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International day for the preservation of the ozone layer is observed throughout the world on 16th September every year. The day was decided by UNEP general assembly in its resolution 49/114, to commemorate the signing of the Montréal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer.

In order to sensitize the school children on the matters for preservation of Ozone Layer, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organizes various programmes and activities to mark the day. This year National Museum of Natural History organized model making and on the spot painting competition in the atrium of the newly constructed building of Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change for the school students respectively from 9th to 12th classes and 6th to 8th classes.

Total 29 schools have participated in model making and painting competition from Delhi and NCR. Total 58 students have participated in model making competition while 42 students participated in the on the spot painting competition.

Sh. Prakash Javadekar, Honorable Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment, Forests and Climate Change was the Chief Guest of the program. He spent quality time with children and encouraged them by direct interaction. He also addressed the students, teachers, ministry officials and other people during the program.

Additional Secretary, Sh. Hem Pande was the Guest of Honour. Additional Secretaries Sh. Hem Pande and Sh. Shashi Shekhar, with other ministry high officials accompanied Honorable Minister during the program. Model Making and Painting competition was followed by a short film show based on environmental issues and decay of ozone layer.

Two keynote lectures have additional attraction to the program respectively "Climate Change and its Impact on India by Prof. NH Ravindranath, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bengaluru" and "Ozone layer protection: Mission goes on by Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency".

After the lectures a recorded message of the Honorable Minister was screened to the audience. After that results were declared for both the competitions. First, Second and Third prizes for the model making competitions were declared respectively 10,000 Rs. 7000 Rs. and 5000 R. Two consolation prizes of 1000 were also given. For painting competition prizes were 3000, 2000 and 1000 respectively for first, second and third winner while 5 consolation prizes, 500 each were also declared.

The aforesaid program was highly appreciated by everyone and a grand success.