

National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi

World Wetlands Day (2nd Feb 2012)

To mark this day, an Out-reach programme was organized for specially challenged children in Physically- challenged and Hearing-impaired category. About 49 children from four schools in Delhi participated in this programme.

A special out-door visit was organized for the children to National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo), where the Zoo officials informed them about the habits and habitat of migratory birds and other animals.

The children also participated in Origami and Paper Craft activities in the natural environment. The children were given token gifts for their participation.

Programme for specially challenged children (31st Jan to 8th Feb 2012)

The Annual programme for four categories of specially challenged children started on 31st January 2012 and ended with the valedictory function on 8th February 2012. Organized in collaboration with National Bal Bhavan the programme was attended by children from Special schools, NGOs and other schools.

The aim of the programme was to make these children aware of their environment, nature and wildlife through various activities like Animal & Bird Clay Modeling, Waste Paper Craft, Nature Painting, Dance, Wood Craft, etc. Various contests were also organized and the prize winners were awarded prizes during the valedictory function, beside the token gifts given to all the participants. The winners of the Braille Day Contests were also awarded prizes.

Special Event of the Month

A National Workshop on Environmental Education in Museums and Formal Educational Institutions: (18-19 February, 2012)

NMNH being a collaborating partner with the Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University, a delegation of seven officials from NMNM participated in a National Workshop on Environmental Education in Museums and Formal Educational Institutions on 18th -19th February, 2012.



A National Workshop jointly organised by AMU & NMNH

Attended by eminent professionals, scientists, academicians and museologists the workshop reviewed and discussed the prospects and challenges of environmental education in formal and non-formal education with emphasis on museums.

A “Poster Making Competition” was also held for school and college students on the theme “Save Our Planet”. The First, Second, Third and Consolation Prizes in two categories were awarded during the Valediction of the workshop.

From NMNH, a joint Paper was presented on the “Role of Museums in Environmental Education” by Dr. Reena Dey, K. S. Attri and Vikas Rana. The Paper highlighted the role of NMNH in bringing awareness among children, teachers and common masses on environmental themes through various educational activities and exhibition galleries.

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Programme for Persons with Disabilities 2012

The Museum organized programme for Persons with Disability from 25th January to 10th February, 2012. The programme was structured to suit the children with different categories of Disabilities.

For the Hearing Impaired children a Painting Competition on the theme “Nature & Forest” was organised for higher Primary & High School children on 2nd February, 2012. Nearly 74 students participated in this competition.

For the Visually challenged children a Singing Competition (Environmental Songs) was organised on 4th February, 2012 for higher Primary & High School students at Ranga Rao School for Disabled, Metagahalli, Mysore.

The valedictory function of the programme was held on 10th February, 2012 in which the cash prizes were distributed to successful participants of the Painting & Singing Competition as well as to the winners of “Software development competition” on Biodiversity of Western Ghats..

Observation of National Science Day

National Science Day was observed on 28th Feb. 2012 with a Programme at Orchid Public School, Kumar Bedu, Mysore. Sh. H.L. Sateesh, DMS School was the Guest Speaker and Sh. M.B. Mahesh, the Learning Designer was invited as the resource person for a programme on “Science behind Magic”.

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Special Exhibit

RMNH, Bhopal displayed special exhibit on “Rose” on 14 February, 2012 – Valentine Day. This exhibit showed various interesting aspects of Rose.

World Wetland Day

In collaboration with Ramasar Convention Secretariat, Switzerland, a mega size poster exhibit (20' x 15') was displayed in the Museum for the benefit of public.

Collection:

RMNH, Bhopal has collected one Leopard trophy and very rare white tigress skin from Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal on February 04, 2012

Lectures:

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended “World Wetland Day” Programme at Regional Science Center, Bhopal as a Chief Guest on February 02, 2012. He also delivered lectures as a Course Coordinator at LCA, Bhopal organized by Institute of Environmental Studies, Bhopal for students of PGDEM (IGNOU) during February 3–4, 2012.

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Exhibition on Wheels - 17th February, 2012

An 'Exhibition on Wheels' on the theme "Forest Wealth" was put on display at O.D.M Public School, Patia, Khurda District, to create awareness among the students about the forest resources, their role, and sustainable use. Around 1200 students witnessed the mobile exhibition. Guided facility was also provided by museum interpreters to facilitate their understanding and learning about environment.



The school children witnessing the 'Exhibition on Wheels'

Know Your Birds 20th February, 2012

An orientation programme for an interested group of fifteen PG students of Life Sciences was organized to help them in Field identification of Common Wetland Birds at Kanjia Lake.. The Scientist-in-charge and Museum Interpreters briefed the students about the field ornithology and conservation aspects of wetland. Participants were exposed to different bird habitats and they themselves spotted and identified some common waterfowls with the aid of binoculars and "Hand book on Indian Birds" by Salim Ali.



Participants of the Bird watching orientation programme

Demonstration on Turtles and Tortoises

A practical demonstration class was given to around 72 SC & ST students from Nirmala High School, Sundargarh. With the aid of live corner specimens, the information about the different types of turtles and tortoise, their difference and their habit and habitat supported by gallery visit was provided on 16.02.2012. The students got the opportunity to handle and experience live turtles to know their adaptive features for terrestrial and aquatic life.

Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History, Sawai Madhopur

Shifting in its permanent Building

The RGRMNH operative from its temporary site office thus far shifted to its Permanent Campus in village Ramsingpura, Ranthambhor Road on 15th February 2012.



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