

North-East Students Shine at WWF Wild Wisdom Global Challenge 2025



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Students from the North-East (excluding Assam) showcased their passion and knowledge for wildlife conservation at the **Wild Wisdom Global Challenge (WWGC) 2025**, WWF-India's flagship wildlife quiz that has been inspiring young minds since 2008.

This year's 18th edition, themed "**Incredible Insects**", explored the fascinating world of insects – from butterflies and moths to bees, grasshoppers, mantises, and dragonflies. The challenge, designed for students in grades 6 to 9, combined interactive learning through webinars, informative resources, and a new **BioBlitz initiative**, encouraging children to connect with nature and understand their role in conserving biodiversity.

Over **400,000 students from 3,500 schools** participated nationwide. From the North-East (excluding Assam), **20,446 students from 147 schools** registered, with **120 schools qualifying** for the City-Level North-East Finale. On 16 October 2025, **25 schools with 50 students** competed at the **Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati**, following Assam's State Finale held on 14 October with 220 students from 110 schools.

The event began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a cultural performance by Miles Bronson Residential School students. **Mrs. Archita Baruah Bhattacharyya**, State Director – Assam & AP, WWF-India, addressed the participants, emphasizing that WWGC is not just a quiz but a celebration of knowledge and a commitment to protecting the planet. She highlighted the vital role of insects in pollination, decomposition, nutrient cycling, and as bio-indicators of environmental changes. **Mr. MC Malakar**, ex-PCCF Wildlife and WWF Advisory Board member, encouraged students to work toward a greener future.

The quiz was conducted by renowned quizmaster **Mr. Abhra Das**, culminating in a thrilling showdown where five finalists displayed exceptional teamwork and wildlife knowledge. **PM Shri KV Umroi Cantt., Meghalaya**, represented by **Adarsh Singh (9) & Anisha Pathak (8)**, emerged as **North-East Champion**. **VKV Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh** secured 2nd place, followed by **KV Nehu, Meghalaya**, **KV Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh**, and **B.S.F Senior Secondary School, Meghalaya**.

During the prize distribution, Mrs. Bhattacharyya, Mr. Malakar, and Mr. Das presented trophies and certificates to winners and participants. **PM Shri KV Umroi Cantt., Meghalaya** will now represent Meghalaya at the **Zonal Level** of the competition.

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