

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
**National Museum of Natural History**  
(Ministry of Environment and Forests)

FICCI Museum Building,  
Barakhamba Road,  
New Delhi.  
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To

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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 organised the following educational programmes, in addition to its normal activities, during the month of November, 2010.

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

**National Education Day (11<sup>th</sup> November, 2010):**

To commemorate the Day, an Orientation Workshop for Trainee Teachers was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. It was an Out-reach Programme to create awareness about Environment through Museum Resources. 35 students pursuing Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) at Khazani Women's Polytechnic, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-53 participated in this workshop. On the first day, the participants visited Museum where Mrs. Naaz Rizvi, Scientist-D interacted with them with a talk on "How to sensitize young children with a desire to know about nature" followed by brief introduction to museum galleries, educational programmes and activities held in the Museum. After lunch break visit to the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation and working with worksheet was conducted. On second day, the Museum officials from Education Division, Art and Modelling Units visited their institution for Creative Group Activity which included Nature Interpretation through Drawing and Nature Painting followed by Lecture-cum-Demonstration on "Making of Low cost Science Models". The workshop was concluded by getting the feedback from the participants.

**Winter programme-2010 (19<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2010):**

A month-long Winter Programme-2010 started with "Written Quiz Contest" held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 for school students of class IX & X. 200 students from various Public schools, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Govt. and Govt. Aided Schools participated in this programme.

A two day special programme of "**Orientation to the children to the concepts and issues of Environment & Biodiversity through Museum resources and Nature Walk**" will be organized on **28<sup>th</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2010** for under-privileged children in the age group of 11 to 14 years. This

will help in developing consciousness and awareness on the relationship of our Health with the Environmental Health. 20 under-privileged children from Khushi Centre for Rehabilitation and Research, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi will be participating in this programme. On first day the children will be exposed to the experience of Nature Painting and interpretation of Museum exhibits in the museum galleries. On second day, they will visit National Zoology Park, Delhi for a Nature Walk to study the habits and get a close look of wild animals including special visit to the water bodies to observe the Migratory Birds.

### **Nature Painting and Poster Design Contest:**

Till 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 the last date for submitting the entries, a total number of 629 entries were received in three categories.

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 was-“Our Diverse Wildlife”. The entries were invited in the following categories:

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

The Judgement of the entries was done by a panel of Judges on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010. The prizes will be awarded during the Valedictory function to be held in December, 2010.

### **Special Visiting Groups:**

- 1) A group of 15 Scientists from Management Development Institute, Gurgaon visited NMNH on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. They were taken for the guided tour of the museum galleries by the educational staff followed by interaction with the Director and other Scientists from the Museum.
- 2) A group of 13 students and 2 teachers from the Sagar School, Alwar, Rajasthan visited NMNH on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. These students were from Germany who visited India under exchange programme.

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

Around 11,562 students/teachers from 111 schools of Delhi and NCR visited the Museum. Around 1747 general visitors visited the museum. The educational staff interacted with them in the galleries for exhibit interpretation and to satisfy their queries. Publication material was also distributed to them.

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

### **Preparation for the Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats”:**

- a) **Expert Committee Preview Meeting for the Exhibit Panels of the Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats”:**

The Expert Committee preview meeting for the Exhibit Panels of the Exhibition on “**Biodiversity of Western Ghats**” was organized in the premises of the Asoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Bangalore on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2010. The Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Venugopal Director, NMNH, New Delhi. At the end of the P/P presentation and discussion the committee

unanimously approved the design and the content matter of the exhibit panels and the brochure for the exhibition.

**b) Settlement of Accounts for the first phase development of the Exhibition:**

The first phase development of the traveling exhibition was completed and the relevant bills/vouchers and accounts were settled to the H.O. on 13.11.2010 and requested for the release of funds for the second phase development.

**National Seminar on “E.K. Janaki Ammal and her contribution to Indian Science”**

A National Seminar on “E.K. Janaki Ammal and her contribution to Indian Science” was organized by the National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi through the Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore in collaboration with Brennen College, Malabar Botanical Garden and Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad, Kerala on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 at Thalassery, Kerala. Prof. Michael Tharakan, Vice Chancellor of Kannur University, Kerala was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Seminar, Dr. Alfonso Zaviera, Principal Brennen College, Thalassery presided over the inaugural function. Nearly 125 scholars and research students participated in the seminar and presented papers.

**NEAC Programme 2010**

In connection with the NEAC Programme 2010 various competitions like Painting, Elocution and Written Quiz are organized/ proposed to be organised for the Primary and Higher primary school students on 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of this month in the RMNH, Mysore.

**Films Shows**

Regular Films 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**

**Written Quiz:**

Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal has organized a written quiz for student form Class 9<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 (Friday) as a part of National Environment Awareness Campaign – 2010 under International Year of Biodiversity 2010. The topic of the competition was “Biodiversity”. The objective of this competition was to create awareness on biodiversity among the students. 152 students from eighteen schools of Bhopal participated in the competition. A three days nature camp at Pachmarhi during 8-10 Dec., 2010 would be arranged for the prize winter of the competition.

**Participation:**

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist ‘E’ attended a meeting of National Green Core Planning at EPCO, Bhopal on November 11, 2010.

**NGO Collaboration Programme:**

1. The activities of “The museum school” by Parvarish was continued during this period also along with approximately forty deprived children.

2. Programme on Gender Equality by M.P. Vigyan Sabha, Bhopal in association with Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal during 20<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> Nov., 2010.

### **Foot Falls:**

A total number of 5229 public visited the Museum during October 20 to November 19, 2010.

### **Visits of Organized Groups:**

Nine groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during October 20 to November 19, 2010.

### **Films 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 wild life enthusiast and general public.

### **4. R.M.N.H., Bhubaneswar**

#### **Exhibition on wheels:**

The mobile exhibition was on display in Adivasi Exhibition Ground, Bhubaneswar from 10 to 14 November 2010 during 9<sup>th</sup> Anjali National Children's Festival 2010. Film show on nature and wildlife was also organized in the festival. About 11800 students and other visitors visited the exhibition.

#### **Northeast Biodiversity Gallery**

It consists of 10 dioramas, 07 mini dioramas, 32 panels, 06 showcases and 02 murals depicting the rich biodiversity of North East is completed in all respects and ready for inauguration.

#### **Maintenance of Existing Galleries & museum building**

Maintenance works through CPWD like repairing, floor polishing, white washing and painting has been completed in connection with inauguration of new gallery.

### **Visit of Public**

During the month visitor book recorded a total number of 13,381 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

### **Special visit**

About 80 Participants, escorts and volunteers of 9<sup>th</sup> Anjali National Children's Festival 2010 visited on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

About 500 participants of Sishu Mahotsav 2010 visited on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

About 110 meritorious students from Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa who are participants of Regional Science Congress, organized by Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Bhopal Region visited on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. A special snake show to demonstrate the myth and realities about snakes was organized for the participants during their visit.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)  
Director

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