



DISCOVERING DRAGONFLIES: INDICATORS OF A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM

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NIKHIL JOHN IS A NATURALIST AND BIODIVERSITY EDUCATOR WITH OVER EIGHT YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE. HE CURRENTLY LEADS WWF-INDIA'S NATURE CONNECT PROGRAMME, DESIGNING AND DELIVERING NATURE TRAILS, TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND COURSES THAT INSPIRE STUDENTS, YOUTH AND CITIZENS TO ENGAGE MEANINGFULLY WITH BIODIVERSITY. WITH NEARLY A DECADE OF BIRDING EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE ACROSS MULTIPLE TAXA ESPECIALLY BIRDS, REPTILES, AND DRAGONFLIES. NIKHIL BRINGS A STRONG FIELD-BASED PERSPECTIVE TO HIS EDUCATIONAL WORK. HE IS ALSO LEADING INDIA'S FIRST NATIONWIDE CITIZEN SCIENCE INITIATIVE ON DRAGONFLIES, A LONG-TERM MONITORING PROGRAMME THAT TRACKS WETLAND QUALITY AND INSECT DIVERSITY IN RELATION TO SEASONAL AND CLIMATIC CHANGES. THE DATA GENERATED AIMS TO INFORM WETLAND CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTE TO SCIENCE-BASED POLICIES FOR HOLISTIC ECOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.