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(Ministry of Environment & Forests)

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To  
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527, Paryavaran Bhavan, Lodi Road,  
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 **July, 2009**:

**N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI**

**Van Mahotsav (1-7 July):** Special Slide Show and CD presentation on Forest Resources followed by talk on “Our Forest Resources” was organised for orphan children of Sadhu Sunder Singh Welfare Society. Fifty children along with five teachers participated. The children interacted with the education staff of the museum and special Work Sheet on Forest Resources was given to them.

**Programme with Street and Working children:** Twenty children from an NGO ‘Butterflies’ participated in the programme, which included visit to Museum galleries followed by CD presentation on Forests. The children were also taught on art of Mask making and Collage painting.

**Special visits:** (1) Thirty students of Class X along with 2 staff members of Adarshila Vidyapeeth visited the Museum on 8<sup>th</sup> July 09.

(2) The ‘Society for Child Development’ an NGO had a special programme in the Museum Auditorium on 23.7.09 where in teachers of disabled school were invited for an orientation session and shown a documentary film.

(3) A group of 50 students from CCRT brought to the Museum. The education staff of the Museum interacted with the student in Museum galleries and special talk on our Forest and Wildlife was given to the students.

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### **R.M.N.H., BHOPAL**

#### **Taxidermy work:**

- (1) Cleaned and treated the skull of a White Tigress (Rashmi) of Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal, which was handed over to the Museum on 10.7.2009.
- (2) Tiger skin received from D.F.O, General Forest Division, Katni, M.P. for treatment has been cleaned, cured, treated and handed over to DFO, Katni on 22.7.09.

**Visit of Public:** A total number of 3707 visitors so far visited the Museum from 20<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

### **R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR**

**Special programme for Sainik School, Bhubaneswar:** A special programme was planned for high school students of Sainik School on preservation, stuffing, and mounting and live corner activities on the 19.7.2009. The students were exposed to the reserve collection where they learnt about preservation, stuffing and mounting of dead animals, insect preservation and live corner activities. They had a rare experience to see and handle live specimen like turtles, tortoises, snakes and lizards. They also saw their feeding and rearing in near nature environment. They also saw the display panels in the corridor exhibits and were finally guided into the galleries where they learnt about unique creations of nature, biodiversity of Orissa and Wild Africa. They expressed interest on identifying the poisonous and non poisonous snakes around them while watching the herpetofaunal collection.

**Visitors:** With the incoming monsoons in full sway the visitors' book this month recorded a total of 2552 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups including about 231 students.

### **R.M.N.H., MYSORE**

**Vanmahotsav – 2009:** Vanmahotsav – 2009 was celebrated during 2-4 July 2009. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 plantation of saplings was arranged at the Government Composite High School, Hinkal, Mysore and a Guest Lecture also delivered by Prof. A. Ramalingam, Retd. Professor of Botany (Mysore University) & Environmentalist, Mysore.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 plantation of saplings was arranged at the Srikanteshwara school, Kyathamaranahally, Mysore and a Guest Lecture also delivered by Dr. Vishwanath, Lecturer in Biology, Saradavilas Institute of Education, Mysore.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009 a visit to heritage trees sites was arranged for the school students by Prof. A. Ramalingam, Retd. Professor of Botany (University of Mysore) & Environmentalist, Mysore. A Guest Lecture was delivered for the students by Dr. Sadanand, Retd. Professor of Botany (University of Mysore)

**National Conference on Museum Accessibility:** A National Conference on Museum Accessibility was organized during 24-25 July 2009 at Thiruvananthapuram in collaboration with the Directorate of Museums and Monuments, Government of Kerala.

About 70 participants from the Museums, Archeology, Forest, Zoos and Institutions for disabled from all over India were participated in the conference.

Smt. Sreemathi Teacher, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Social Welfare was the Chief Guest and Shri M.A. Baby, Hon'ble Minister for Education and Culture was presided over the function. Shri. V. Sivankutty, M.L.A., Dr. P. Iyamperumal, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Chennai, Dr. Vijayaragavan, Director, National Institute of Speech and Hearing, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, National Museum, are the Guests of Honour.

Dr. Rani Nair, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Kerala, Dr. Arul Jerald, Director, State Science and Technology Museum, Thiruvananthapuram, are also participated in the conference. Dr. Abraham, Head, Department of Electronics, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore and Shri Srinivas, J.E.O., All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore demonstrated the latest electronics devises available for the use of speech and Hearing impaired people in the conference.

**Visit of Public:** A total number of 6,268 visitors visited the museum which includes organised groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
(Smt. Naaz Rizvi)  
Scientist-C & Head of Office

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