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To

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Subject: WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026

Theme: "Empowering Indigenous Youth Through Skills, Culture & Sustainable Rural Development"

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the **World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG).**

We are pleased to announce the **WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026**, a global initiative dedicated to empowering Indigenous youth through skills development, traditional knowledge, innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable rural development.

This programme aims to celebrate the talents, leadership, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities while encouraging youth to develop practical skills that contribute to resilient rural communities and sustainable livelihoods.

Event Title: WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026

Theme: "Empowering Indigenous Youth Through Skills, Culture & Sustainable Rural Development"

Organized by: World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG), India

Date of Entries: On or Before 25th July 2026

1. Background & Rationale: Youth represent the driving force behind sustainable development and innovation. Indigenous communities possess rich traditional knowledge, cultural heritage, and practical skills that have sustained rural societies for generations.

The celebration aims to bridge traditional Indigenous knowledge with modern skills, promoting entrepreneurship, leadership, innovation, and community development while preserving Indigenous identity.

This initiative integrates:

- Youth Skills Development
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Traditional Games & Sports
- Rural Entrepreneurship
- Cultural Preservation
- Community Leadership
- Sustainable Rural Development

2. Objectives

1. Promote skill development among Indigenous youth.
2. Preserve and promote Indigenous knowledge and traditions.
3. Encourage youth leadership and entrepreneurship.
4. Strengthen sustainable rural livelihoods.
5. Promote traditional Indigenous games as educational tools.
6. Encourage innovation using local resources.
7. Build global collaboration among Indigenous communities.



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3. Thematic Alignment with Global Frameworks: This programme supports international initiatives aligned with:

- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- United Nations World Youth Skills Day
- World Rural Development initiatives
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- UNESCO principles on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (where applicable)

Key SDGs Covered:

- SDG 1 – No Poverty
- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 8 – Decent Work & Economic Growth
- SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure
- SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities & Communities
- SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

4. Programme Activities

a. WIG Global Indigenous Talent Showcase

Participants may present:

- Traditional Dance
- Folk Music
- Indigenous Martial Arts
- Storytelling
- Traditional Crafts
- Cultural Performances
- Indigenous Languages
- Heritage Demonstrations

b. Indigenous Games Demonstration

- Traditional Indigenous Games
- Valari Demonstration
- Silambam Demonstration
- Archery
- Indigenous Sports Skills

c. Youth Skills Exhibition

- Rural Innovation
- Entrepreneurship Ideas
- Digital Skills
- Traditional Crafts
- Sustainable Livelihood Skills

d. Rural Development Activities

- Organic Farming Awareness
- Water Conservation
- Herbal Knowledge
- Community Service
- Rural Entrepreneurship Models

e. Cultural Exchange Programme

- Sharing Indigenous Traditions
- Traditional Costumes
- Cultural Presentations
- International Networking



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f. WIG Global World Record Challenge (Optional): Participants may take part in approved Indigenous Games or cultural activities organized as a coordinated global record attempt, subject to the rules and evidence requirements of the selected record-recognizing organization.



5. Participation Guidelines

- Open to: School and College Students
- Participation: Individual / Group
- Duration: 15–30 days activity period (before July 25, 2026)
- Submission:
 - Photos / videos submission on or before 25th July 2026
 - Activity report on or before 25th July 2026
 - Participant details on or before 25th July 2026

6. Recognition & Awards: Participants will receive:

- **WIG Global Heritage Champion Award-2026**

7. Expected Outcomes

- Increased youth participation in Indigenous activities.
- Promotion of traditional knowledge and skills.
- Preservation of Indigenous cultural heritage.
- Stronger rural community engagement.
- Development of youth leadership.
- Enhanced international collaboration.
- Promotion of sustainable rural development.

8. Request for Support: We request your esteemed institution to kindly extend:

- Participation of students
- Institutional support and coordination
- Awareness and publicity support
- Collaboration in environmental activities

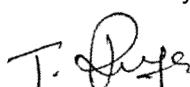
9. Submission Details: Kindly send all the relevant details via email (Email: info@indigenousgames.org), including the latest photos, participant name list (Below Format), and any supporting information or documentation related to the programme.

S.No	Name of the Participants	Activity Performed	Country	Organization Name

This information will help us in compiling the official records and documentation for the WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026 organized by the World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG).

Conclusion: The WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026 aims to promote Indigenous heritage, youth skills, and sustainable rural development through global participation and collaboration. We invite your active participation in the WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026. All eligible participants will receive the prestigious WIG Global Heritage Champion Award – 2026.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Ramya (She/Her)
General Secretary
World Council for Indigenous Games (WIG)



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