



WILDLIFE & ECOLOGY

# WNE START-UP GRANTS

*We Invest in Ideas Before the Others Believe Their Potential.*

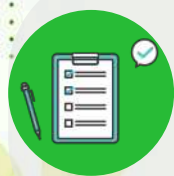


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The WNE Startup Grant is an initiative of WNE INDIA designed to support innovative and scalable solutions that address environmental, ecological, agricultural, and community development challenges. Through financial assistance, mentorship, technical guidance, and networking opportunities, the grant aims to empower changemakers who are building sustainable enterprises with measurable social and environmental impact.

## Our Vision

To nurture a network of entrepreneurs and innovators who drive ecological conservation, sustainable livelihoods, and climate resilience.



**250+**  
Projects are  
Submitted

We Selected

**4**

Outstanding  
Projects

## Objectives of the Grant



Promote  
Green  
Entrepreneurship



Support  
Community-  
Led  
Innovations



Encourage  
Sustainable  
Livelihood  
Generation



Foster  
Conservation  
-Driven  
Enterprises



Accelerate  
Scalable  
Impact  
Solutions

## Eligible Sectors for Application



Botany

Zoology



Environmental  
Science



Wildlife  
Conservation

Ecology &  
Evolution



Habitat  
Restoration &  
Conservation

Natural  
Resource  
Management



Wasteland  
Restoration &  
Management

# In-situ conservation of the Gooty Tarantula

*(Poecilotheria metallica)*

**Rishikesh Tripathi**

**Andhra Pradesh &  
Tamil Nadu**

The Gooty Tarantula is one of India's most unique and critically endangered arachnids. This project aims to strengthen scientific understanding of the species while engaging local communities in conservation efforts to ensure its long-term survival.

**Current Status : Completed**





# Establishment and Restoration of Mangrove BioShield

**Anitha K.T.**

**Edavanakkad Panchayat, Kerala**

By restoring mangrove ecosystems, this initiative seeks to protect vulnerable coastlines from climate-related impacts while creating ecological and livelihood benefits for local communities.

**Current Status : Completed**



# Conservation of Cantor's Giant Softshell Turtle

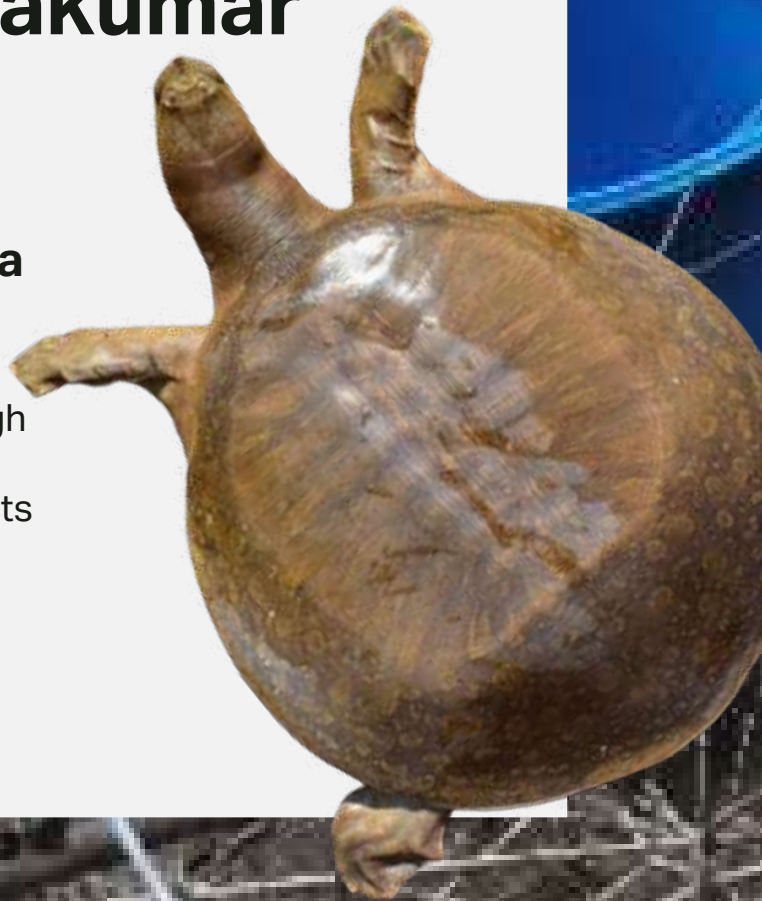
*(Pelochelys cantorii)*

**Nandan Vijayakumar**

## **Chandragiri River, Kerala**

This project focuses on safeguarding one of the world's largest freshwater turtles through scientific monitoring and collaborative conservation efforts involving local stakeholders.

**Current Status :** Ongoing



# Enhancing Breeding Success of Pallas's Fish Eagle

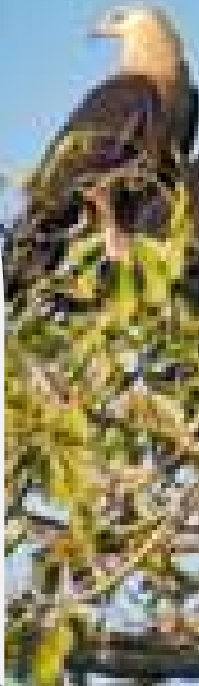
*(Haliaeetus leucoryphus)*

**Sipu Kumar**

**Asan Conservation  
Reserve, Uttarakhand**

The project aims to improve breeding success and habitat security for the globally significant Pallas's Fish Eagle while promoting wetland and raptor conservation.

**Current Status : Ongoing**





# *LET'S BUILD THE FUTURE TOGETHER*



## *Projects Funded By:*

### **Souvik Kundu**

*Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering  
California Polytechnic State University*

### **Deepa Ganguly**

*School Teacher*

### **Arunava Biswas**

*Founder of NGO Sundarika Bartika*

### **Sayak Bhandari**

*School Teacher*

*Supporting ideas that create lasting impact for  
people and nature.*

Whether you are a researcher, conservationist, entrepreneur, student, or community innovator, we invite you to be a part of a growing network of changemakers working towards a resilient and sustainable future.



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