



Dragonfly Festival

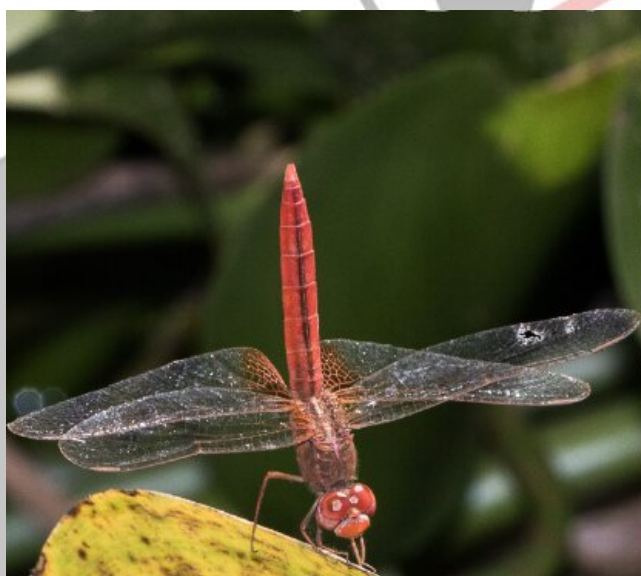
Why in News

The first-ever **State Dragonfly Festival**, also known as **Thumbimahotsavam** 2020 will be organized in Kerala jointly by the [World Wide Fund for Nature \(WWF\)](#)-India State unit and **Society for Odonate Studies (SOS)**.

Society for Odonate Studies (SOS)

SOS is a non-political, non-profit organization formed to impart knowledge to the public on the insect order of **Odonata** (which comprises **dragonflies** and **damsel**flies) and to conduct scientific studies, with the objective of conservation of the species and their habitats.

Key Points //



- It will be the part of [National Dragonfly Festival](#) being organised by the WWF India, [Bombay Natural History Society](#) & Indian Dragonfly Society,
 - The **third** edition of the National Dragonfly Festival was organized online in **August, 2020**.
- It aims at building **awareness** about the importance of **dragonflies** and **damsel**flies and the need to conserve them.
 - Dragonflies act as important bio-indicators of the ecological health of an area.
- The festival will consist of training resource persons, webinars, and competitions.
- The festival will also provide an opportunity to people to undertake **citizen science projects** in their backyards during [Covid-19](#) restrictions.
- Some specific target groups for this festival include zoology teachers, members of biodiversity

management committees, eco-clubs, Forest Department, people from ecotourism activities etc.

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