



"The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now." — Chinese Proverb

Founder's Note: Choosing Depth Over Speed

Dear friends and supporters,

This quarter tested our patience as much as it tested our systems. In our Eco Club, we made a deliberate choice to work with a smaller, more committed group of children rather than rush toward our original numeric targets — and the change in their confidence and leadership over these months has confirmed that this was the right call.

Not every part of our work moved as planned. An unexpected animal intrusion set back several months of care on our analog forestry farm, and the continued shortage of skilled labour in Simultala has kept construction of our processing centre cum office slow. We are treating both as learning points rather than failures, and are building more resilient plans around them.

We remain grateful to our fellows, our mentors at Bodhi, our donors, and the communities who continue to walk this path with us.

With gratitude,

Shivani

Founder, WILD Trust

A Season of Depth and Resilience

The second quarter focused on strengthening WILD's environmental education model while simultaneously building the organisation's long-term foundation. Our Green Educator Fellows continued working with one government school through Eco Club and Bal Sansad, and rather than expanding quickly, we intentionally focused on testing and improving our curriculum through activity-based and project-based learning.

Eco Club & Green Educator Fellowship: Deepening, Not Widening

Our annual plan had set a target of directly engaging 100 children of Classes 4–5 across two schools by the sixth month. Field experience this quarter told us otherwise: meaningful environmental learning needs smaller groups, a slightly more mature age range, and sustained, hands-on engagement. We shifted to working intensively with 20 Eco Club and Bal Sansad members of Classes 6–8 in our one partner government school — children who are now gradually becoming environmental leaders within their own school.

Through the quarter, our Green Educator Fellows conducted 30 sessions built around storytelling, theatre, observation, surveys and hands-on project work, moving deliberately away from classroom lectures.



Themes Covered This Quarter

- Earth Day
- Waste Management
- Plastic Pollution
- Biodiversity
- World Bee Day
- Water Conservation
- World Bicycle Day
- World Environment Day
- World Ocean Day
- Global Wind Day
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- Food Systems and Chemical-Free Food
- Indigenous Seeds and Traditional Foods
- Yoga and Healthy Lifestyle

Children built project models on wind energy and mountain ecosystems, assembled DIY dustbins for waste segregation, and prepared posters and presentations to communicate environmental messages. Community-based learning was introduced through household surveys on food habits, indigenous foods and environmental practices.



Key Changes Observed Among Children

- Children now participate more confidently during discussions and presentations.
- Previously shy children have started expressing their opinions during classroom activities.
- Eco Club members have started taking ownership of school cleanliness activities.

Children pledged to reduce plastic use in their daily lives, and several planted trees around their homes. Leadership and teamwork improved through Bal Sansad elections and project-based learning.



Green Muharram: A First Step into the Community

With Green Educator Fellows, EcoClub children and community volunteers, WILD launched a Green Muharram initiative

— reaching out to food stalls to request that waste be kept in provided sacks rather than left in the open field, and putting up posters made by the children themselves. The initiative did not achieve complete success this time, but it gave both our team and our children real confidence to engage directly with the wider community.



Organisational Development and Fundraising

Alongside programme delivery, this quarter brought meaningful progress on WILD's organisational foundation:

- Secured our first external project funding of ₹1,20,000 through the Diyara Project.
- Recruited a Field Associate to support programme delivery.
- Received compliance guidance through a visit from the Bodhi Compliance Team.
- Continued monthly mentor calls for strategic guidance, and attended Bodhi Masterclasses on storytelling and pitching.
- Attended the 17th Bihar Development Collective (BDC) Meet-up, gaining exposure to NGO compliance practices from government officials and peer organisations.

Despite repeated efforts, correction of our existing trust deed could not be completed this quarter due to administrative delays at the Sub-Registrar Office. After consultation with mentors and legal advisors, WILD has decided to move towards establishing a stronger organisational structure for long-term sustainability, rather than continuing to work around the constraints of the current one.

Processing Centre Cum Office: Construction Update

Progress on our processing centre cum office in Simultala remained slow this quarter. As in previous quarters, the central constraint is human resources: finding skilled contractors and construction labour willing to work in a remote block continues to be difficult, and labour migration out of the area has compounded the delay. Construction currently stands at approximately 10% completion, with footing and soil-filling work in place.

We are actively exploring partnerships with contractors and skilled tradespeople from neighbouring towns, and with local training institutes, to bring more reliable labour capacity to the site in the coming quarters.

Analog Forestry Farm: Growth and a Setback

Alongside our education programmes, WILD has been developing a small analog forestry farm — a mixed-species, low-input plot designed to mirror a natural forest ecosystem rather than a monoculture orchard. Over the past several months, the farm's guava trees have matured well and begun fruiting, and the plot now supports a healthy mix of fruit and native timber species growing together.

This quarter's progress was slowed by an unexpected wildlife intrusion, which damaged young saplings and fruit-bearing branches across parts of the plot. We are now working with the community to identify low-cost protective measures — boundary fencing and deterrent planting — before resuming active expansion of the farm.



Key Impact (April–June 2026)

- EcoClub and BalSansad members directly engaged: 20 (Classes 6–8)
- Sessions conducted: 30, including environmental campaigns and project-based learning
- Indirect engagement through school-wide activities: 100+ students
- Green Educator Fellows continuing: 2
- External project funding secured: ₹1,20,000 (Diyara Project)
- Processing centre cum office construction: approximately 10% complete

Key Challenges

- Highfellowdropout during the initial phase of the fellowship.
- Organisational legal processes (trust deed correction) took significantly longer than expected.
- Limited human resources slowed both programme expansion and construction.
- Wildlife intrusion damaged saplings and fruit at the analog forestry farm.
- Skilled labour shortage continued to delay the processing centre cum office.

Key Learnings

- Quality of engagement matters more than quantity during a pilot phase — a smaller, committed cohort in the 10–13 age group learns and acts more effectively than a large one when resources are limited.
- Land-based initiatives like the analog forestry farm need protective planning against wildlife built in from the outset, not added after a setback.
- Community-facing initiatives such as Green Muharram require repeated, sustained engagement to shift behaviour, not a single campaign.

Wild Fellow achieving success

One of the wild fellows from the rural village of Simultala, who has engaged with us since 2023, is now achieving success in many domains. She got selected and completed the Goonj fellowship, got selected for Ashoka climate champion program, and currently got selected for NYCC climate champion program and is currently leading the wild work.

This inspires other fellows of wild to come out of their comfort zone and it inspire others.



Next Planning

1. Obtain formal permission from education authorities (BEO, BDO and District Administration).
2. Expand environmental education to one additional government school with Class 6–8 children.
3. Launch the next batch of Green Educator Fellows.
4. Continue curriculum refinement based on field learning.
5. Strengthen fundraising efforts for programme sustainability.
6. Install protective fencing at the analog forestry farm and resume expansion.
7. Re-engage contractors and local ITIs to accelerate processing centre construction.
8. Conduct baseline and learning assessments in new schools.

This quarter reminded us that grassroots work in rural Bihar rewards patience, adaptive planning and sustained relationships more than fixed timelines.

WILD Trust moves into the next quarter with a deeper, more committed EcoClub, a stronger organisational foundation, and clear plans to address the setbacks in our farm and construction work.

-wild team

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Support Our Work

1. Support stipends for Green Educator Fellows.
2. Help us hire a programme manager to strengthen our team.
3. Support school Eco Club activities and learning materials.
4. Contribute towards protective fencing and inputs for the analog forestry farm.
5. Support the completion of our processing centre cum office.
6. Volunteer or intern with us to strengthen programmes on the ground.
7. Join us as a co-founder or core team member if you resonate with our vision.
8. Enable us to sustain and grow our grassroots initiatives.

Note:- “We are especially looking for someone committed to long-term grassroots work in ecology and community development.”

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