

World Wildlife Day 2025: Investing in Nature & Nurturing Young Conservationists

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On 3rd March 2025, the WII-NMCG Team celebrated World Wildlife Day with the students of Welham Boys' School, Dehradun, endorsing this year's theme—Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet. The event aimed to enhance students' understanding of biodiversity, highlighting the Ganga River's rich ecological heritage and the significance of sustainable conservation efforts. The session featured an engaging lecture by Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Scientist and Training Coordinator, where participants explored India's biodiversity, gaining insights into the WII-NMCG project and its mission to protect the unique aquatic and terrestrial species of the Ganga River Basin. Additionally, Dr. Soufil Malek provided fascinating insights into identifying animals and birds by their distinctive calls and behaviors. The interactive discussion captivated students, sparking curiosity about the interconnectedness of species and ecosystems.



Lecture by Dr. Sangeeta Angom



Glimpses from WII Nature Trail visit

The celebration continued with a guided walk in a nature trail, allowing students to experience biodiversity more closely. As they walked through lush greenery, a serene lake, and dense vegetation, they participated in identification exercises, identifying various bird species, native plants, and insects found in the region. The team guided them in understanding the ecological roles of various species and their contributions to the Ganga River ecosystem. Activities such as bird-watching, plant identification, and nature-based games offered an immersive learning experience. The event concluded with a wildlife-themed quiz and interactive discussions, reinforcing the significance of conservation finance in sustaining biodiversity. With the participation of 60 students and six teachers, the celebration successfully instilled a sense of responsibility and appreciation for wildlife conservation and the need for long-term investment in protecting natural resources.



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Group Photograph