় ঘুরছে, তাদের সার্বিক সংখ্যা কত, তারা কী শিকার ধরে খাচ্ছে—সে সবই বোঝা সম্ভব। অভয়ারণ্য তৈরি হলে নেকড়ে সংরক্ষণ যে জোরালো হবে, তা মনে নিচ্ছেন বনকর্তাদের একাংশ। তবে তার জন্য অর্থ বরাদ্দ এবং কর্মী নিয়োগ নিয়ে কিছু প্রশ্ন রয়েছে তাদের মনে। এক পদম বনকর্তার বলেন, "সব বিক খতিয়ে দেখে ভবিষ্যতে অভয়ারণ্যের প্রজ্ঞাব প্রাশাসনের শীর্ষমহলে পাঠানো হতে পারে।"

After Bengal's coal belt, wolves clicked in rice bowl

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Kolkata: After Bengal's coal-industrial belt of West Burdwan's Durgapur, wolves have been spotted in Bengal's rice bowl — East Burdwan.

An ongoing camera trap-study on the presence and distribution of wolves in East Burdwan has unearthed the presence of a pack of 12-15 animals. An earlier camera trap-study, from 2023 to 2024, found three packs near Durgapur, each with not more than six wolves.

"This is the first scientific ecological study on Indian grey wolves in East Burdwan. The habitat here is very different from the industrialised and mining-dominated landscape of West Burd-



Wolves clicked by a trap camera in an East Burdwan forest

wan. Based on initial sign surveys and forest department records, the preferred wolf habitat in East Burdwan is currently estimated to be 500 sqkm. The district is spread across 5,600 sqkm," said Arkajyoti Mukherjee of Wildlife Information and Nature Guide Society (WINGS), the principal investigator of the study.

► Identify traits, P 4

Project seeks to identify wolves' behaviour traits, movement pattern

► Continued from P 1

WINGS is conducting the study, supported by Wildlife Conservation Trust BEES Grant. The study covers 45 locations and involves the use of 13 cameras.

DFO, Burdwan division, Sanchita Sharma said: "The wolves near the industrial town of Durgapur are considered 'urban' wolves. The habitat in East Burdwan is better as it has a good forest cover. In the first two months of the study, 12-15 wolves were spotted, higher than West Burdwan."

Sudip Banerjee, range officer, Durgapur, said their aim

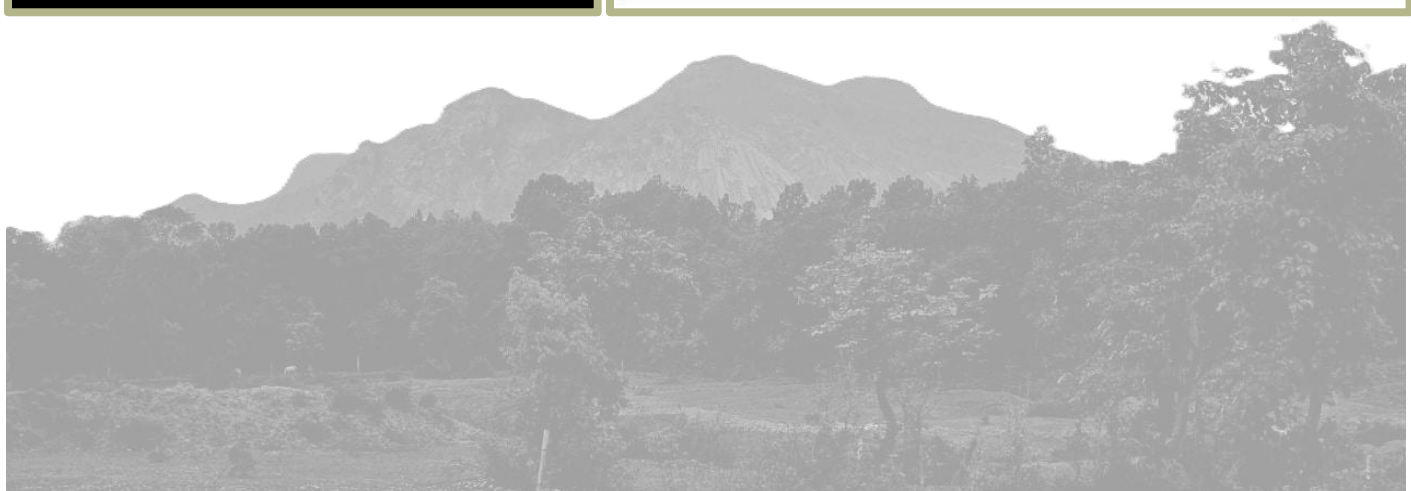
was to identify the wolves' behavioural traits, movement pattern and prey base. Field expert Baharuddin Sk, associated with the project, said the study area in East Burdwan is divided into 16 sqkm grids, each split into four 4-sqkm sub-grids. "To understand wolf distribution, the study uses sign surveys, questionnaire-based surveys and camera-trap monitoring for a comprehensive picture," he said.

Earlier, a study had mapped the presence of at least 30 wolves in four packs, using the corridors connecting West and East Burdwan.

"This project aims to build

a baseline understanding of Indian grey wolves in East Burdwan. A key component is to identify priority conservation areas to guide future protection efforts. The focus is on both population understanding and landscape-level ecological assessment," said field expert Nayan Kumar, also involved in the project.

Key forest habitats for wolves in East Burdwan include Debshala, Pratappur, Ausgram and Valki, said WINGS member Anirban Banerjee. Other field experts associated with the study are Manish Kumar Chattopadhyay, Gourangi Raghav and Sagar Adhurya.



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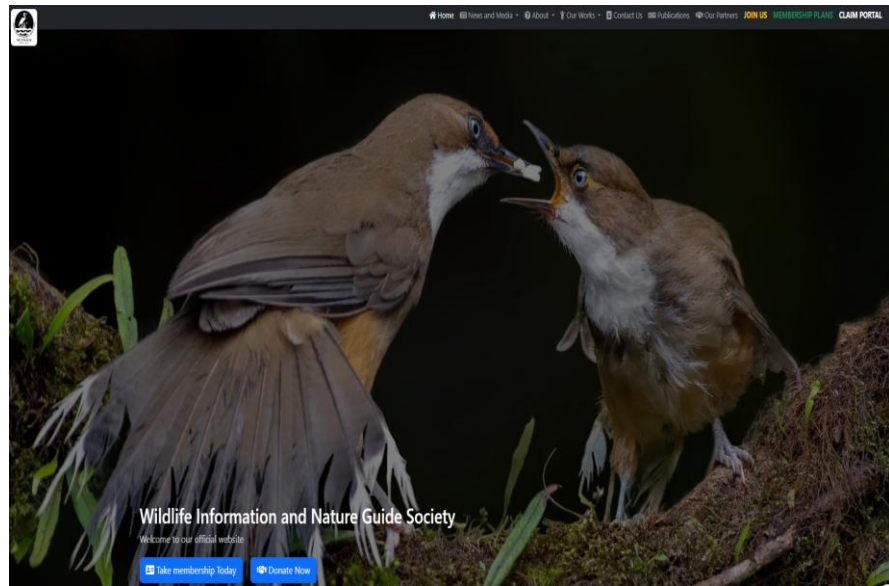
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