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## Voices for the Earth:

### Young Minds Gleam in the State-Level Competition

Pune, Maharashtra | 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2025



On 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, the Jaladindi Foundation, Pune, organised a state-level object-based competition centred on environmental themes. The initiative aimed to instil the importance of environmental awareness and encourage proactive participation in protecting nature among schoolchildren.

The competition was divided into two groups — the first for students from Grades V to VII, and the second for students from Grades VIII to X. Each participating school was required to select an environmental topic for which students had to prepare and record a three-minute speech video. The videos, recorded in landscape mode, were submitted via WhatsApp to designated contact numbers.



Schools were permitted to send only two entries, one from each group. Shortlisted participants were then invited to the final round of the competition, with the date, time, and venue communicated in advance. The judging criteria included pronunciation, voice modulation, content, expression, originality, and overall presentation. Students were given the option to deliver their speeches in Marathi, Hindi, or English.

From our school, Swamini Pandit of Grade V secured the third prize, while Kanchan Thorat of Grade IX earned a certificate of participation. We congratulate both students for their commendable efforts and achievements.