

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

### **Summer Vacation Programme for Children- 2012 (18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012)**

This programme is one the main attraction of the Museum activities, and has been continuing on from 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012. This programme is eagerly awaited by children for participation throughout the year.

The interested children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003 were invited for registration through an advertisement in the leading Newspapers in April 2012. The selection of 15 participants out of the registered children was done through **Draw of Lots** on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

The programme intended for bringing out creative skills in the children includes many interactive sessions on Nature Painting, Creating Art out of Waste, Animal/Bird Mask making, Nature Quiz, Paper craft, Clay modeling besides Nature Painting Contest and Visit to Nehru Planetarium. The valedictory function is scheduled to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012, during which Prizes will be distributed to children excelling in the programme.



*A child learning Nature Painting under Summer Programme 2012*

### **Winner for Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012**

The paintings of the National Poster-making competition, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 (Earth Day), for selection of the winner of the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012 (YEYA-2012), was adjudged by a panel of nominated Judges on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Master Tushar Sahay**, a student of class XII in Lilawati Vidya Mandir, Sr. Sec. School, Shakti Nagar, New Delhi is selected for the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012.

This National Level Competition was organized simultaneously at the five centres under NMNH for the children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 1992 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1997. The best Regional Prize Winning entries from each venue were pooled in to select one National Winner, to be awarded as the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012 (YEYA-2012) in New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A Cash prize of Rs.10,000/- with a medal and a certificated to be bestowed to the winner.



*Judging committee with the winning entry of YEYA-2012*

### **International Day for Biological Diversity (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012)**

This occasion has been observed as part of the Summer Programme 2012, in which a special session on **Creating Art out of Waste** was organized for the participating children.

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

This special Exhibition in the museum is an attempt to highlight some aspects of India's intangible natural heritage. This exhibition has been thrown open to the public viewing and is attracting visitor for its new theme subject.

# Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore

## Poster Making Competition for (YEYA -2012)

Young Environmentalist of the Year Award (YEYA-2012), instituted in the year 1999 is a National level award, started with the objective of creating awareness among teenagers about nature and wildlife and to promote them in their conservation for a healthy future.

For selection of an awardee for YEYA-2012, a Poster Making Competition was organized by NMNH and its Regional Centres on the theme 'Green Economy: Does it include you?' on the occasion of Earth Day, the 22 April, 2012. The First Prize winning entries at the regional levels, pooled together, will be screened by a judging committee for selection of the awardee of YEYA 2012, and an cash award of Rs.10,000/- with a medal will be give at a function to be held in New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day.



A child being awarded during 18th Anniversary of RMNH, Mysore

## Summer Vacation Programme for Children 2012

The Museum organized the Summer Vacation Programme for Children – 2012 for the students born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000 & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2002. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. C. Rajasundaram, Scientist –D & Head of Office, RMNH, Mysore on 7th May 2012, during which the students were introduced to the museum and its objectives in creating environmental awareness.

The programme included various interactive activities like Mural painting using M-Seal base and Acrylic paints, Science behind Magic model making with clay, lectures on flora and fauna of Chamundi Hills along with a Field trip, visit to zoo and Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary', Nature trail at Karanji Lake and presentation of a theme based drama and various competitions. The SVPC-2012 ended with the valedictory function on the occasion of the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Museum during which prizes & participatory certificates were given.

## Museum visit of camp students of Pratham Mysore

A special Museum visit was arranged for the Camp students of Partham Mysore- an NGO working for the better education of socially excluded children from 23 to 25 May 2012. The students were provided Transport facility to visit Museum. Guided tour of the gallery was arranged besides film shows on wildlife during the visit of about 120 high school students in 3 batches.



Participating children during Making of Poster Competition

## 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RMNH, Mysore

The 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RMNH, Mysore was observed on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011. On this occasion the Museum reviewed the activities and programmes of the previous years and chalked out strategies for the future functioning of the Museum. The Director, National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and interacted with the staff of RMNH, Mysore and gave away mementoes.

This occasion was also marked as the Valedictory function of the Summer Vacations Programme -2012, during which prizes were distributed to the Regional winners of the Poster Making competition for YEYA-2012 & Summer Vacation Programme.



Children working with clay during Summer Vacation Programme 2012

## Gallery Development

- Initiatives were taken to implement the commentary for the Gallery on Life through the Ages .
- Repairing work of the scale model of Blue Whale was undertaken by Technical Section of the RMNH, Mysore.

## T.F.L. Garden

Old dead trees in the T.F.L. were replaced with new saplings of the same species.

## Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal

### Earth Day

On the Occasion of the Earth Day (April 22, 2012), a Poster Design Competition was conducted to select the Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2012 (**YEYA 2012**). The theme was "Green Economy: Does it include you?". For the first time, physically challenged participants also participated in this competition.

### Collaborative Programme

- Centre for Environment Education, Bhopal arranged a pledge on the occasion of Earth Day (April 22, 2012). The participants of Poster Making Competition and their parents took pledge to Save Water and Energy.

- Save Tiger: An interactive session on "Save Tiger" was organized jointly by Paryatna, a NGO and National Law Institute University, Bhopal on Earth Day with the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal. Shri Suhas Kumar, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests – Wildlife was the chief guest of the programme. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E from RMNH, Bhopal, Shri Ajay Dubey from Paryatna, a NGO and Dr. Raka Arya from National Law Institute University, Bhopal were in the panel. The students, teachers and general visitors attended the programme

### Summer Vacation Programme for Children -2012

This important programme of the Museum was inaugurated on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Students from various schools attended the inaugural session along with their parents. A session on Origami was organized on May 19, 2012. Shri Vinay Sapre, Instructor from Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Bhopal was the resource person and Dr. Vipin Vyas, Prof. of Limnology from Barkatullah University, Bhopal was the chief guest for the session.

### International Museum Day

To commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Museum Day a thematic lecture was delivered by Shri Manoj K. Sharma, the taxidermist from the museum. The focus was on the future of museum: challenges and inspirations. Dr. Sujit Som, former Director of Indira Gandhi Rastriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal acted as the programme president.

## Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar

### Celebration of Earth Day

**22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2012**

To commemorate the Earth Day, the Museum organized a Poster making Competition on the theme of the World Environment Day '**Green Economy: Does it include you?**'.

Out of 42 students enrolled, 41 participated in the Competition. The prize winning entries from the Eastern region were sent to NMNH, New Delhi for the selection of National Level winner (YEYA-2012) who will be awarded the prestigious **Young Environmentalist of the Year Award 2012** on the occasion of the World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in New Delhi.



Exhibition of Wheel at Capital High School, Bhubaneswar



Painting competition on the occasion of Earth Day

### Forest Wealth : An Exhibition on Wheels 28 -29<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Capital High School, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar, an exhibition on wheel was put on display on the theme of Forest Wealth to create an understanding among children about the forest and promote inclusive education. Around 1250 students, their teachers and guardians besides general public visited the mobile exhibition.

### **Collection and Skinning of dead Pangolin 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**

A dead Pangolin was acquired by the Museum from Berhampur Forest Division to utilize it as a specimen for education, research and exhibition after Skinning, tanning and curing. The taxidermy and stuffing work of this valuable specimen is in progress .



*Skinning of dead Pangolin by Taxidermist*

### **Forthcoming Programme**

1. Summer Vacation Programme for Children from
2. World Environment Day and Valedictory Function of Summer Programme

**22<sup>nd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

**5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**

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