

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

### **Valedictory Function of Summer Vacation Programme for Children-2012**

Summer Vacation Programme for Children-2012 ended with the valediction on 31st May 2012 in the museum auditorium. Dr. Desh Bandhu, President, Indian Environmental Society, New Delhi was the Chief Guest at the function. Dr. Venugopal, Director, NMNH welcomed and introduced the chief guest, followed by a brief report by Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C about the activities done during the SVPC-2012. Summer Vacation Programme-2011 Magazine "Tryst with Nature" - was also released on this occasion.

The regional winners of the Poster Making Competition organised on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2012) were given away Prizes and Certificates by the Chief Guest. The winners of the Nature Painting Competition held for the participants during SVPC-2012 were also awarded the Prizes and Certificates on this occasion. The Posters and Paintings of the winners were displayed in a small exhibition at the venue. All participants of the SVPC -2012 were issued Certificates of Participation and Token Gifts.



*Release of Booklet on the occasion of Valedictory Function of SVP 2012*

### **World Environment Day (5th June 2012)**

The 'Science Express – Biodiversity Special', a train mounted with an exhibition depicting rich Biodiversity of India, was flagged off from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi, Smt. Sheila Dikshit and Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Environment and Forests, Smt. Jayanti Natarajan. This was a joint project of Ministry of Environment & Forests and Department of Science & Technology which endeavors to generate awareness about environment protection and sustainable development.

On this special occasion the Chief Guest also conferred the **Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012** to Tushar Sahay, a student of class XII at Lilawati Vidya Mandir, Sr. Sec. School, Shakti Nagar, New Delhi. The poster made by Tushar was adjudged as the best entry in the national level Poster Making Competition conducted by NMNH and its Regional centres on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2012).



*The winner of Young Environmentalist of the Year Award 2012 with the Chief Guest on the occasion of WED-2012*

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

### **World Environment Day-2012**

World Environment Day, 2012 was observed by organizing a talk on 'Wildlife Conservation in a Crowded Country- What is your role ?' by Dr. M.D. Madhusudhan. The programme started with an invocation by the students of Srikanta Ballika Proudha Shala, Mysore, followed by a welcome speech by Scientist in charge, Mysore and release of a handout on the theme of this year's World Environment Day- Green Economy: Does it include you?

Later, delivering the Guest lecture supplemented with slide presentation, Dr. Madhusudhan talked about the present status of wildlife in a country like India due to the

encroachment of forest areas by human beings for their own needs. He also stressed on the important role played by the local communities dependent on forests in maintaining the eco-balance in nature. The guest speaker also listed various natural resources from forests that are being degraded due to the greedy attitude of human beings. The whole lecture was very effective, inspiring and thought provoking to the audience of the programme.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Smt. T.R. Mujeeba Khanum, Educational Assistant, RMNH, Mysore.

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

### **Valedictory Function of Summer Vacation Programme**

Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized the valedictory function of Summer Vacation Programme for children on the occasion of World Environment Day 2012. Shri Surendra Singh, IPS, DG of Police (Jail), Bhopal was the Chief Guest and Dr. Raka Arya, Professor, Cell for Research in International Law (CRIL), NLIU, Bhopal was the Guest of Honour. The presence of the Botanical Expert Prof. P. K. Rai and the famous modeler Shri Vivek Verma and social activist Shri Ajay Dubey also graced the occasion.

The participants of SVP and the Winners of the Poster Design Competition attended the programme along with their parents.. The Chief Guest distributed the prizes and appreciated the role they played the Museum to save environment.

### **Guest Lecture**

Ms. Elizabeth Achar an Art historian from Houston, America and Director of Chitrashila – The Corner Stone of Art visited the Museum on 13th June, 2012. She interacted with the staff and shared her experiences in the field of education.

### **Collaborative Programme on the occasion of World Environment Day**

With the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal the Forest Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh organized a twin programme to inaugurate the Green India Mission and Prize distribution function of Wildlife Conservation Prizes on June 5, 2012. Shri Sartaj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest, and Shri Jay Singh Mravi, Hon'ble State Minister of Forest, Govt. of MP was the Guest of Honour. Shri Vishwas Sarang, Hon'ble MLA and President of Madhya Pradesh Rajya Ludhuvanopaj Sahkari Sangh Maryadit was the special guest of the programme.

### **Participation:**

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended evaluation meeting on subject "Science Popularization, S&T Promotion & Scientific Validation of Traditional Knowledge" on June 18, 2012 as an expert member at Vigyan Bhawan, M. P. Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal.

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

### **Exhibition on Wheels**

A mobile exhibition on the theme "Forest Wealth" was on display on 7- 8th June 2012 at Shri Aurobindo Navodayama Siksha Niketan, Markona, Balasore, Odisha. About 1150 students, teachers and general public visited the exhibition.



## World Environment Day & Valedictory Function of Summer Vacation Programme for Children 2012



*Invited guests on dias on the occasion of WED-2012 function*

The Museum observed the World Environment Day-2012 (5th June ) by organising the valedictory function of the Summer Vacation Programme for Children-2012. Dr. (Mrs.) P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, Chairperson, APC, RMNH, Bhubaneswar was the Chief guest, Dr. S.P. Pattnaik, Principal, Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar and Dr. V.P. Upadhyay, Director, Eastern Regional Office, MoEF, Bhubaneswar were the Guests of Honour.

Participants shared their experiences of the ten-day long programme. Later, prizes and certificates were given to the awardees of the Summer Vacation Programme based on the overall performance in the creative activities during the programme. Prizes were also distributed to the winners of National Level Poster Making Competition held on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2012).

## World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought-2012 (17th June 2012)

The Museum observed this day by organising a collaborative programme with Forest Deptt., Govt. of Odisha. This year's theme is "Healthy soil sustains your life: Let's go land-degradation neutral".

Shri Debi Prasad Mishra, Hon'ble Minister, Forests & Environment, Govt. of Odisha presided over the programme. Many important officials from Forests and Environment Deptt. Govt. of Odisha graced the occasion. Shri P. N. Padhi, PCCF, Odisha presented the Key Note address and Prof. Manmohan Mohanty, Eminent Geologist, Former Professor, Utkal University was the Chief speaker on the occasion. A brochures about the desertification, draught, draught protection and mitigation was also released by the Chief Guest.



*Chief Guest speaker addressing the gathering on World Day to Combat Desertification*

## **Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History, Sawai Madhopur**

### World Environment Day" 5th June 2012

RGRMNH observed the World Environment Day in its own building with about 185 invitees. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest Mr. R. L. Chaudhary, A.C.F. Tiger Project, Ranthambhore, and the Guest of Honour Mr. K. N. Singh, AE (Civil) CCU, Delhi. Mr. M. D. Parashar, Wildlife Artist and Photographer, Ranthambhore School of Art & Wildlife Conservation was the guest Speaker of the programme. On this occasion an exhibition of the paintings

of the Posters Making Competition of Earth Day was also organized and the winners of were awarded with the cash prize and certificates.

### Temporary Gallery

The work of the Temporary Exhibition is on full swing and the background painting and modeling works in the dioramas of Bishnoi Community and Man & the Nature being painted. The exhibition is likely to be inaugurated in the Month of July.

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