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From: Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Circle (S) Shimla
To:

1. The Director,
Department of Secondary Education,
Shimla.
2. Director,
Department of Elementary Education,
Shimla.

Subject: Request for student participation: State Level School Painting Competition
on the occasion of Wildlife Week 2026.

Sir/Madam,

Every year from **October 2nd to 8th**, Wildlife Week is celebrated nationwide by government bodies, environmentalists, activists, and educators. This vital initiative, first established in 1952, drives critical steps to protect Indian wildlife by accelerating conservation awareness among the public, particularly students.

The official theme for Wildlife Week 2026 is: **"Protecting Wildlife Habitat to Conserve Health and Livelihoods"**.

To mark this occasion, a **State-Level School Painting Competition** is proposed for all Government and Private Schools across Himachal Pradesh, to be executed through your esteemed Directorates. The competition is open to four academic tiers i.e Primary (1st-5th), Middle (6th-8th), High/Secondary (9th-10th) and Higher/Sr. Secondary (11th-12th). I kindly request your offices to direct all School Principals and Headmasters to organize this competition according to the timeline and guidelines enclosed. All schools will submit only their first position (scanned copy) in each academic tier through the official email id of the school to the EMAILID: WLWFEKSCHLPAINING@GMAIL.COM on or before 21st September 2026 (05:00 P.M.) and simultaneously send the original selected painting of all academic tiers in a single parcel/envelope through speed post/courier to O/o CF WILDLIFE SHIMLA, 2nd FLOOR, FOREST OFFICE COMPLEX, MIST CHAMBER, KHALINI, DISTRICT SHIMLA 171002 on or before 25th September 2026. Of all the entries received, 3 positions (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be selected in each academic tier by an expert panel/committee constituted for the purpose. A total of 12 prizes in 4

categories will be awarded across the state, during the state level closing ceremony at Shimla. The subject of the Painting will be based on any of the below themes:

A. Depiction of Human-Wildlife Interaction.

B. Any individual wild animal in its natural surroundings.

C. Group of wild animals of single or multiple species interacting in their natural surroundings.

For more details kindly go through the Annexure-I attached.

We earnestly solicit your valuable cooperation and administrative support in coordinating this event. Your active leadership is vital in motivating young minds toward wildlife preservation and making Wildlife Week 2026 a resounding, impactful success across the state.

Yours faithfully

Preeti Bhandari, IFS
Nodal Officer-cum-CF WL (S) Shimla,
Wildlife Week-2026

Deputy Director of
School Education (Sec)

08 SEP 2026

08-09-2026 Dispatch No. 7631-33
Kangra at Dharamshala

Endst. No. EDN-KGR (Misc) 2026
Office of the Deputy Director of School Education (Secondary)
Kangra at Dharamshala.
E mail Address ddhekanagra3@gmail.com
Dated Dharamshala - 176215

Copy forwarded to:-

01. The Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Circle (S) Shimla for information please.
02. All the Principals/Headmasters of Govt. Sr. Sec. Schools/Govt. High Schools and Private Schools of District Kangra are directed to ensure strict compliance with the instructions contained in this letter.
03. I.T. incharge (internal) to upload this on website.
04. Guard File.

Dy. Director of School Education (Sec.)
Kangra at Dharamshala

**SOP FOR ORGANIZING SCHOOL LEVEL PAINTING COMPETITION TO MARK 75TH
WILDLIFE WEEK 2026 CELEBRATIONS**

(For students of both government & Private Schools of H.P. only)

For the wildlife week 2026, a state level school Painting Competition on the given theme for four academic tiers i.e. Primary (1st-5th), Middle (6th-8th), High/Secondary (9th-10th) and Higher/Sr. Secondary (11th-12th) will be organized through Directorates of Department of Elementary and Directorate of Secondary school education. All the School (Government and Private) Principals/Headmasters will organize the competitions in all schools of the state on or before 20th September 2026. All schools will submit their first position (scanned copy) in each academic tier from the official email id of the school to the given EMAIL ID: WLWEEKSCHILPAINTING@GMAIL.COM on or before 21st September 2026 and simultaneously send the original selected painting of all academic tiers in a single parcel/envelope through speed post/courier to O/o CF WILD LIFE (SOUTH) SHIMLA, 2nd FLOOR, FOREST OFFICE COMPLEX, MIST CHAMBER, KHALINI, DISTRICT SHIMLA 171002 on or before 25th September 2026 at 1700 hrs. Of all the entries received, 3 positions (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be selected at State level in each tier by an expert panel/committee constituted for the purpose. Total 12 prizes in 4 categories will be given. The subject of the Painting will be based on any of the below themes:

- A. Depiction of Human-Wildlife Interactions.
- B. Any individual wild animal in its natural surroundings.
- C. Group of wild animals of single or multiple species interacting in their natural surroundings.

1.1. Contest Rules and Instructions:

- 1.1.1 There will be no entry fee.
- 1.1.2 Only entries on the aforesaid theme shall be eligible.
- 1.1.3 The competition will be academic tier wise as mentioned above and is open to all the students studying in any school of H.P.
- 1.1.4 Only the entries submitted through school Principal/Headmaster shall be accepted.
- 1.1.5 Painting shall be done on a drawing/ivory sheet (12 inches x 18 inches size).
- 1.1.6 For Primary, Middle and Secondary school students, water colour or crayon will be the medium of painting. While for the senior secondary students, the medium will be water colour or acrylic.

- 1.1.7 All participating schools shall submit only one entry in each category of this competition.
- 1.1.8 Both online submission (scanned copy) and Physical submission through speed post/courier of painting is mandatory to be considered for evaluation.
- 1.1.9 All entries submitted by the participants shall become the property of the Wildlife Wing of H.P. Forest department and the artist shall **retain NO copy right** over the painting. The department shall have the right to use/display/exhibit or reproduce the entries received for promotional and educational purposes with due credit to the artist.
- 1.1.10 The participating schools shall also have to submit photographs of the painting competition while being organized with time and date stamp along with the scanned copy of the painting through given email.
- 1.1.11 No requests relating to claims of re-evaluation of the entries will be considered.
- 1.1.12 Option will be given to the selected students to either attend closing ceremony function for felicitation by Chief Guest at Shimla or the same can be done at the school itself through concerned CCF/CF/DFO.
- 1.1.13 In case of any dispute, the decision of the Chief Wildlife Warden Himachal Pradesh will be final.

1.2. For inquiries related to the competition, please write to:

EMAIL ID: WLWEEKSCHLPAINING@GMAIL.COM. We can also be reached at 01772623993, 01772620151, and 9805228493 (Piyush, JOA o/o DCF WL Shimla).

1.3. ADDRESS FOR SENDING PHYSICAL COPIES OF PAINTINGS:

O/o CF WILD LIFE (SOUTH) SHIMLA, 2nd FLOOR, FOREST OFFICE COMPLEX, MIST CHAMBER, KHALINI, DISTRICT SHIMLA 171002

1.4. Prizes:

Primary, Middle and Secondary academic tier: Prize money to be INR 5000, 3000 and 2000 to the first 3 positions (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) respectively along with a certificate and a souvenir.

Sr. secondary academic tier: Prize money to be INR 7000, 5000 and 3000 to the first 3 positions (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) respectively along with a certificate and a souvenir.
