

DPS bags WWF Wild Wisdom title



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A number of one hundred and thirty one teams from 70 schools of [North East India](#) came together to vie for the title of [North East](#) Champions at the city-level finals of the Wild Wisdom [Quiz](#) 2017 held in the city recently. Running into its tenth year, the Wild Wisdom [Quiz](#) is the biggest wildlife [quiz](#) for school students in Asia and the only one of its kind in [India](#).

Organized by WWF-[India](#) the quiz was supported by Discovery Kids and Central Board of Secondary [Education](#) (CBSE). Some 4170 students from Assam, [Meghalaya](#), [Manipur](#), Mizoram, [Nagaland](#), [Tripura](#) and [Arunachal](#) Pradesh participated this season, besides, one wild card entry winning team from [North East](#) according to Archita Baruah Bhattacharyya, Coordinator, Assam State Office, WWF-[India](#).

Started in 2008 Wild Wisdom [Quiz](#) has grown in strength [over](#) the last decade and reached beyond the country, with Nepal running its first edition of the quiz in 2017. In [India](#), the Wild Wisdom [Quiz](#) is being organized across 817 schools in 14 cities with participation from approximately 50,000 students. Held in the format of a competition, the [quiz](#) is a fun way to help children learn more about the environment and also help inculcate in them a sense of responsibility towards the planet. The Middle School winners of City-Level finals from 14 cities of [India](#) will go head-to-head with each other at the [National](#) Levels to be conducted in [New Delhi](#) on October 6, 2017, during the World [Wildlife Week](#). The [National](#) Levels shall be conducted by Siddharth Basu, the [Quiz](#) Man of [India](#).

Finalists of the Junior [level](#) quiz who contested in the final round were from KV Borjhar, Sainik Foundation School, [Imphal](#), DPS Guwahati, APS Tezpur and The Assam Valley School, Balipara. Thereafter, in a closely contested competition conducted by quiz master Abhra [Das](#), Kaizan Minotra (class 5) and Shubhaan Sharma (class 5) Army Public School Tezpur, came out as the Junior [level](#) Champions in the [North East](#), City Final. The 2nd position was claimed by Aayat [Hazarika](#) (class 5) and Anikaith Anant [Joshi](#) (class 5) of The Assam Valley School, Balipara and 3rd position by Heetartha Bora (class 3) and Samarjit [Das](#) (class 4) of DPS Guwahati.

Finalists of the Middle [level](#) quiz were from Maharishi Vidya Mandir 4 Barsajai, Sainik Foundation School, [Imphal](#), [Manipur](#), KV [Khanapara](#), DPS Guwahati and Wild card entry winners Mohixit Goswami (class 7) and Nirnayak Talukdar (class 7). Adhiraj Kar (class 6) and Navaneel Chakraborty (class 7) of Delhi Public School, Guwahati came out as winners and NE Champions securing the first position in a stiff competition after various rounds of quiz. The second position begged by Tausif Afreen Hussain (class 7) and Avilasha Kalita (class 7) of Maharishi Vidya Mandir 4 Barsajai, and 3rd position holders are Winson Moirangthem (class 7) and Kshetrimayum Chingkhei Singh(class 6) of Sainik Foundation School, [Imphal](#).

Addressing the students, Archita Baruah Bhattacharyya urged the students to play their role in protecting the earth by following the maxim Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Sanskriti The Gurukul, Guwahati was felicitated with the Best School Award for being the school with the most number of registrations with a whopping 502 students. Amongst the schools that registered for the Poster Making Competition, two posters were shortlisted one each from Royal Global School Guwahati and DPS Guwahati.

Professor Ranjit Choudhury, Advisor, WWF-[India](#) AAPSO and A. K. Singha, Director, Royal Global School were present in the event. [National](#) Champions of Wild Wisdom 2016, Bhraaz Kashyap and Krishti Nayan Nath from [Don Bosco](#) School-Guwahati shared their experience of Wild Wisdom with the participants. A Brochure “Common Birds of Assam” prepared by WWF-[India](#), AAPSO was also released during the event to help readers to learn, identify and appreciate the birds. While the Junior and Middle Level [Quiz](#) slowly reaches its finale across the cities, the online version of the [quiz](#), for senior school students, will be open until October 10, 2017.

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