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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 **August, 2009**:

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

**Orientation Workshop for Teachers:** A Workshop for Trainee Teachers from DIET, Daryaganj, Delhi was organised from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009. Sixty three teachers from the institute participated in the workshop along with two faculty members. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. M.N. Siddiqi, Principal, DIET followed by a talk “Teaching of Science in 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. Then the participants were briefed about the Museum as a resource for class-room teaching followed by visit to the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation and working with worksheets.

The teachers were introduced to Tips of making low-cost Science models, session of nature interpretation through clay modeling and a nature walk through the park to learn about flora and fauna of Arvalli Biodiversity Park, Delhi. The participants were also taken to the Orchidarium, Fernery, Herbal Medical Garden, Butterfly park and Wetlands to learn about the relationship and inter-dependence of living organisms.

**Special visits:**

- 1) 37 students from Great Mission Teacher’s Training Institute, Dwarka visited the Museum on 13.8.09 as a part of training programme. A special talk was given to them about the Museum galleries and educational activities/programmes.
- 2) On 19.8.09 and 25.8.09 special talks were delivered on environment and wildlife issues to the students of Rashtriya Kanya Vidyalaya, Janakpuri-2 and Navyug School, Lodi Road.

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3) On 27.8.09 a group of specially challenged children visited NMNH. A special talk was delivered on environment and wildlife issues to the students of Rashtriya Kanya Vidyalaya, Janakpuri-2 and Navyug School, Lodi Road.

**Visitors:** During this month visitors' book recorded a total of 3,521 numbers of visitors & organised groups.

**Special programme for MCD School:** The museum will conduct a special programme for students of M.C.D. School in collaboration with Indian Environmental Society on 28.8.2009.

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

**Temporary Exhibition on 'Silk' – Gift of Nature :** A Temporary Exhibition on 'Silk' – Gift of Nature was organised by the RMNH, Mysore in collaboration with Central Sericultural Research & Training Institute, Mysore. The exhibition was inaugurated on 4.8.09 by Smt. Satyawathy, IAS, Member Secretary, Central Silk Board, Bangalore. The function was presided by Dr. M.S. Nagaraja Rao, former DG, Archaeological Survey of India & Chairman, Advisory Committee, RMNH, Mysore.

**Teachers Orientation Workshop 2009:** A Teachers Orientation Workshop is going to be organised during 24-27 August 2009 for the Higher Primary School Teachers of Hunsur District, Karnataka. About 30 Teachers going to participate from various schools of Hunsur District. They will be provided training to prepare Low-cost Teaching Aids for environmental education in the class-room by resource persons.

**Visit of Public:** A total number of 9,200 visitors visited the museum which includes organised groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

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

**Workshop:** RMNH, Bhopal inaugurated a three days “**Creature Like Kites**” workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. Dr. N.P. Shukla, Director, Madhya Pradesh Council and Technology was the chief guest and Dr. Ram Prasad, Former Vice Chancellor of Barkutallah University, Bhopal was the president. Twenty five students of Class 9 to 11 from various schools of Bhopal participated in the workshop. Students learnt kite making in the shape of birds/animals etc. and got knowledge about the creature. The valedictory function organized on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. Dr. U.R. Singh, Director (Research and Training), EPCO, Bhopal, was the chief guest. The chief guest distributed the trophy and certificates to participants. Record news coverage in 52 daily newspapers have appeared during the workshop. It was a great success and satisfaction.

**Snake Awareness Show:** A “Snake Awareness Show” was also organized, followed by inaugural function of workshop “Creature Like Kites”. Snake's friend Shri Mohd. Saleem, Bhopal was the expert of this show.

**Visit of Public:** A total number of 4685 visitors so far visited the Museum during July 20 to August 19, 2009. **Organized Groups:** 1084 numbers of students/teachers from 10 schools were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during the month.

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

**Quiz Competition for the students of +2, +3 science and PG students:** Quiz Competition for the students of +2, +3 science and PG students of life science and an Oral Quiz for students of class VIII to X on the theme “Biodiversity Conservation, Climate change, Global Warming, Natural Habitat and Wildlife” held on 9.8.2009 and they were awarded with exciting prizes.

### **Museum celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Museum celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 10.8.2009. The function was graced by eminent dignitaries. Shri B.K. Pattnaik, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Orissa was Chief Guest of function. Dr. A. K. Ghosh, member, National Biodiversity Authority & former Director, ZSI Kolkata was the Guest Speaker. The programme was presided over by Dr. G.V. Subrahmanyam, Senior Advisor, MoE&F, Govt. of India in the presence of Dr. B.Venugopal, Director, NMNH, New Delhi. During this occasion, the following programmes were conducted:

**1) New Exhibits:** To mark the auspicious day, museum added new exhibits and showcases viz. exhibit showcases on bottle nose dolphin, eggs of birds, lizards. Apart from this, newly constructed Vermi-compost Demonstration Unit was also inaugurated.

**2) Inter school and College Quiz competitions:** Quiz competitions were organized for different groups of students from high school to post graduate level in two rounds viz. preliminary written and oral quiz. Over 30 schools participated in the competition.

**3) Written Quiz for +2 Graduates:** In another competition different group of students in three categories i.e. +2, graduate and post graduate students participated in a written quiz and prizes were awarded to them separately. There were over 126 participants in the written quiz including all.

**4) Annual newsletter:** was released to record a few memorable facts during the year.

**Advisory Planning Committee Meeting:** The second meeting of the Advisory Planning Committee was held on 11.8.2009 under the chairmanship of Dr. G.V. Subrahmanyam, Advisor MoE&F.

**Visitors:** During this month visitors’ book recorded a total of 4,067 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Smt. Naaz Rizvi)

Scientist-C & Head of Office

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