

NMNH HQ, New Delhi**Workshops on INH**

Two workshops on “Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage” were organised by the Museum as part of Exhibition Development Programme. The first Workshop on ‘Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage with focus on Methodology’ was organised at Thiruvananthapuram during 9-11 March, 2013. The Second Workshop on ‘Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage with focus on Deserts’ was organised at Jaisalmer during 19 to 21 March, 2013. The two workshops were based on UNESCO’s inscriptions of Mudiyetu and Kalbelia respectively. The ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) case study of Kani tribes was another focus of the Thiruvananthapuram workshop. The Chief Guests was Shri K. Jayakumar (VC of the Malayam University) and the Keynote speakers were Dr. P Pushpangadan (former Director NBRI Luknow), Dr. Sudha Gopalakrishnan (Executive Director, Sahapedia, New Delhi) and Dr. B. Venugopal (Director, NMNH). The workshop at Jaisalmer was inaugurated by Shri Kalunatha, President, Gayan Vikas Sansthan, Jodhpur, and Guest of Honours were Shri N.K. Sharma, Desert Culture Centre Museum, Jaisalmer, Dr. Arjun Deo Charan, Chairman, Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy, Jodhpur and Shri Karan Singh, DCF Wildlife, Jaisalmer.

Workshop on Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage with focus on Methodology
(9-11 March, 2013)

A workshop on Exhibition Development Programme on the theme “Museums and INH with focus on Methodology” was organised by the Museum during 9-11 March 2013 at Thiruvananthapuram, in collaboration with Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB), Centre for Environment & Development (CED), and Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden & Research Institute (JNTBGRI). The invitee included experts in their respective fields with the formal knowledge of INH such as Museums,, Folklore and Heritage besides academics in the field of Botany, Zoology, Biodiversity, etc.

The working session were divided under the following themes:

- a. PBR Methodology
- b. Case studies on inventorisation through other Methodology
- c. INH aspects of Mudiyetu
- d. General themes on INH

The workshop was structured toward gaining an understanding of the applications of various methodologies of heritage mapping as a viable tool for the inventorisation of INH. The academic sessions were held through panel discussions.

Workshop on Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage with focus on Desert

(19-21 March, 2013)

NMNH organized this workshop in collaboration with 'RUPAYAN SANSTHAN', Jodhpur and at the venue collaborator 'DESERT CULTURE CENTRE MUSEUM', Jaisalmer during 19 – 21 March 2013 at Jaisalmer (Rajasthan).

The academic sessions were divided under the following themes:

- a. INH of Desert Plants,
- b. INH of Desert Animals,
- c. General themes on INH
- d. INH aspects of Kalbelia

Participants included experts in the field of INH and ICH mainly working in field of Museums, Folklore, Heritage with the academic background of Botany, Zoology, Biodiversity, etc.

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The inauguration ceremony of the Workshop on INH at Jaisalmer

Meeting

A meeting of Scientist and Officials of the NMNH (HQ and RMNH) was held on 4th March 2013 in the NMNH HQ New Delhi where the details of budget were discussed.

School visits and Family groups/General visitors

A total of 2839 Students & teachers/coordinators from 36 schools/institutes in Delhi/NCR visited museum during the month. Another 1965 general visitors also visited museum during the same period.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore

Programme for Persons with Disabilities - 2013

The Museum organized a 6 days Programme for Persons with Disability, from 25th February to 6th March, 2013 at the Museum Campus. The programme was inaugurated on 26th February 2013 with a visit of Mentally Challenged students from JSS Sahana School for Mentally Disabled, Saraswathipuram, Mysore. A singing competition on Songs of Environment was arranged for Visually challenged students of higher Primary, High School & College students at Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust for Disabled, Ghokulam, Mysore was conducted on 2nd March, 2013.

A painting competition on the “Beauty of Nature” was arranged for Hearing Impaired children under Primary, higher Primary & High School Category on 05.03.2013 at RMNH, Mysore. The winners of the Painting & Singing Competitions were awarded with cash prize and Certificates after the completion of the programme.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal

Collaborative Programme

A collaborative programme on “Kids for tiger” was arranged by Crusade for Revival of Environment and Wildlife (CREW), Bhopal on behalf of Sanctuary India, with the logistic support of the Museum. A painting competition, drama and speeches were conducted by the CREW, besides screening of short films on wildlife selected by Central India Highland Wildlife Film Festival, on March 17, 2013. One hundred and eighty students, parents and general public participated in this programme. This programme was arranged commendably during international migratory birds day programmes.

Renovation of Auditorium

The upgradation work of audio-visual equipments for auditorium was completed by incurring the expenditure of Rs. 26 lakh. The auditorium was dedicated to public in the inaugural function by Shri Ajit Sonnakiya, Additional PCCF, Forest Department, Bhopal.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar

Selection test for Nature Camp (9th March 2013)



Children appearing for Selection Camp for Bhitarkanika

Selection test for Nature Camp at Bhitarkanika National Park was held on 9th March 2013. Publicity was made through banners and circulars to various universities of Odisha. Registration of candidates was open up to 7th March 2013. A total 156 students registered their names, out of which 98 students participated in the selection test through a written quiz. Finally twenty students were selected for the camp on 11th and 12th March, 2013.

Nature Camp for PG Life Science Students (11 & 12 March 2013)

Nature Camp was organized for 20 selected Post Graduate Life Science Students on 11 & 12 March 2013 at Bhitarkanika National Park. The objectives of the camp were to explore the mangrove bio-diversity, to provide first-hand field knowledge about flora & fauna, to make students aware of the conservation aspects of the mangrove ecosystem, to orient students about wildlife, to make them understand the impact of socio-cultural aspects of Bhitarkianika National Park. The activities included trekking, bird watching, identifying the flora and fauna, understanding through interaction in the



Participants interacting with DFO, Bhitarkanika National Park

interpretation centre, understanding mangrove flora through visit to mangrove nursery, understanding the importance of estuarine crocodile conservation project through visit to project site etc.

Forthcoming programmes

8th Environmental Awareness Programme-12 at JNV, Bhadrak Dist and JNV, Phulbani District will be held in the last week of March, 2013.

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