

Magic of the Ocean: Bringing the Ocean into Classroom



On 27 September, teachers and ocean lovers came together online for something special — the launch of Magic of the Ocean, an E-learning platform for educators that brings the sea into classrooms. The event was filled with excitement and curiosity. Our mascot, Dr. Monta Ray, made a cheerful appearance, reminding everyone that learning about the ocean can be fun, playful, and full of wonder.

The idea for Magic of the Ocean began with a simple thought. We realized that there are very few learning resources about the ocean from an Indian perspective. During our earlier workshops and surveys, many teachers shared that they would love to teach about the ocean if they had the right materials. But they also pointed out a major challenge — they often have limited time in their classroom schedules.

This became one of our key findings and the starting point for the platform: How can we make it easy for teachers to include the ocean in their lessons and help children understand and care for the ocean, even if they live far away from it? Developed under the 10Ocean initiative and supported by the National Geographic Society, the platform is designed as a space for teachers to explore ocean topics and bring them into their classrooms in new and creative ways. It offers stories, games, lesson plans, and activities that make learning about marine life, ecosystems, and climate change simple, engaging, and fun.

At the same time, the content is connected to six school subjects — Math, English, Science, Social Science, Music, and Art — linking ocean concepts with the existing curriculum. This helps teachers include ocean literacy in their regular lessons without adding extra workload. For many teachers who were part of our Seaside Classrooms workshops earlier this year, and teachers who had helped co-creating resources with us for the platform the launch felt like the next big step. What started as discussions has now turned into an interactive digital experience that can reach schools across Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and beyond. Each story, video, and activity on

the platform has been created to spark curiosity and care for the blue planet we all share.

As the session ended, there was a quiet sense of joy and hope. Magic of the Ocean is more than an online learning tool. It's a bridge — connecting the classroom to the coast, and knowledge to action.

Because when children learn to love the ocean, they grow up wanting to protect it. You can explore more about the platform in 1ocean.zooreach.org/magicofocean. Stay tuned! More details about the project, its stories, and upcoming activities and the people involved will be shared in the next issues of Zoo's Print.



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