

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

### **National Workshop on 'Intangible Natural Heritage' (INH)**

A National Workshop on the theme of 'Intangible Natural Heritage' (INH) was organized by the Museum during 23-24 March, 2012. About 40 participants from all over the country participated. In the forenoon, the Chief Guest of the event Dr. P.S. Ramakrishnan, INSA Senior Scientist, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, New Delhi inaugurated the Workshop. His keynote speech on Sustainability science was appreciated by all. Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH presented the background paper on Intangible Natural Heritage in Indian context. The workshop deliberated upon case studies of various aspects of INH.



Dr. P.S. Ramakrishnan delivering the Keynote address

### **Exhibition on Intangible Natural Heritage**

As a backdrop to the National Workshop, a temporary Exhibition on the theme 'Intangible Natural Heritage' was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Nandita Chatterjee, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests in the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012. Dr. Venkataraman, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata was the Guest of Honour. The Exhibition includes examples of intangible natural heritage in five domains as defined by the UNESCO and have examples from many states in the country. Feedback of the Exhibition by the participants of the workshop on INH, was a useful exercise.



Dr. Nandita Chatterjee, Addl. Secretary visiting the newly inaugurated Exhibition

### **Programme for differently abled (28<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012)**

A special workshop for specially challenged children was being organized by the Museum in collaboration with an NGO - Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (ALPANA). The workshop was attended by specially challenged children from in and around Delhi/NCR. The various activities in which the children participated included Drawing, Painting, Sketching, Origami, working with Clay & Ceramic, Vase decoration, Making of Wall hangings, etc. All the participants were given the token gifts and participation certificates.



The resource persons guiding visually-challenged children

## **World Forestry Day (21<sup>st</sup> March 2012) and World Day for Water (22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012)**

Special films on Forest Resources, Water Resources, Wildlife and Life in Water were screened for public on the occasion of World Forestry Day and World Day for Water.

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

#### **National Science Day-2012**

On the occasion of the National Science Day (28<sup>th</sup> February, 2012), an outreach activity '**Magic with Science**', was organised by the Museum at Orchids Public School, Kumarabeedu, Mysore Tq. Sh. H.L. Satheesh, Science Teacher, Demonstration School, Regional Institute of Education was the **Guest Speaker** and Shri. M.B. Mahesh, Learning Designer, Excel Software Technologies Pvt. Ltd was the **Resource person** for the programme. About 400 students from Govt. High School, Beerihundi also participated in the programme in addition to students from Orchids Public School.

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

#### **Leap Day Programme**

RMNH, Bhopal in collaboration with Centre for Environment Education, organised the 'Leap Day' on February 29, 2012 by conducting activities and programmes on Amphibians. Live Frogs were released into Sunken Bridge lake by Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E, as symbolic gesture to enhance the ecosystem service. The event was witnessed by hundreds of school children which was followed by the lecture, student activity and games. Special poster and Packets on "Frogs are part of Biodiversity" were distributed to all participants. Many school teachers from Govt. schools also participated in the programme. The resource persons Shri Joseph and Shri Dilip Chakravarty were invited from CEE, Bhopal, and the resource materials were received from Zoo Out-reach Organization, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu for distribution to students and general public.

#### **Collaborative Programme**

Crusade for Revival of Environment and Wildlife (CREW), Bhopal organized two days film festival during February 26-27, 2012 with the logistic support from RMNH, Bhopal. The theme of the festival was "Central Indian Highland Wildlife". Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Shri Sartaj Singh inaugurated the film festival. Shri Bittu Sahgal, Editor, Sanctuary Asia, Mumbai, Shri Sandeep Shrivastava from CMS Vatavaran, New Delhi and Smt. Gouri Ramnarayan, Theater Director, Music & Film Critic, Chennai were the speakers on the occasion. Shri Ajay Singh 'Rahul' Leader of Opposition in M. P. Assembly was the Chief Guest of the valedictory session during which prizes for the best films during the film festival were awarded.

#### **Collections of tiger trophies**

RMNH, Bhopal received two Tiger trophies from the office of Chief Conservator of Forest, Sagar on March 05, 2012.

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## Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar

### Special Programme for children with Special Needs (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2012)

The Museum organized a two days special programme for children with special needs, in association with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, District-Mayurbhanj, Odisha. The programme was held at Bhanjapur High School, Baripada and was attended by 118 children in visually challenged and hearing impaired categories in junior and senior groups. Various activities like clay modeling, painting, sand art, craft, touch, feel & identify, identifying calls of birds & animals and singing competition on nature and environment were organized to create an opportunity for children to learn, participate and use their creativity and imaginative skills to express their feelings about nature. The District Collector, Mayurbhanj gave away cash prizes and



District Collector, Mayurbhanj distributing prize and certificates to the Visually Challenged Student



Dr. S.P. Pattnaik, Principal, RIE, addressing the workshop

### Workshop for M.Sc. (Life Science) Ed. students of RIE (NCERT), Bhubaneswar (10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2012)

A three day workshop was organised by the Museum for nearly seventeen students of M.Sc. (Life Science) Ed. from Regional Institute of Education (NCERT), Bhubaneswar. Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS, Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park Chaired the inaugural function. Dr. S. P. Pattnaik, Principal, Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar and Prof. D.G. Rao, H.O.D, Zoology, Department were the other significant dignitaries present on the occasion besides many more. Two days of the workshop were used for deliberations and discussions with experts and one day for field visit to Bhitarkanika National Park for imparting field knowledge to student about the flora and fauna of the mangrove ecosystem.

### Exhibition on Wheels (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2012)

An Exhibition on Wheels with the theme "Forest Wealth" was put on display at Bhanjapur High School campus, Baripada for the benefit of students and public to promote inclusive education. Around 1500 students with guardians, teachers and general public visited the mobile exhibition.

### Taxidermy Work:

A Leopard skin received from Rayagada Forest division, Odisha has been cured and tanned with different chemicals. Further, for the Skeletal Display of Baleen Whale, the articulation of different skeletal bones has been completed and positioned in the specially prepared structural framework. The foreground work is in progress.

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