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To

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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, 2010.

**1. N.M.N.H., New Delhi**  
**World Environment Day** (5<sup>th</sup> June, 2010):

Museum celebrated its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the Foundation and "World Environment Day" was observed on 5th June, 2010. The Function was organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Ex-President of India was the Chief Guest at the function. Sh. Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology and Sh. Salman Khurshid, Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Company Affairs were present as the Guest of Honours on this occasion. Participants from Guru Nanak Public School, Rajouri Garden, N. Delhi presented Prakriti Vandana at the function.

**Young Environmentalist of Year Award-2010** (YEYA-2010)

"Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2010" is an award at National Level given by NMNH every year to a student in the age 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 at its Head Quarter (New Delhi) and its Regional Centers (Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur) to select “Young Environmentalist of the Year”. The theme chosen for the contest was “Our Rich Biodiversity”. The eligibility was fixed for class IX & X students. The winner is decorated with the title of “Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2010”.

Based on the best performance in the Written Quiz Contest, this year “Young Environmentalist of the Year” is Ishita Vishnoi, a student of class X from St. Thomas’ School, Mandir Marg, New Delhi-1. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Ex-President of India decorated Ishita Vishnoi with the title “Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2010” on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 on the occasion of “World Environment Day” at Vigyan Bhawan, N. Delhi.

### **Valedictory Function of Summer Vacation Programme-2010 (SVP-2010)**

Valediction of Summer Vacation Programme-2010 was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 in the museum auditorium. Dr. G. V. Subrahmanyam, Advisor, MoEF was the Chief Guest at the function. Mrs. Kusum Lata, Principal, Guru Nanak Public School, Rajouri Garden, N. Delhi was the Guest of Honour. The students of this school presented Prakriti Vandana, Environmental song and National Anthem at the function. The participants of Summer Vacation Programme-2010 from Group-I (Green Teens) and Group-II (Green Cubs) presented Inspirational Song, Skit and Group song on environment on this occasion. The participants also shared with the audience their experience about what they learnt and about visits to different institutes and Nature Study Tour during Programme. The prizes were given to the winners from Group-I for Photographic contest held during the programme. Participatory certificates were presented to all the participants of the programme.

The winners of YEYA-2010 Written Quiz Contest (Regional level-North) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010 (Earth Day) were also given prizes and certificates on this occasion.

### **School visits:**

326 school students from 9 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. The educational staff interacted with the students and took them around the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. The museum publication was provided to the accompanying teachers.

### **Family Groups / General Visitors:**

Around 5770 general visitors visited the museum. Their query was satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also provided to them.

2. R.M.N.H., Mysore

### 1. Summer Vacation Programme -2010:

*As per the instructions of the Head Office this year summer programme was conducted in two parts as follows:*

#### **(a) Green Teens 2010:**

Summer programme for the teenagers was organised from 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010. 15 students from class 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> were selected for the programme. This programme was conducted by the Educational Unit.

#### **(b) Green Cubs 2010:**

Summer Programme for the juniors was organised from 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010. 15 students from class 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> were selected for the programme. This programme was conducted by the Technical Unit.

### 2. World Environment Day- 2010:

World Environment Day- 2010 was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Sh. H.L. Satheesh, Teacher, RIE, Mysore and Sh. Srihari, Joint Director, Collegiate Education, Regional Office, Mysore were invited as Guest Speaker and Chief Guest respectively on the occasion. The Valedictory function of Summer Vacation Programme -2010, Green Teens and Green Cubs and prize distribution programme of YEYA-2010 was also held on the same day.

### 3. Public Visits:

*About 9045 No's of visitors up to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010 had visited to this Museum which includes organized groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.*

### 4. Film Shows:

*Regular Film Shows from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M. and 4.00 to 5.00 P.M. were arranged for visitors.*

### 3. R.M.N.H., Bhopal

A. Summer Vacation Programme: Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized a valediction of Summer Vacation Programme – 2010 on World Environment Day - Saturday, June 5, 2010. Prof. Dr. Nisha Dubey, Vice Chancellor, Barkatullah University Bhopal was the Chief Guest while Dr. D. P. Sharma, Former Vice-Chancellor, Barkatullah University, Bhopal presided. The Participants of summer vacation programme, winners of Essay Writing Competition - Written Quiz attended the valedictory session along with their parents. Members of Family Planning Association, Bhopal and four hundred of slum children also were present in the programme. The schedules for summer vacation programmes were from 10<sup>th</sup> May to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

B. Collaboration Programme: Family Planning Association of India, Bhopal organized a youth mela on June 5, 2010 collaboration with RMNH, Bhopal. A skit presentation presented in this programme. More than 400 Jigyasa members from various slums of Bhopal participated. Gallery visits and special film shows were arranged.

E. NGO Collaboration Programme: The activities of "The museum school" by Parvarish was continued during this period also along with approximately forty deprived children.

F. Foot Falls: A total number of 4777 public visited the Museum during May 20 to June 19, 2010.

G. Visits of Organized Groups: Two groups of students/teachers was provided guided tours at museum's galleries during May 20 to June 19, 2010.

H. Film Shows: Regular film shows from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. were arranged for visitors in the eco-theatre of museum. The rare films received during the CMS Wild Life Film Festival were screened which gained greater applause from the wild life enthusiast and general public.

R.M.N.H., Bhubneshwar

#### 1. World Environment Day and Valedictory function of Summer Programme

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 museum organized valedictory function of Summer Programme. Shri Bhagirathi Behera, IFS, Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Orissa graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Prof. H.N. Dash, College of Engineering & Technology & Member, APC, RMNH, Dr. A. C. Sahoo, Principal, B.K. College of Art & Craft & Member, APC, RMNH were the Guest of Honour. The function was presided over by Shri J. K. Tiwari, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Eastern Regional Office. The function started with the welcome address by Shri G.N. Indresha, Scientist-in-Charge, RMNH, Bhubaneswar. Participants shared their experience of the ten days long summer programme. Later the function was followed by prize distribution for the winners of National Level Quiz Contest held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 on the occasion of Earth Day. Prizes and certificates were presented to awardees of Green Teens & Green Cubs based on the overall performance of the creative activities conducted during the summer programme. Vote of thanks was given by Shri. Mohammad Yunus, Taxidermist. The function concluded with the cultural programme presented by the participants.

#### 2. Taxidermy Work:

Two dead specimens of scorpion and fishes are preserved in formalin. Skinning and mounting of sun bird in life like posture has been completed and is set on a twig. Skinning and mounting of Bank Myna which was collected from Nandankanan Zoological Park has been completed. 67 boxes of insects collected and preserved have been fumigated by Benzene and other chemicals for avoiding fungus and mites. 04 show cases in biodiversity gallery has been fumigated by chemicals.

#### 3. Exhibition on Wheels:

The Exhibition on Wheels travelled to Khorda to participate in the Power Grid All Odisha Science Festival of Khorda Zilla Lok Utsav from 26<sup>rd</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to create awareness among the students as well as general public on "Forest Wealth" and its importance to conserve it. More than 90,000 visitors including students from schools & colleges of nearby areas, family groups etc visited the exhibition on wheels.

#### 4. Visit of public:

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 5148 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

Yours faithfully

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