



# BLOG COMPETITION

Theme: Oceans

 **Winners** 

# Purpose of the Competition

- Environmental communication
- Role of youth
- Discourse on oceans



# CHALLENGE

Each applicant had to submit one blog entry from one of the following blog genres:

## 1. Debunking Myths with Facts

(Students research and debunk myths with facts related to oceans)

## 2. Local Heroes of our Oceans

(Students showcase inspiring stories of local heroes who have positively contributed to safeguarding oceans)

## 3. Coastal Tales

(Creative stories that inspire action for coastal protection)

# PARAMETERS

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Over 400 participants from India and UAE submitted their blog entries and were evaluated on the following criteria :

Originality of Content

Presentation and Writing Style

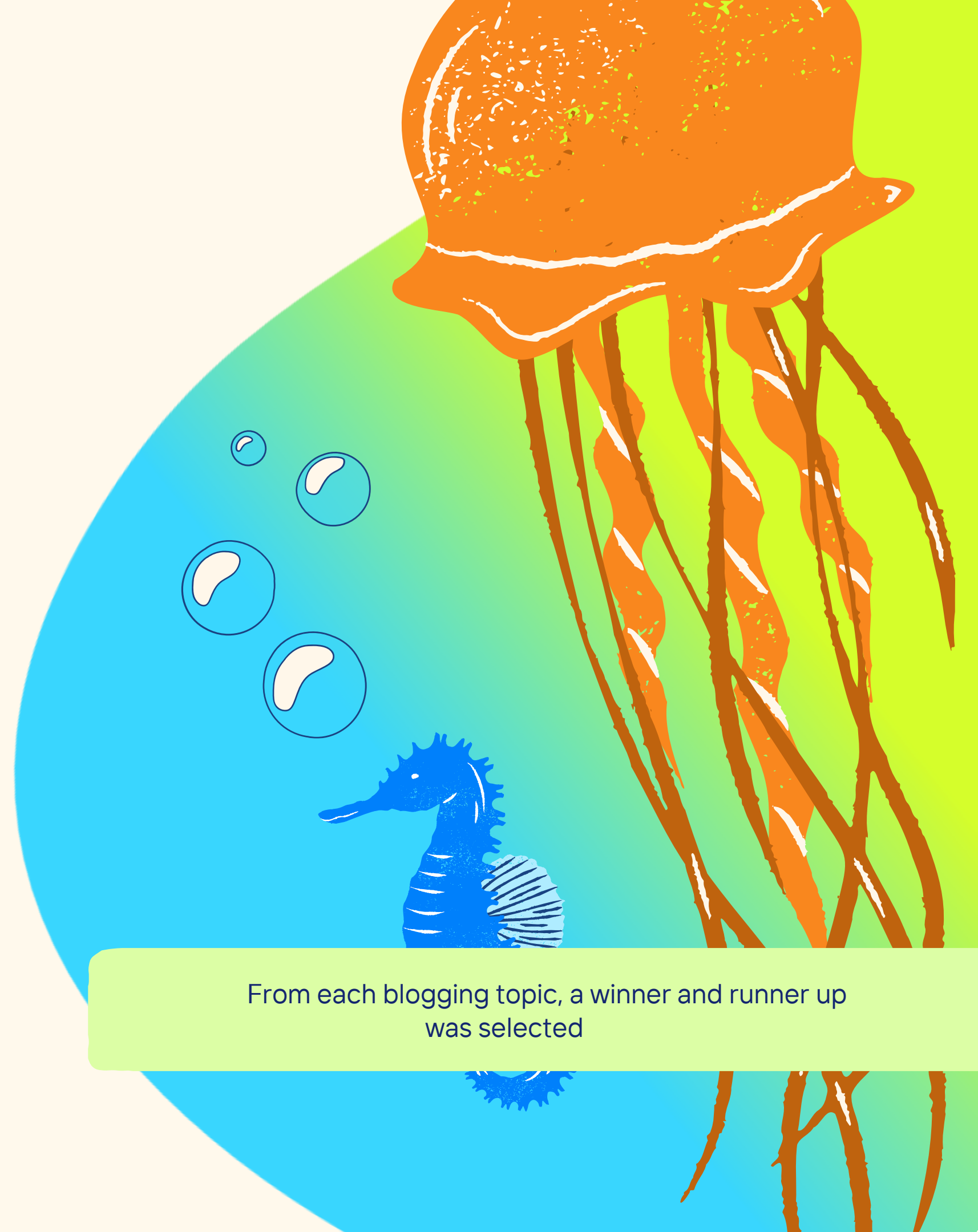
Factually Correct Information

Adhering to Theme

References and sharing of information



# WINNERS



From each blogging topic, a winner and runner up was selected



# DEBUNKING MYTHS WITH FACTS

From misconceptions about sharks to years of theories on the Bermuda Triangle, the students debunked them all!

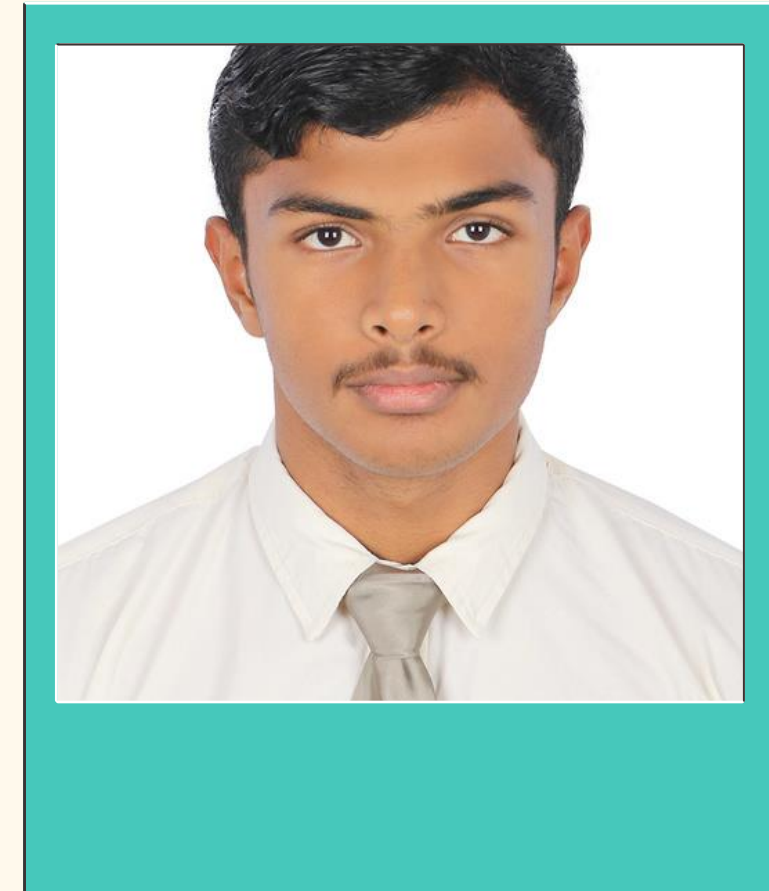
# RUNNER UP

## Muhammed Eshan

Grade 12

Our Own English High School Sharjah Boys

Sharjah, UAE



Debunked the myth that sharks are man-eating monsters. He went on highlight the role of Hollywood and sensational media in perpetuating this myth. He countered this myth with well researched information on sharks and presented it in a manner that can be easily understood. .

# WINNER



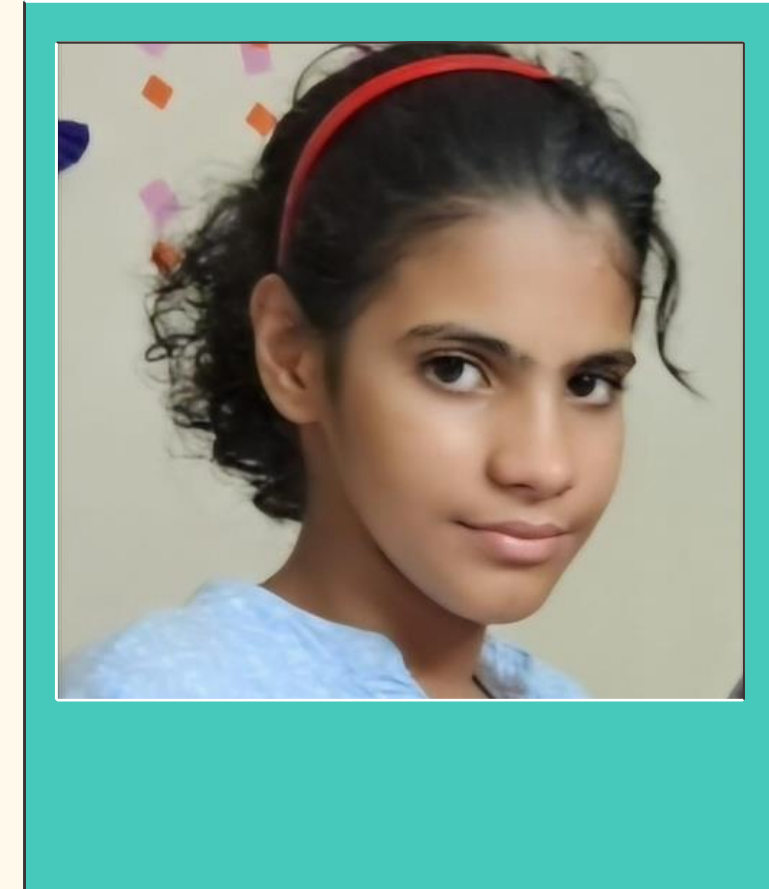
## Yoshi Yadav



Grade 11

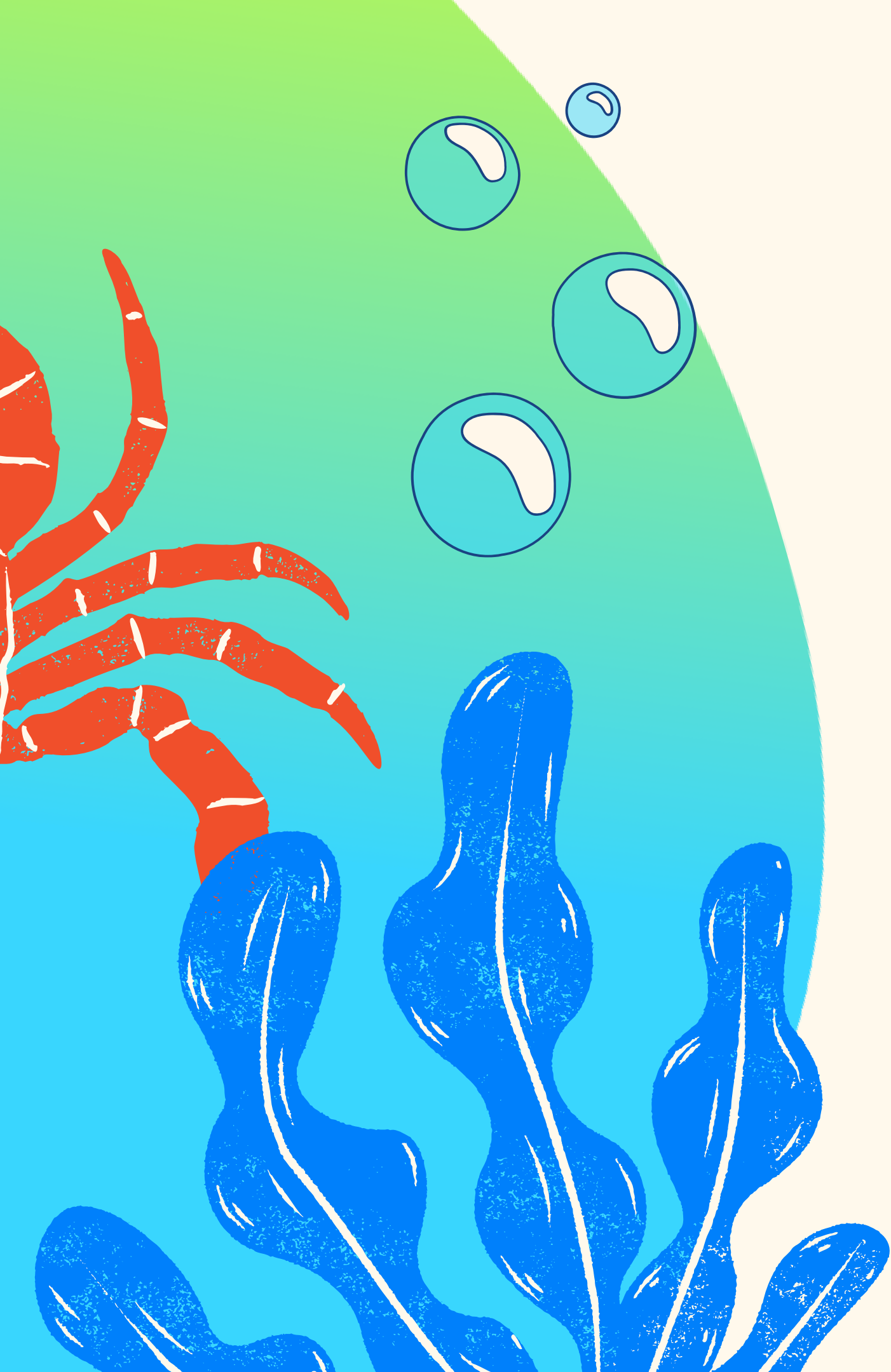
Navy Children School, Kochi

Kochi, India



Debunked myths that the vastness of the oceans allowed it to not be affected by pollution, or the oceans being a limitless resource which human can depend on forever, or that the oceans are not gravely affected by plastic pollution. In an inspiring story style the myths are debunked to inspire others to contribute towards protecting our oceans.





# LOCAL HEROES OF OUR OCEANS

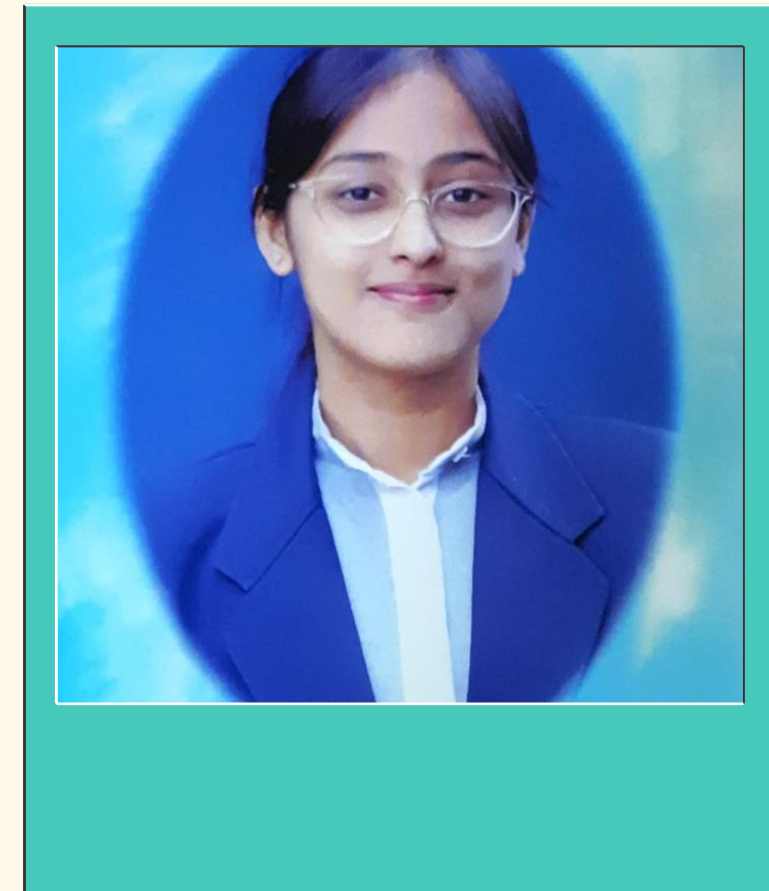
Right from lifeguards, founders of ocean movements to young children determined to make a difference, students explored their ocean heroes and inspirations in India and UAE.

# RUNNER UP

## **Avni Lalchandani**

Grade 10  
Amity International School

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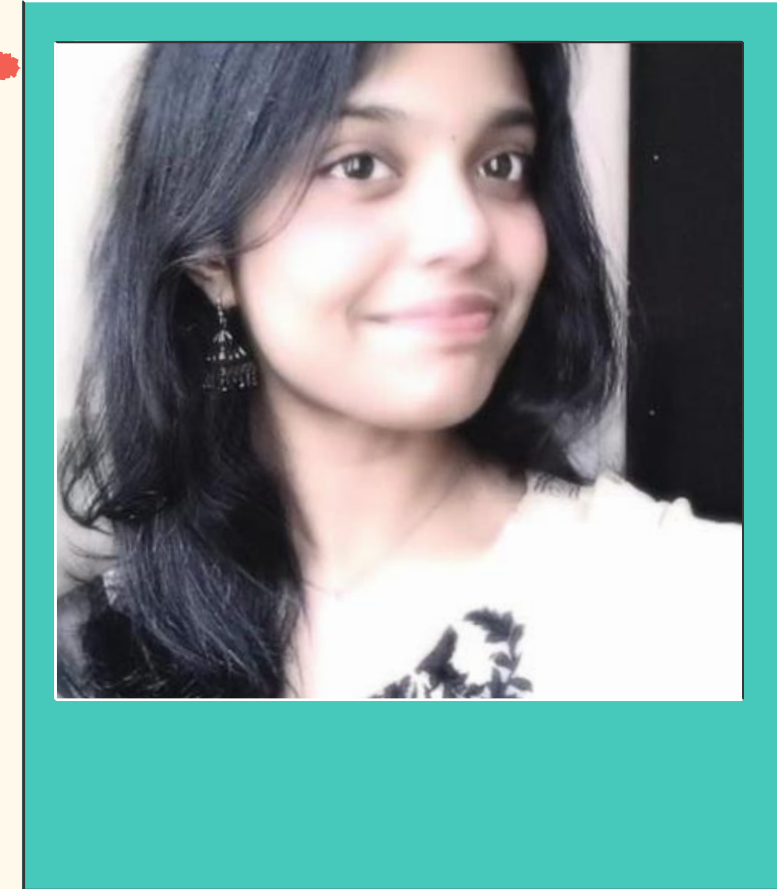
In coastal India, heroes like Ranjit Das, Dr. Ayesha Khan, and Afroz Shah are transforming their environments through community-driven efforts. Ranjit Das restored mangrove forests in the Sundarbans, Dr. Ayesha Khan revitalized coral reefs in Lakshadweep, and Afroz Shah led the world's largest beach cleanup in Mumbai. Their actions have not only restored vital ecosystems but also improved local economies and inspired global change.

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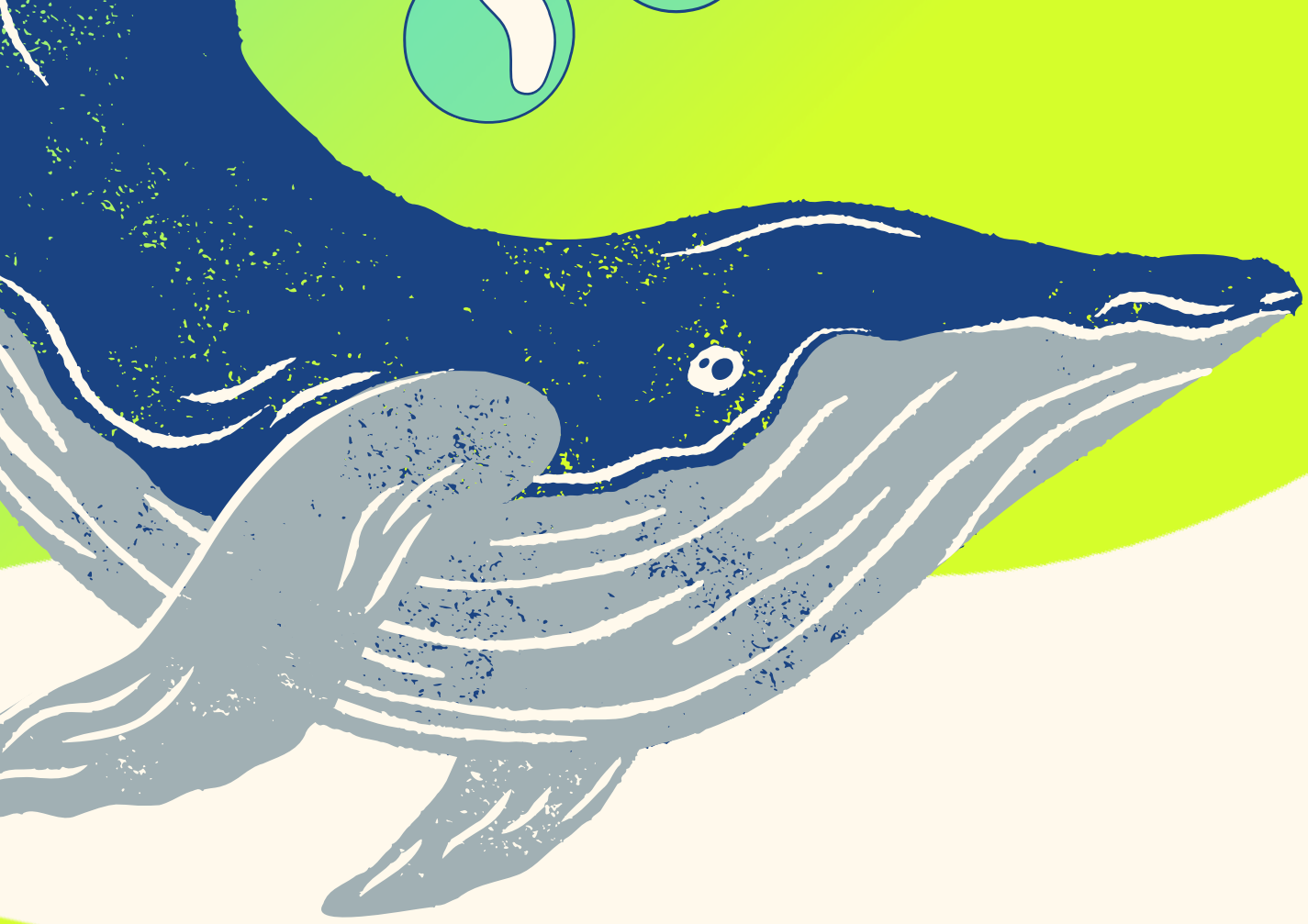
## Vishnu Priya Satheesh

Grade 12  
Sharjah Indian School

Sharjah, UAE



Our oceans are crucial for life, yet pollution and ghost fishing endanger them. Heroes like Maitha Mohammed Al Hameli in Abu Dhabi, Dhaval in India, and Roziah Jalalid in Malaysia lead conservation efforts, while Leonardo DiCaprio has donated over \$30 million to protect marine life. These efforts highlight the urgent need for global ocean protection and inspire us to take action.



# COASTAL TALES

Students expressed moral messages about the ocean and environment, through creative, imaginative and beautiful coastal tales.

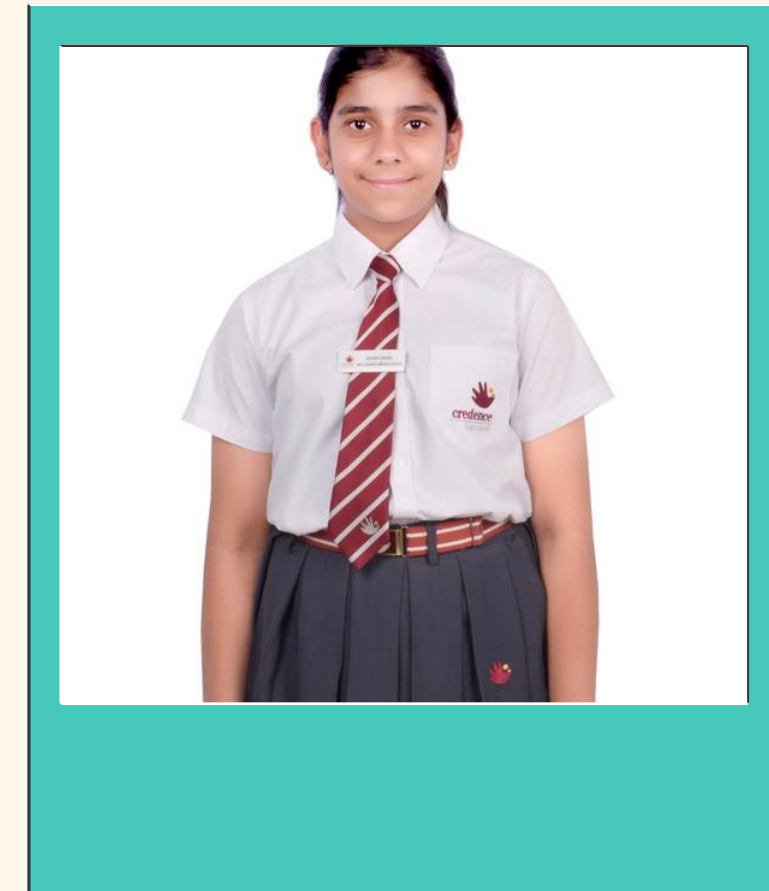


# RUNNER UP

## **Adhira Arora**

Grade 7  
Credence High school

Dubai, UAE



In the underwater city of Sea Core, young mermaid Autumn discovers a broken communication device from the land above, revealing the dire state of the oceans due to pollution. Teaming up with her tech-savvy dolphin friend Fin, Autumn broadcasts a call for help, leading to the formation of the "Ocean Guardians" with a human girl named Amara. Together, they educate, innovate, and clean up the seas, ultimately restoring the oceans' health and uniting the underwater and surface worlds in their love for the ocean.

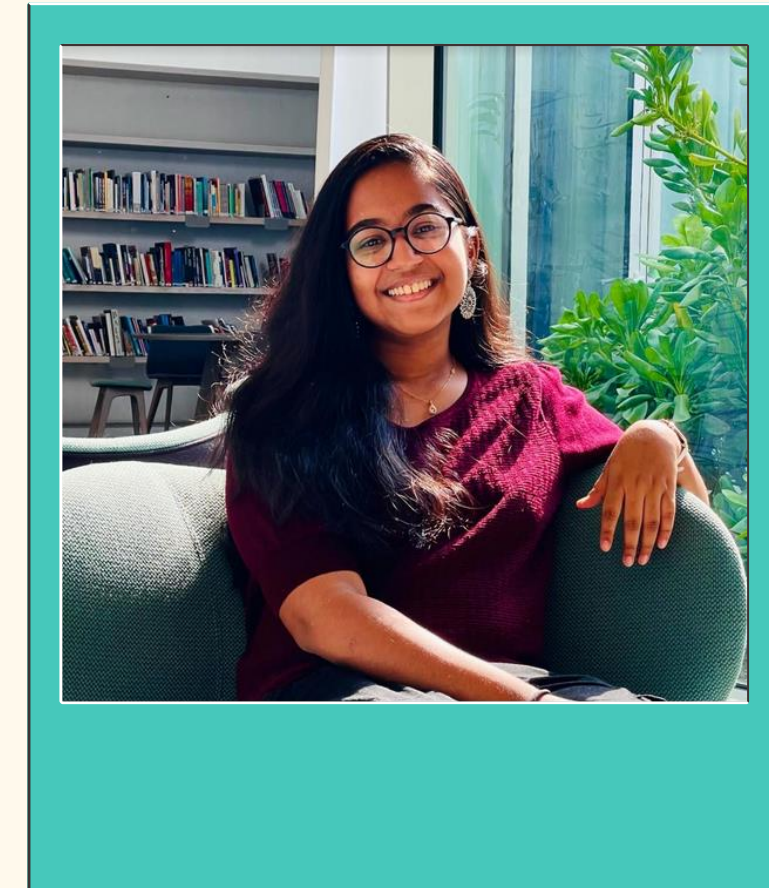
# WINNER

**Alvina Mariya**

Grade 10

The Emirates National School, Sharjah

Sharjah, UAE



In an age where coastal protection is crucial, the story of Anthony Varghese, a fisherman from Kerala, highlights the urgent need to safeguard our shores. The tragic loss of his daughter, Jancy, due to erosion caused by government-installed groynes, spurred a successful community movement to remove the damaging structures. This tale underscores the importance of preserving our coasts to protect the lives and livelihoods of those who depend on them.



# Congratulations to all the winners!



#PROJECT  
OCEAN  
MATTERS

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