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(Ministry of Environment & Forests)

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To

Shri Narain Das,  
Deputy Secretary (GC),  
Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi-110003.

**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 October, 2010:

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

**Nature Painting and Poster Design Contest:**

On the occasion of **Wildlife Week** (2-8 Oct'10) NMNH invited best entries from the students of Delhi & NCR schools for Nature Painting and Poster Design Contests. Theme of the Contest is - "Our Diverse Wildlife". The entries are invited in the following categories:

- (A) "Paint Nature and Wildlife" Category I - Class III, IV & V  
Category II - Class VI, VII & VIII  
(B) "Design a Poster" Category III - Class IX, X, XI & XII  
(with a catchy slogan)

The last date for sending the entries complete in all respects is 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. The judgement of the entries will be done by a panel of external and internal Judges appointed by the Museum. The prizes will be awarded during the Valedictory function to be held in December, 2010. The prizes in each category are: First Prize – Rs. 2000/-, Second Prize – Rs.1500/-, Third

Prize – Rs.1000/- and Five Encouragement Prizes worth Rs.500/- each. Winner entries and other selected entries may be utilized for printing of Posters and Calendars for mass circulation by the Museum.

### **Special Event of the Month**

An **Exhibition on Botanical Expedition of Colombia** was open for the public which was organized by National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi in collaboration with EMBASSY OF COLOMBIA, New Delhi. The Exhibition was inaugurated on 23rd September 2010 by Mr. Juan A. P. Saavedra, Hon'ble Ambassador of Colombia in the presence of Dr. Deepak Kumar, Professor; Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Dr. G. V. Subrahmanyam, Scientist-G, MoEF and Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH. The Exhibition was open for the public for one month from 23rd September to 22nd October 2010. The Schools of Delhi/NCR were invited to send their students to visit the Exhibition. Around 550 visitors other than regular school students and general visitors visited the Museum to see this special exhibition.

### **Special Visiting Groups:**

1. Ramjas Foundation brought 80 students and 20 concerned teachers from different branches of Ramjas schools in Delhi to the Museum on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 for having basic introduction on Ecology and Environmental education before proceeding on for Junior Vanshala Camp.
2. Springdales School, Pusa Road, New Delhi brought a group of 200 students of class VIII to view the exhibition on Botanical Expedition of Colombia on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010.

### **School Visits and Family Groups / General Visitors:**

Around 1456 students / teachers from various schools of Delhi and NCR visited the Museum. Around 968 general visitors visited the Museum. Publication material was also distributed to them.

### **Technical Workshop on “Natural Heritage and Display Techniques in Museum”:**

A 2-day Technical Workshop was organised on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 for the students of Delhi Institute of Heritage Research & Management (DIHRM), New Delhi. The purpose of the workshop was to expose the students to the theme – “Natural Heritage and Display Techniques in Museum”. 30 first year students from DIHRM participated in this workshop. The itinerary of the programme included four sessions in 2-days.

Day 1 had 2 sessions, one before lunch from 10:15 am to 1:00 pm which included an Introductory talk by Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH on “Natural Heritage” through slide presentation which was followed by an interactive session by Dr. D. P. Singh, Scientist-E on the theme-“Reaching masses through museum”. Mrs. Naaz Rizvi, Scientist-D and Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C in a combined session interacted with the participants regarding Project work on “Effective planning & designing of exhibitions”. After lunch, session started by giving a brief introduction of Museum galleries. A talk on “Exhibit preparation- Behind the scene” by Sh. R.

R. Bakde, Scientist-D was followed by visit to the Museum galleries where he explained the Display Techniques in the exhibits to the participants. Exhibit interpretation was provided by Sh. K. S. Attri, SEA.

Day 2 started with “Practical aspects of effective planning & designing of exhibits in museum” by the Art Unit followed by “Techniques of making specimen through different mediums in Museum” by the Modeling Unit. In these 2 sessions the participants were given demonstration and they had hands-on-experience in designing the exhibits and making of specimen through different medium like thermocol, clay, plaster-of- Paris, colours, etc.

A concluding session was held where doubts were cleared and feedback from the participants were received.

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

### **Wild Life Week - 2010:**

#### **(a) Painting Competition:**

Wild Life Week -2010 was observed from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Painting Competition was organised for the Higher Primary and High School students of Malavalli Tq., Mandya Dist. and T. Nrasipura Tq., Mysore Dist. on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at Guru Bhavan, T. Narasipura . About 900 rural students participated from various rural schools during the competition. 30 prize winners were selected out of the 20 rural schools participated in the painting competition. The prize winners were brought to Sri Chamrazendra Zoological Garden, Mysore on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 as a field visit to study the wild animals in captivity.

#### **(b) Guest Lecture:**

A public function was also organised at the Auditorium of RMNH, Mysore. Shri Motappa, DCF, Mercera Wildlife Division, Mercera was invited as Chief Guest for the prize distribution function. He also delivered an illustrated talk on ‘Wild life and its importance’ on this occasion.

#### **Photographic Exhibition on Wild life:**

A Photographic Exhibition on ‘Wild Life’ was organised and inaugurated to the public in collaboration with NGO, Voice for Wild Life, Mysore.

#### **Special Film Shows on Wild Life:**

Special film shows were organised to screen on wildlife by the Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India, Bangalore from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in Mysore and surrounding areas.

## **Work of Traveling Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats”:**

Regarding the organization of the Traveling Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats”, the work is in progress and the following activities are undertaken:

After obtaining the administrative approval the work orders were placed to the lowest quoted firms for the supply of Exhibition Stall Components, Design work, Printing etc. Quotation notices for inviting quotations for supply of electronic components/hardware materials for the traveling exhibition were despatched to different firms. Exhibition Committee opened the quotations received for the supply of fibre glass relief models and murals, prepared the comparative statement and recommended for the lowest quoted firm. Letter despatched to the H.O. for the administrative approvals to place work orders to the lowest quoted firms.

### **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.

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

**A. 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Programme:** Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary programme on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. A ‘Sunken Bridge’ along with two exhibits on ‘Wetland’ & Traditional Conservation’ were inaugurated. The objective of these exhibits was to create awareness on our environment among the students and general public during the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

Dr. Rohit Trivedi, Professor of English, Govt. Sarojni Naidu Girls College was the Chief Guest while Shri Mahesh Chandra Agrawal, Divisional Manager, Social Justice Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was the Guest of Honour Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi presided while Dr. D. P. Singh, Scientist ‘E’ was a special invitee for the programme. Programme President Dr. B. Venugopal released ‘Museum Brochure’ in Braille script so that visually challenged people could get information about the Museum and know our nature by reading these brochures.

The trophies and certificates were distributed to the winners of essay competitions in Braille Script on April 12, 2010. The winners and participants of that competition and students from visually challenged community schools i.e. ‘Govt. School for Blind & Deaf, Bhopal’, ‘National Association for Welfare of Blind, Bhopal’, ‘Arushi, 1250 Quarters, Bhopal’ ‘Association for Welfare of Blind, 1250 Quarters, Bhopal’ ‘National Association for Blind, Saket Nagar, Bhopal’ ‘Govt. Mahatma Gandhi H. S. School, Barkheda, Bhopal’ ‘Govt. Boys H. S. School, Barkheda, Bhopal’ ‘Govt. Nutan Subhash H. S. School, Bhopal’ attended the programme.

**B. Museology Training Programme:** Twelve students from Department of Museology, M.S. University of Baroda attended the practical training programme at RMNH, Bhopal during 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. to 02<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2010 as part of the training programme. The students were involved in works related to art, modeling, taxidermy, exhibit preparation, museum photography as well

event management. The practical training programme was coordinated by Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist.

**C. Hindi Fortnight Programme:** RMNH, Bhopal organized valediction of Hindi Fortnight on September 28, 2010. Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi was the Chief Guest of the programme. Various competition organized during the Hindi Fortnight.

**D. Participation:** Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist 'E' attended a valedictory function of Wild Life Week at Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal on October 7, 2010.

**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 3664 public visited the Museum during September 20 to October 19, 2010. This is more than the previous year record i.e. 2670 of the same period.

**G. Visits of Organized Groups:** 7 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during September 20 to October 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., BHUBANESWAR**

### **Exhibition on Wheels**

The mobile exhibition was on display in Demonstration Multipurpose School of Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 as part of Wildlife Week activities. Film show on nature and wildlife was also organized in the school campus. About 1000 students visited the exhibition.

### **Northeast Biodiversity Gallery**

Gallery development work on northeast biodiversity is completed consisting of 10 dioramas, 7 mini dioramas, 32 panels, 6 showcases and 2 murals to depict the rich biodiversity of northeast which is part of Himalaya and Indo-Burma hotspot out of 34 biodiversity hotspot of the world. Printing and fixing of labels and panels of northeast biodiversity is completed.

### **Visit of Public**

During the month visit book recorded a total number of 9939 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

**Special visit**

Shri B.N. Malhotra, Chief Engineer, Civil Construction Unit, MoE&F and Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH visited on 22-23 October, 2010.

About 90 students and teachers visited on 12.10.2010 from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, International residential school, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.

About 65 students and teachers visited on 22.10.2010 from Loyala High School, Jharkhand.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)  
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