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Sitaram Raul Wins Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026

Indian wildlife photographer Sitaram Raul won the prestigious Behaviour: Invertebrates category at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026.

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year is an international photography competition organised annually by London's Natural History Museum.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Indian photographer Sitaram Raul won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category at Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026.
- His winning photograph is titled Shifting Sand, capturing a scorpion burrowing into the Thar Desert in Rajasthan.
- The competition is organised by London's Natural History Museum and is often described as the Oscars of wildlife photography.
- His photograph was selected from more than 65,000 entries submitted globally from around the world.
- The award-winning image captured the scorpion digging into the sand to escape the rising desert heat after hours of patient observation.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Wildlife Protection Act** in India was enacted in the year **1972** to protect plant and animal species.

Project Tiger was launched in India in **April 1973** under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

The **National Board for Wildlife** is chaired by the **Prime Minister** of India.

India is one of the mega-diverse countries in the world, hosting four of the 36 global **biodiversity hotspots**.

The **Thar Desert**, also known as the Great Indian Desert, is located largely in the Indian state of **Rajasthan**.

Article 48A of the Indian Constitution directs the State to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard forests and wildlife.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Indian photographer Sitaram Raul won Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026 for his scorpion image titled Shifting Sand.

Syllabus Relevance: Important international awards won by Indian nationals are frequently tested in TNPSC Group exams.

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