

CoP 11 programmes

To mark the occasion of organisation of 11th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biodiversity (CoP11) by Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI in Hyderabad, the NMNH, being a subordinate office of the same Ministry, organised following special programmes as the side events CoP 11 in Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad in collaboration with the NBA (National Biodiversity Authority) and APSBB (Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board).

International Conference

A large number of Experts from India and abroad participated and presented papers in the International Conference on "Natural History of Indian Biodiversity" organised by the NMNH (through its RMNH Mysore) during 4-5 October 2012. The foreign delegates included experts from London (Natural History Museum), Edinburgh (Royal Botanical Garden), Amsterdam, Paris (National Museum of Natural History) and Stanford (USA). There were sessions on 'Indian Biodiversity', 'Intangible Natural Heritage', 'NH of AP' and 'National Biodiversity Museum'

Children's Sahyadri Biodiversity Congress

The Phase 2 of the CSBC was organised by the NMNH (through its RMNH Mysore) on the 6th October 2012. The winners from the Phase I of the Congress, involving children from the states of AP, Karnataka, Kerala and TN, had presentations on the Biodiversity of Western Ghats. The winners were given attractive prizes. Selected prize winning entries from the four Southern states were exhibited in the Salarjung Museum for public benefit.



The Prize Winners of Children's Sahyadri Biodiversity Painting Competition

Rare manuscript on Indian Natural Heritage

Dr Le Duc, Director, International Relations of the National Museum of Natural History, Paris handed over a digital copy of "*Jardin de Lorixa*" (a rare manuscript on the plant wealth of Orissa written in 1725) to the Director NMNH India on 5th October 2012 at a function chaired by Dr Saroj Ghose, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the NMNH. The manuscript is inspired by Hortus Malabaricus on which the NMNH has undertaken a series of programmes.

International colloquium on Ecological Heritage

The Director NMNH was invited to speak on "Intangible Natural Heritage" at an international colloquium organised by the AgroParisTech Musee du Vivant, Paris (France) during 11-13 October 2012.

Heritage committee of the CBSE

The Director NMNH was appointed as a Member for the CBSE Committee of Heritage Education Programme for a three years term.

NMNH HQ, New Delhi

Wildlife Week (2-8 October, 2012)

To mark the occasion of Wildlife Week in India, the Museum invited school children from Delhi/NCR region to get sensitized on the issues of preservation and protection of wildlife through guided tours in the museum galleries and talks on wildlife of India by its education staff. The special guided tours were arranged on prior booking and registration by the schools.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore

Poster making competition

The Museum organised a Poster Making competition on 30 September, 2012 in Hyderabad for the region of Andhra Pradesh as part of the Phase I programme of Children's Sahyadri Biodiversity Congress (CSBC), held later as a side event of the Cop 11 at Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad. A total of 65 students in the age group of 14 to 17 yrs participated in the competition. Master Challuri Veer Chaithanya won the first prize out of the five best entries selected. These were exhibited along with 15 others from the Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the Children Sahyadri Biodiversity Congress held on 6 October, 2012.

Wildlife Week-2012

The Museum organised various programmes 9-11 October, 2012 at Vivekananda Shikshana Samasthe, Bannur to create awareness among students about wildlife. The programme included Painting and Elocution competitions and visit to Mysore zoo for the Prize winners of these competitions.

The competitions were judged by a panel of experts from art and science and 12 prize winners of these competitions were awarded prizes besides a visit to Mysore zoo.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal

Valediction of Hindi Pakhwara

The Hindi Pakhwara in RMNH, Bhopal culminated with the valedictory programme on October 4, 2012. During this special fortnight for Hindi various competitions were organized for the museum staff to promote them working in Hindi in their day to day work. The prizes were also awarded to the staff member who excelled in these competition.

Museology Training Programme

The Museum hosted a training programme for the Museology students of, M.S. Baroda University from 3rd to 11th October, 2012. During this programme many practical training sessions were arranged for the students to help them an insight of the work carried out in the Natural History Museums. The students got an hands on experience of working with the specimen of taxidermy, exhibit preparation, museum photography, gallery development. During the programme, a lecture on crypto-taxidermy was delivered by Scientist in-charge, and on preservation techniques along with a demonstration by the Taxidermist. Shri R.R. Bakde, Ex- Scientist of NMNH shared his experiences in the field of museology. Shri Tapas Biswas, Senior Photographer from Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal shared the techniques of museum photography.

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar

Teachers Training Workshop on Biology Kits (4th & 5th October-2012)

The Museum organized a two-day Teacher Training Workshop in collaboration with Regional Institute of Education (NCERT), Bhubaneswar to develop NCERT curriculum based Learning Kits in Biology for the students of V to VII Standard. The main objective of the workshop was to identify the contents, text, activities, information sheets and write-ups to be incorporated in the form of user's guide with the expert guidance, interaction and inputs from the practicing teachers based on their classroom experiences.



Teacher's Training Workshop on Biology Kits

Environmental Awareness Programme-2012

An Environmental Awareness Programme-2012 was organised by the museum for the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Sarang, Dhenkanal District on 11th October 2012 and at JNV, Bagudi, Balasore District on 13th October 2012. The programme included a 30 minutes duration written quiz on environment followed by film shows on nature, environment & wildlife, a presentation on poisonous and non-poisonous snakes and interaction with the participants. A total of 216 students participated in the quiz competition and about 1080 students took part in the interactive session on nature conservation, biodiversity and ecology through Power Point Presentation by the Scientist in-charge. The



Written quiz during Environmental Awareness Programme

winners of each school were awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 1,000/-, Rs. 750/- and Rs. 500/- as 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively along with 5 consolation prizes of Rs. 200/- each and certificates in the presence of the Principal and staff of the school.

Movement of Exhibition on Wheels (16th & 17th October-12)

During NVS National Science & Environment Exhibition, an exhibition on wheels on the theme "Forest Wealth" was on display at JNV, Gurujung Khordha District on 16th & 17th October-2012. The exhibition intended to create an understanding & awareness among the students and general public about the forest resources, their role and sustainable utilisation. Around 740 students, teachers and general visitors witnessed the mobile exhibition. Guided facility to the children and teachers was provided by museum interpreters to facilitate their understanding and learning about environment.



Children engrossed in exhibition on Forest Wealth

Regional Museum of Natural History, Sawai Madhopur

Exhibition work

Various works related with the setting up of the temporary exhibition on Biodiversity of Rajasthan such as fabrication, art, modelling, labels etc. is under progress.

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