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Dear Quizzler,

This is the third touchpoint in your Wild Wisdom Journey, and we hope you've enjoyed the ride so far! This newsletter explores newly discovered species and those that were thought to be extinct but have been rediscovered, wildlife related news, DIYs and an online quiz to help you with your prep!

Happy reading!



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What if we actually found a living Yeti, also called the Abominable Snowman, who might be close to us in appearance? As the great conservationist Gerald Durrell famously said: “What would we do with him? Put him in a cage or send him to university?”

From the beginning of the 19th Century, people from the western world, including scientists, concluded that all large animals, living on this planet, had already been discovered and described. However, Nature still had a few tricks up her sleeve - slowly

but steadily since that time, she has revealed many new secrets – from the tiny Pygmy Hog that lives in the forests of Northeast India to the giant Komodo Dragon that is king of the Komodo Islands - there have been quite a few discoveries since then and more continue to be made even in the 21st Century. Local people obviously knew of these animals, but they had not been described and analysed by science.

There have also been many rediscoveries – animals like the Coelocanth that were thought to be extinct for thousands of years have been captured quite by accident, causing first disbelief and then great excitement.

It is every naturalist’s great dream that she or he could work with nature and get her to tell us more of her secrets – who knows, perhaps the tales of the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman may turn out to be true after all – perhaps a huge new zoological discovery is waiting for you in the last untouched forests of the earth.

Let’s not lose them – we may never even realize the value of that loss!!

MEET THE SPECIES



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Scientists have just discovered the Large Goan Fejervarya, a new species of frog in Goa.

The new discovery is so special that the frog has been named '*Fejervarya goemchi*' after the historical name of its home state. The new species is a large sized frog measuring about 1.6-1.8 inches (that’s actually large in the frog world!). In the

highlands of the Western Ghats that are a part of Goa, it is common to hear the croaking calls of the frogs going 'trook, trook' during the monsoon. Many of these are the terrestrial fejervaryan frogs, also called cricket frogs that sit next to water bodies calling to attract females! Although most of these frogs can live on land, they need water bodies for their survival and for breeding.

The last few years have seen many exciting new frog species being discovered, which indicates how many surprises nature still has in store for us.

Did you know that frogs are super important for the environment, even in cities? They help keep mosquito populations in check... so if frogs start disappearing from one area, mosquito borne diseases like malaria and dengue rise over there!

SPOT THE ANIMAL



We look like reptiles but are actually amphibians. We are found all over the world, but only one of our kind lives in India. People all over the world try to study our special powers as most of our kind can regrow limbs and sometimes even organs, including eyes! A lot of us are highly poisonous, with bright coloured skin to warn predators to not attack us. We're the stuff legends are made of and they say we came from fire!

YOUR PLANET, YOUR CHOICE TO : GIVE UP

GIVE UP wasting electricity!

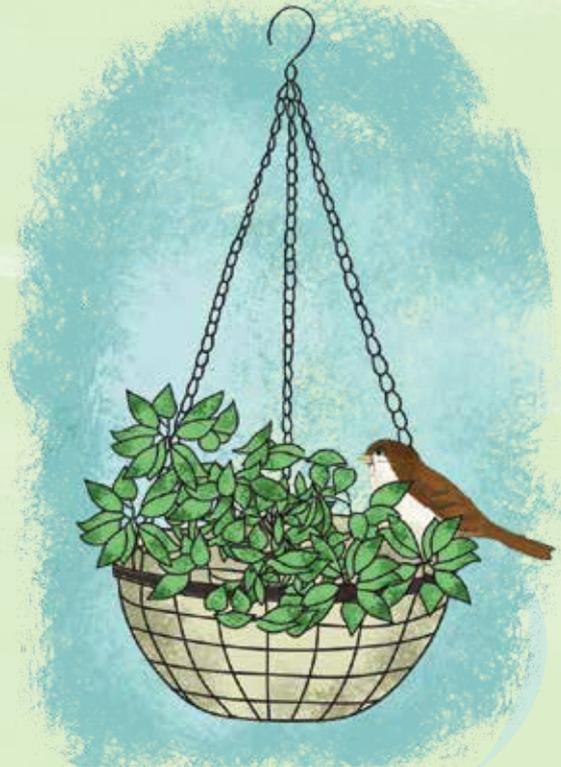
We all know that we should switch off all lights and fans when we leave a room. But do we pay attention to this and to the other electronic devices we leave plugged in, when we're not using them? This awareness is important for even if electronics and appliances are turned off, they still consume energy if left plugged in the electrical outlet. From phones, tablets and computers to televisions, speakers and even toasters, all devices keep using some amount of power known as "phantom energy". To conserve energy, we need to make a conscious choice of not keeping any device plugged in longer than necessary and become the family's electricity police man/woman, keeping a watchful eye on all the members and informing the grown-ups of your house what needs to be done in case they see an unused electronic equipment plugged in, with the switch on!

Let's switch off for the planet!



ACT NOW FOR THE PLANET

Our environment is increasingly getting polluted with natural space running out for a lot of species, especially in urban India. One way you can help is by creating more nesting space for them. You can take small clay pots, planters or even old boots. You can put them in a safe place near your home and allow the birds to use them. A simple thing to do is to create your own little bird-nesting basket, which is pretty and useful! Always remember to put these nests in shaded areas and not directly in the sun. Here's a fun tip: animal fur makes for great nest lining, so if you have a dog at home you can keep the fur it sheds near the nest for the birds, as long as no flea or tick medication has been used on the dog.



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Super Sniffer Dogs to detect wildlife contraband at IGI Airport and KI Airport

• Leaders of the global travel industry joined the fight against the illegal wildlife trade

Odisha's forest officials blame railway construction for death of 4 elephants

• Honking, Littering, Teasing Animals In Karnataka Forests Will Now Prove Costly!

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