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To
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New Delhi-3.

SUB:- MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET – REG.

Sir,

The National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi and its Regional Museums organized the following educational programmes, in addition to its normal activities, during the month of **June, 2009**:

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

Summer Programme-2009: (contd...)

NMNH has organised a month long "Summer Programme" from 15th May to 15th June, 2009. Under this programme, the students in Group-I (Green Teens) got unique mix of Lectures, Slide/CD presentations; Institutional visits, working with microscopes, presentation of Projects, Quiz & Declamation Contests, Nature photography, Art out of waste, preparation of Nature Magazine and Nature Study Tour to G. B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development Aravalli Biodiversity Park (Uttarakhand).

The Summer Programme ended with a valedictory function on 15.6.2009, when prizes were distributed to winners and certificates to participants.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (5th June, 2009): 31st year of the Foundation of NMNH and "World Environment Day" was observed on 5th June, 2009. The Function was organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. **Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil** was the Chief Guest at the function. **Sh. Jairam Ramesh, MoS** (Independent Charge), Environment & Forests, was also present on this occasion. Participants from National Bal Bhavan, N. Delhi presented welcome song and environmental song on this occasion.

Young Environmentalist of the Year-2009:

"Young Environmentalist of the Year" is an award at National Level given by NMNH every year to a teenager in the group of 13-16 years. The aim of this award is

to create awareness among the school students about our nature, wildlife & environmental issues.

This year National Museum of Natural History organized a Written Quiz Contest on 22nd April 2009 at its Headquarter (New Delhi) and it's Regional Centers (Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar and Sawai Madhopur to select "Young Environmentalist of the Year". The number of students was restricted to 200 at each venue on first come first served basis. The theme chosen for the contest was "**Climate Change**". The eligibility was fixed for class IX & X students. The winner is decorated with the title of "Young Environmentalist-2009".

Based on the highest marks scored in the Written Quiz Contest, this year "**Young Environmentalist of the Year**" has given to **Mr. Aviral Saxena**, Jawaharlal Nehru School, BHEL, Near Habibganj, Bhopal (MP) participated from Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil decorated Aviral Saxena with the title "Young Environmentalist of the Year-2009" on 5th June, 2009 on the occasion of World Environment Day at Vigyan Bhawan, N. Delhi.

R.M.N.H., MYSORE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2009:

Painting Competition: On the Spot Painting Competition was organized for the Primary, Higher Primary and High School students in the Museum premises at 10.30 A.M. on 5th June 2009 to observe the "World Environment Day". More number of students participated in all the three groups and won the prizes.

Lecture: A lecture is also organized for the school students and general public in the prize distribution function of the World Environment Day on 5th June 2009 at 2.30 P.M. in the Auditorium. Prof. U.N. Ravikumar, former Director, Center for appropriate Rural Technology (CART), Mysore and Member, Advisory Committee, RMNH, Mysore was the Chief Guest of the function. He delivered a lecture on Environment and distributed the prizes and certificates to the prize winners of the painting competition.

Summer Nature Study Programme – 2009: Summer Nature Study Programme – 2009 was organized for the school students during 10-20th June 2009. 30 students from various schools of Mysore were selected for the Programme. On 10th June 2009 in the Inaugural function Prof. G.T. Bhandage, Principal, Regional Institute of Education, Mysore was the Chief Guest and Shri P.C. Raju, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya was Preside over the function.

The participants of the programme visited Karanji lake, Mysore Zoo, Kukarahalli lake, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, Kokkerebellur Bird Sanctuary, Nagarahoole National Park as a field trip and for field study about the Nature and wildlife. In the Summer programme Shri Shanthappa, Shri Krishna G. Rao, Shri Somashekar, Smt. Tanuja, Shri Nithin, Shri Ravi, Ms. Dayani Chakravarthy, Shri K. Manu, Shri Mohan and forest department officials participated as resource persons and delivered lectures about Nature, Wildlife and Environment and also guide the students to identify the plant and wildlife especially the birds. Painting Competition,

Photography Competition and Poem Competition was also organised for the participants. According to the overall performance of the participants one student was selected as a best participant of the Summer Nature Study Programme - 2009

The Valedictory function of the Summer Nature Study Programme was held on 20th June 2009. Prof. Ramalingam, Former Professor of Botany, University of Mysore and a well known Environmentalist of Mysore was the Chief Guest. He delivered a lecture on Environmental Pollution and Heritage trees of Mysore to the participants and their parents. He was also distributed the certificates and trophies to the participants and the best participant of the programme.

Visit of Public and organised groups: A total number of 7,449 visitors visited the museum during the month, which includes organised groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

SUMMER NATURE STUDY PROGRAMME: There are two activities organized under this programme:-

Prakriti-2009: The Summer Nature Study Programme was launched on World Environment Day. Shri Sujit Som, Former Director, IGRMS, Bhopal was the chief guest. Thirty five students of class 8-10 from various schools of Bhopal participated in this programme. Shri S. S. Rajput, Director, Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal was the chief guest and Dr. Ram Prasad, Former V.C., Barkatullah University was the programme president of the valedictory session. Master Himanshu Rai bagged Best Participant Award of Prakriti-2009.

Panel Discussion : Panel discussion held on Pollution status of Bhopal and its effect at RMNH on June 14, 2009. Experts were Dr. A. Sudhakar, Zonal Officer, Central Pollution Control Board, Bhopal; Dr. Priy Nath Agrawal, Agrawal Hospital, Bhopal; Smt. Supriya Choudhary Pandey, Subadar, Traffic Police Station, Bhopal and Shri R.R. Tripathi, R.T.O., Regional Traffic Office, Bhopal. This was well received by general public as well by parents.

Summer Workshop: Summer Workshop was organized during June 5-20, 2009. Twenty students of class 5-7 from various schools of Bhopal participated in this workshop. Shri Vivek Verma acted as resource person.

YOUTH MELA: Youth Mela organized at RMNH by Family Planning Association, Bhopal on May 24, 2009. Scientist-in-Charge attended the programme as special guest. More than 350 Jigyasa members from various slums of Bhopal participated. Gallery visits and special film shows were arranged.

HIV Positive Programme: A interactive programme for HIV positive children at our gallery on June 14, 2009 organized by Family Planning Association, Bhopal was attended by Scientist-in-Charge.

VISIT OF PUBLIC: A total number of 5799 visitors visited the Museum during May 20 to June 19, 2009 and 494 numbers of students/teachers **Organized Groups Visited** the museum.

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

World Environment Day: The participants of the National Youth Environmentalist of the Year Awards programme in Quiz and Poster Designing were taken out for a nature trip to Satapada, Chilika to study the typical brackish water lake diversity and see dolphins in nature. They were 12 students who participated in the nature trip. awarded with cash awards and encouragement prizes were given to rest participants on 5th of June 2009. The students also voiced their opinions on the theme of the year “your planet needs you: unite to combat climate change” and experiences about the trip on the occasion.

Summer Nature Study Programme was held in association with Paribesh Unayan Parishad of West Bengal from 13th to 16th June 2009. A team of 21 students from various streams of arts and science including two experts Dr. Amallesh Mishra and Shantanu Mitra from Sagar Island, Sunderbans participated in the 4 day long residential programme. The students were exposed to the wide biodiversity of Orissa in different phases, they visited Nadankanan Zoological Park on the first day and studied about the diversity of Kanjia Lake, photo documented birds and other aquatic fauna at the Botanical garden. On the next day they visited CRRI Cuttack to study about the techniques of composite farming and mixed culture in poultry, duckery and pearl culture along with rice cultivation. They also gained quite good knowledge about “shree” and the saline forms of rice which can be grown in marine habitats. On the last day they visited Puri to study about coastal erosion and beach biodiversity in Orissa. On the last day they had a session of open discussion and interaction after the guest lecture by Dr. D.P. Rath from CES who discussed about Coastal Zone Management. At the end the students were awarded with participation certificates.

Attendance:

The visitors’ book this month recorded a total of 4830 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups including about 800 students.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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Director

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