

NMNH HQ, New Delhi**Summer Vacation Programme-2013**

Summer Vacation Programme-2013 (SVP-2013) was organised by the Museum from 17th to 31st May, 2013 for the two groups of children. The programme intends to engage school children in some constructive activities during their summer holidays. The programme was organised for the following two groups of school children:

1. **Summer Vacation Programme for Green Teens (SVP-GT):** (Children born between 1st April 1997 and 31st March 2000)
2. **Summer Vacation Programme for Green Cubs (SVP-GC):** (Children born between 1st April 2000 and 31st March 2004)

Thirty participants for each group were selected for participation in the Programmes through draw of lots from those successful applicants who got themselves registered .

SVG-Green Teens: In the inaugural session of the programme for Green Teen, Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C welcomed the participant and introduced them to the programme. Later, presentation sessions was held in which the invited resource experts who addressed the participants on the following themes

- * Learn to write articles/poems for the magazine
– by Mrs. Nupur Awasthi.
- * Reintroduction – as a tool for conservation
– by Dr. F. A. Khudsar, YBP
- * Introduction to photography
– by Sh. Ashish Battacharjee,
- * Environmental Health Hazard
– by Shri Saket Mani
- * Nature in our surrounding”
– by Sh. K. S. Attri, SEA



Participant of SVP-GT engaged in understanding the microscopic organisms under the lense

During the course of programme, Children participated in some museum related activities like visit around the galleries of NMNH for exhibit interpretation, working with worksheets and Nature Quiz, observing microorganisms under the microscope, Creating art out of waste, etc. During the outdoor visits children were taken to Aravalli Biodiversity Park for studying the fauna and flora, and to get first hand experience about the Green surroundings in Delhi. They also visited the Mother Dairy Plant to know about the story of Milk. As a memoire the children participated in a Photographic contest on the theme of nature in our surrounding, and submitted their shoots for selection of First, Second, Third and five encouragement prize winners.

SVP- Green Cubs: The programme for the smaller kids was more or less activity oriented which included making fancy items out of clay using potter wheel, making Artificial Flowers, Pencil Shading of Still Life, Mask making, Origami, Clay modeling in Round and Relief, Modeling & Casting of Clay models, Collage and Nature Painting etc. Besides this the children were taken on outdoor visit to Nehru Planetarium to see a show on Stars and Planets. The children also submitted daily reports of their activities at the Museum, their creative thoughts in the form of articles, poems, sketches, etc. were also collected, which will be compiled in the Annual Green magazine to be brought out later.



Participants of SVP-GC polishing their hands on Potter Wheel

The valedictory functions of both programmes was held on 31st May 2013. The participants were given participation Certificates along with token gifts and Prizes to the winners of various activities held during the SVP.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore

Summer Vacation Programme - 2013

The Museum organized the Summer Vacation Programme-2013 for two groups, namely Green Teens and Green Cubs.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal

Summer Vacation Programme-2013

The Museum organised Summer vacation programme for the following two groups of children:

SVP- Green Cubs: The programme was organised for smaller children aged between 9 to 13 years. The programme was held during 17-27 May, 2013, in which 22 children participated in the fun filled creative activities.

SVP- Green Teens: For the higher age group of children, aged between 14-16 years, another programme was organised during 21-31 May 2013, which was participated by 14 children.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar

Summer Vacation Programme-2013

A 10 days Summer Vacation Programme was organized by the Museum from 15-24 May 2013. The programme was held for two different groups, namely Green Teens and Green Cubs. The programme for both groups was organized to create an understanding about the natural resources of Odisha, the impact of development like urbanization, over-exploitation etc. and for a meaningful summer vacation. A total of 28 participants took part in the programme held for Green Teens and 30 participants in Green Cubs. The activities conducted during the programme include art & craft, drawing, painting, clay modeling, lectures and demonstration on various topics. Besides this, the field visits were also conducted to the Nandankanan Zoological Park,

Khandagiri, Tribal Museum, Maritime Museum, Astaranga etc. which were the part of 10 days programme. Talk on biodiversity with reference to Odisha was organized on 19th May 2013 by Dr. L.A.K. Singh, Wildlife Expert and demonstration on snakes & snake bite management by Shri Subhendu Mallick, Snake Helpline on 19th May 2013 for participants, patients and general public.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Sawai Madhopur

The progress regarding temporary exhibition work is as below:

1. The stuffed specimens of tiger, tiger cub, birds etc. were placed in the dioramas on Ranthambhor National Park and Human beings & Nature. In Ranthambhor diorama, a artificial water body is also developed with paint and resin colours, around which bamboo and other grasses are being fixed.
2. Green carpet pasting work is almost complete in the chaupal (information area) of the Gallery.
3. A model of tribal woman in fibre glass was prepared and coloured for placing it in the diorama on Bishnois.
4. Work of spot light fitting is in progress on the few locations in the diorama on afforestation.

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