

The Green Gazette

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**Together, We're
Making an
Impact!**

Featuring Projects & Achievement of WINGS

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This Quarter, we're excited to share updates on our impactful initiatives, including community engagement efforts, conservation projects, and awareness campaigns. From supporting local communities in Gobindapur Village to conducting nature walks and advancing wolf conservation, your support has made it all possible.

We hope you enjoy reading about our journey, achievements, and future plans.

Together, we can continue to create a harmonious balance between humans and nature.

Thank you for being an essential part of our mission!

Warm regards,
WINGS

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1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN GOBINDAPUR VILLAGE, EAST BARDHAMAN

We conducted impactful community engagement activities, helping strengthen local participation and awareness.



After two hours of discussions, the community showed signs of understanding and agreement. We plan to organize more awareness campaigns in nearby areas and will continue working closely with the Forest Department to improve vigilance.

Together, we aim to ensure safer coexistence with this protected species. Your support keeps us motivated to create harmony between humans and wildlife!



Our members, Arkajyoti Mukherjee and Subhadeep Saha, recently visited Gobindapur village in East Bardhaman, where a tragic incident occurred involving the killing of an Indian Grey Wolf. This followed attacks by a rabid wolf that injured 20 people.

With the support of Forest Department officials, we met with over 50 villagers to address their concerns.

We assured them that such incidents are rare and unlikely to happen again.



2. THT Action Grant 2024: Nurturing Nature Together

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the THT Action Grant 2024, a program designed to empower and support grassroots initiatives that champion environmental conservation, sustainability, and community well-being. This grant is a testament to our commitment to nurturing innovative ideas and solutions that address critical ecological challenges while promoting harmony between humans and nature.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: CO-EXISTING WITH INDIAN GREY WOLVES

The Durgapur Wildlife Information & Nature Guide Society's project is a beacon of hope for the Indian Grey Wolf, a lesser-known but ecologically significant species. Their approach includes:

Species Monitoring: Tracking wolf populations to understand behavioral patterns and movement.

Prey Base Assessment: Analyzing the availability and health of prey populations critical to the wolves' survival.

Mitigation Measures: Designing strategies to manage human-animal conflicts, ensuring the safety of both wolves and local communities.

This project aims to establish a model for coexistence, demonstrating that humans and wildlife can thrive together while preserving biodiversity.



THT Action Grant Recipient 2024 –
Durgapur Wildlife Information &
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The Habitats Trust Grants 2024 Recipients



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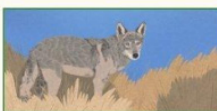
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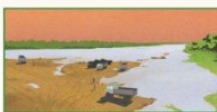
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Divya Panicker

Surveying endangered Blue Whales in the Lakshadweep archipelago.



ANNOUNCING THE THT GRANTS RECIPIENTS FOR 2024!

We're thrilled to unveil the recipients of the THT Grants 2024, celebrating their inspiring work in conservation across India! After reviewing numerous impactful applications from passionate conservationists, we are proud to highlight the incredible initiatives chosen for this year's grants. Check out the video to meet the recipients, and here's the link to learn more about their projects: <https://www.thehabitatstrust.org/grants.php>



THT GRANTS 2024: EMPOWERING CONSERVATION EFFORTS

This year, The Habitats Trust is awarding a total of 2 crore to fund innovative and scalable conservation initiatives across the country. These grants will help recipients continue their invaluable work, providing critical support to a wide range of conservation projects aimed at safeguarding India's rich natural heritage. The Habitats Trust is giving grants amounting to 2 crore to support innovative, scalable conservation initiatives in India.

**“Protect the Indian Grey Wolf, a keystone so rare
Their survival ensures nature's balanced care.”**



3. AKHON AARANYAK: CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF NATURE

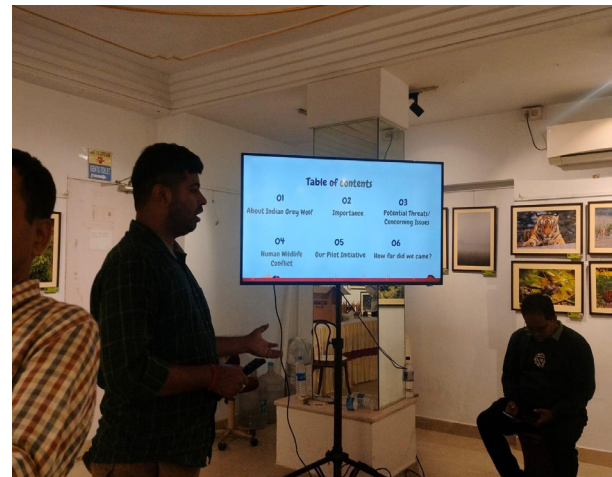
The Akhon Aaranyak initiative continues to inspire and connect people with the wonders of nature, fostering a deeper appreciation for the environment through awareness programs and interactive events.

This unique program encourages individuals to explore and embrace the beauty of biodiversity, bridging the gap between communities and nature. Whether through nature walks, interactive sessions, or community engagement, Akhon Aaranyak is building a movement to promote sustainable living and environmental stewardship.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AKHON AARANYAK

Interactive Engagements: The program features activities that educate and inspire participants to understand the importance of biodiversity and conservation.

Community Outreach: Working closely with local communities, Akhon Aaranyak emphasizes the role of individuals in preserving nature for future generations. Exploring Biodiversity: Events provide opportunities to explore unique habitats and learn about the species that thrive there.





4. Highlights from the Nature Walk: A Step Closer to the Wild

NATURE WALK AT CHARRA AIRSTEP: EXPLORING NATURE'S HIDDEN TREASURES

The Nature Walk at Charra Airstep was a delightful journey into the heart of biodiversity, bringing together nature enthusiasts to explore and appreciate the serenity and beauty of this unique habitat.

On September 29th, 2024, Wings conducted an enriching Nature Walk at the Charra Airstrip, Purulia, bringing together nature enthusiasts to explore the local ecosystem and foster environmental awareness.



Nature Walk at Susunia: A Journey into the Wild

On November 17, 2024, a group of seven passionate wildlife enthusiasts embarked on an inspiring Susunia Nature Walk. Nestled in the lush landscapes of West Bengal, Susunia Hills offered the perfect backdrop for a day of exploration and learning. The walk was filled with moments of awe as the group encountered diverse flora and fauna, from vibrant butterflies to chirping birds. Guided by the shared love for nature, the participants exchanged knowledge about the region's ecology, with a focus on sustainable conservation practices. The event not only deepened their connection to the wild but also reaffirmed the importance of protecting natural habitats for future generations.





5. FIELD SURVEY AT ROSHNA AREA: ADVANCING INDIAN GREY WOLF CONSERVATION

WINGS, in collaboration with the Gourandi Beat staff, conducted a field survey at the Roshna Area as part of the Indian Grey Wolves Conservation Project. This initiative is a critical step toward better understanding and safeguarding the Indian Grey Wolf population in its natural habitat.

Survey Objectives and Activities

Tracking Evidence: The team diligently searched for signs of Indian Grey Wolves, including footprints, scat, and other indicators of their presence.

Identifying Camera Trap Locations: Potential locations for camera traps were mapped out to monitor wolf activity and behavior effectively.

Data Collection: Essential environmental and habitat data were recorded to assess the wolves' ecosystem and identify any challenges they face.

Why This Matters

The Indian Grey Wolf is a lesser-known yet ecologically significant species. Surveys like this provide valuable insights into their population dynamics, habitat preferences, and threats. This knowledge is vital for developing effective conservation strategies and ensuring the species' long-term survival.





6. BIRD WATCHING AT INDIAN ARMY PANAGARH CAMP: A MORNING WITH NATURE



Event Highlights

Esteemed army officers and their families actively engaged in bird-watching, fostering a connection with nature. The group spotted a range of bird species, learning about their behaviors, calls, and roles in the ecosystem. The event emphasized the importance of bird conservation and the role of

This morning, Major General Rajesh Arun Moghe, Army General of Bengal Sub Area, and Commandant Col. Vishal Chopra, along with their families and fellow army officers, participated in a delightful bird-watching event at the Indian Army Panagarh Camp. Organized by WINGS, the event was a perfect blend of nature appreciation and community engagement, providing a serene opportunity to observe a variety of bird species in their natural habitat.



Acknowledgments

A special thanks to Sagar Adhurya and Subhadeep Saha from the WINGS team for their exceptional effort and meticulous planning, ensuring the success of this event. Their dedication to creating meaningful connections between people and nature truly shone through.



7. WINGS Marks First Footfall in Kolkata with Grey Wolf Conservation Seminar

WINGS participated in a seminar organized by the Wild Earth Foundation on August 23, 2024, at Glenburn Penthouse, Kolkata, marking its inaugural presence in the city. The event, held in collaboration with WWF, the Zoological Survey of India, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, and the West Bengal Forest Department, highlighted WINGS as the only NGO dedicated to the Indian Grey Wolf's ecology. Distinguished guests included Dr. Saswati Sen (WWF-India), Dr. Kaushik Deuti (ZSI), Suratna Sherpa, IFS, and Shri Kalyan Das (Ex-IFS, WINGS advisor).



Discussions focused on grey wolf conservation challenges, including habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, and poaching. Emphasis was placed on community-driven initiatives, technological interventions like GPS tracking, and public awareness campaigns. The seminar concluded with a collaborative commitment from all stakeholders to protect this apex predator and its habitat, reinforcing the importance of united efforts in wildlife conservation.



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**Freehold land at Dadri Main Road,
Ecotech III, Surajpur, Greater Noida**

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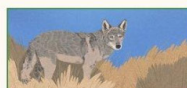
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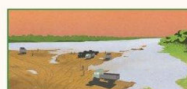
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https://wildwingsindia.in/donate_us.php

WINGS is a dedicated conservation organization with initiatives and projects spanning diverse regions. The organization is committed to protecting biodiversity, conserving natural habitats, and promoting sustainable practices to reduce humanity's ecological footprint. The mission of WINGS is to halt the degradation of our planet's natural environment and foster a future where humans coexist in harmony with nature, ensuring the survival of wildlife and the ecosystems they depend on.