

## **National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi**

### **World Heritage Day (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2012)**

On the occasion of the World Heritage Day, an outreach special programme for under-privileged children was organized by the Museum in collaboration with National Zoological Park, Delhi.

An NGO, KHUSHI Centre for Rehabilitation & Research, South Extension, New Delhi facilitated the participation of nearly 40 children from Madarsa Misbalum, Ashok Vihar, Loni (Ghaziabad, UP and Hauz Khas, Pahari Bastim, N. Delhi.

The purpose of the programme was to provide access of the Museum resources and activities to the under-privileged children for whom such resources are otherwise inaccessible.

The children visited Delhi Zoo under the guidance of the resource persons to observe and learn about habits and habitat of wild animals and birds through many interactive educational activities organized by the resource persons. The children were given token gifts and refreshment at the conclusion of the programme.



Zoo official interacting with the under privileged children in Delhi Zoo

### **Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2012)**

A National level "Poster Making Competition" was organized by NMNH and its Regional offices for selection of the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012. The competition was held on the occasion of Earth Day on the Theme – **"Green Economy: Does it include you?"** for the children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 1992 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1997.

The competition was simultaneously held in all the centres under NMNH, for which participation was invited through Registration only, done during 17-19 April 2012 for a maximum of 200 children at each venue on first cum first served basis.

The best prize winning entries at regional level including NMNH will be pooled in to select One National Winner to be awarded the **"Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012" (YEYA-2012)**, on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the World Environment Day in New Delhi.



Children engrossed in making posters on the occasion of Earth Day

## **Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore**

### **Observation of World Water Day-2012 (22 March, 2012)**

The Museum observed the World Water Day on 22nd March, 2012 by organizing an interactive programme for about 250 school children from Govt. Higher Primary School and Govt. Girls Higher Primary School, Arakere. The programme proved to be a success due to its informative value. Many important educationists delivered talks on this occasion.

Observed since 1993, after the Day was formally proposed in Agenda 21 of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Day has grown in popularity due to its inherent association and concern for water problems faced by every human being. The purpose of observation of the Water Day was to focus the international attention on the impact of rapid urban population growth, industrialization and uncertainties caused by climate change, conflicts and natural disasters on urban water systems. The awareness about this Day has grown immensely ever since; for the general public to show support.

## **Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal**

### **Sparrow Day Programme**

The Museum organized a Photographic Exhibition on Sparrows in its premises on 20 March, 2012.

### **Participation**

Dr. Sethuramalingam, Scientist in-charge, Shri Manoj K. Sharma, Taxidermist and Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Educational Assistant of RMNH, Bhopal attended a brain-storming workshop on Traditional Ecology of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. The workshop was organized by Limnology Department of Baraktullah University, Bhopal. A slide show was also presented on this occasion by Dr. Sethuramalingam, detailing the priorities, ethical values and scientific validation of ecological traditions.

### **Restoration of taxidermy resources**

The tiger trophies collected from Chief Conservator of Forest, Sagar Forest Department, Govt. of M.P. were quarantined and effect of fumigation was observed and recorded. The complete photographic documentation of these trophies was done and maintained scientifically.

### **Meeting**

Scientist in charge of RMNH, Bhopal had a meeting with Shri Ajaay Dubey of Praytna, a Bhopal based NGO, on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to conduct a Save tiger interactive programme on the occasion of Earth Day 2012 having Additional PCCF (Wildlife) Department of Forest of M.P. Shri Suhas Kumar, IFS as Chief Guest.

## Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar

### Competitions for Children of Fisherman Community (10 April, 2012)

The Museum organized a Painting and a Singing Competitions for the children of the fisherman communities in the Nodal Upper Primary School, Gopalpur-on-sea, Ganjam District, Odisha. Nearly 120 students from four schools participated in the competitions. The Painting Competition was organised for three categories of school children, while the Singing competition was for two categories only. At the end of the programme, certificates and cash prizes were distributed among the prize winners in presence of DFO, Berhampur Division.



The DFO, Berhampur interacting with children of Fisherman community

### A Workshop on Elephant Conservation in Odisha & its Challenges (8th April, 2012)

A workshop on Elephant Conservation in Odisha and its Challenges was organised by the Museum in collaboration with Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Orissa (NWCS). Many important Forest and Wildlife dignitaries including the Chief Guest, Shri Debi Prasad Mishra, Hon'ble Minister, Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha and Shri P.N. Padhi, IFS, PCCF, Odisha, deliberated on the impact of social development on forest and wildlife along with the conservation of Elephant and its habitat.



The Guest Speaker speaking in the Workshop on Elephant Conservation in Odisha and its Challenges

### Poster Making Competition (22 April, 2012)

A Poster Making Competition is being organised by the Museum on the occasion of the Earth Day to select Regional Prize Winners, the entries of whom will be sent for participation in the National level competition, being organised at the NMNH for selection of the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award 2012 (YEYA 2012). This prestigious National Award will be awarded on the occasion of World Environment Day in New Delhi

### Forthcoming Programme

Summer Vacation Programme for Children (SVPC-2012) from 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012

Exhibition on wheels will be on display at Capital High School, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

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