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A WAY of understanding global warming in schools

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Ahmedabad: A child learns the lessons of life from the world around him. Putting this ideology to work, Wricha Johari and Prakashal Mehta have launched an innovative training module for secondary schoolchildren.

The programme 'World Around You - Everything Connects' is being pilot tested at Kendriya Vidyalaya ONGC and will be launched formally on Tuesday by SK Nanda, principal secretary of Ministry of environment and forests. "Big words like climate change, global warming and sustainability will never make sense to a child going to class V. But, that does not mean he is not old enough to learn about it. The context of these issues has to be told to them and that is exactly what we do in a fun way," said Johari, founder and programme director of WAY.

This is an effort to integrate regular school curriculum with environment education in a way that the teaching is not disturbed. The topics the duo plans to cover dur-



ing their 40-session training module, include air, water, food, life forms, shelter, energy, culture, technology, solid waste and global warming.

"We ask students to close their books and play games. These games have been specially designed to give knowledge," added Prakashal Mehta, programme development consultant.

