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National Museum of Natural History
(Ministry of Environment & Forests)**

**FICCI Museum Building,
Barakhamba Road,
New Delhi-110001.**

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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 Report for the Cabinet – reg.

Sir,

The National Museum of Natural History and its Regional Museums organized the following educational programmes, in addition to its normal activities, during the month of **March, 2011**.

1. N.M.N.H., New Delhi

NMNH-ALPANA organizes “Rangotsav”- an art & craft workshop:

A special workshop for specially challenged children was organized from 22nd to 25th March 2011 at NMNH in collaboration with Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (ALPANA), an NGO. The Museum provided space and other logistic support for the programme. The workshop was held from 22nd to 24th March 2011 in the Eco-theatre, Discovery & Activity Room on the 2nd floor. The Exhibition and the Valediction of the programme was held on 25th March 2011 in the Museum Auditorium. Mr. Sandeep Silas, IRTS, an eminent Artist & Poet graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C & HO, NMNH presided over the function.

58 participants from various schools and organizations for specially challenged children in Delhi participated in various activities during the programme. The activities included Drawing, Painting, Sketching, Origami, Working with Clay & Ceramic, Vase decoration, Making of Wall hangings & Paper Bags, etc. The work done by the participants was displayed in an Exhibition along with the Valediction of the programme. All the participants were given token gifts and participation certificates.

World Forestry Day (21st March 2011)

World Day for Water (22nd March 2011)

Regular film shows in the museum auditorium of NMNH included films on Forest Resources, Water Resources, Wildlife and Life in water, which was attended by school children and general public.

Special visiting groups:

A group of 35 ICOM members attending the 4th Academic Session of the seminar organised by INC-ICOM & NMI, visited NMNH on 15th March 2011. The Director, NMNH interacted with the group and enriched them regarding "Museum Education and Resource Building".

School visits:

4623 school students from 36 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 1617 general visitors visited the museum. Their queries were satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also provided to them.

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

Observation of World Water Day - 2011

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore organized World Water Day – 2011 Programme on 22.3.2011 at I.S.S.K. High School, Pandayapura, Mahdya District. On this occasion Dr. Harish Bhatt, Scientist, Centre for Ecological Science, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore delivered a guest lecture on the topic "The Importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of fresh water resources" to the students and Shri Santhosh Kumar, Teacher, Govt. High School, Chittanahalli, Pandavapura Tq. will be the resource person.

Preparation for the Exhibition on "Biodiversity of Western Ghats"

The exhibition on "Biodiversity of Western Ghats" was fabricated in the Museum's temporary exhibition hall and awaiting for the inaugural date to be finalized by the Minister's office.

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) **Inauguration of painting of Swamp deer:** As the part of the conservation drive, a mega painting (20 x 11 feet) of herd swamp deer – the state animal of Madhya Pradesh, was dedicated to the

public by the Regional Museum of Natural History from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India on 26.02.2011 at gallery. The hard ground Barasinghas (*Rucervus duvaucelii branderi*) found in Kanha National Park is depicted. Hon. Minister of Forest of Madhya Pradesh Shri Sartaj Singh inaugurated this painting of herd of Swamp deer depicting habitat Kanha National Park in the presence of Professor Praveen Tamot from Govt. M.V.M Collage, Bhopal.

(B) **International Woman Day:** Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal was organized International Women Day programme on March 08, 2011. The theme of programme was “Women and Environment”. Shri M.L. Patel, from Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board and Shri Vinod Trapti, Sub-Engineer, from Kolar Municipal were the resource persons of the programme. Women and Environment – WE members and housekeeping women staff of Kolar Nagar Palika attended the programme.

© **Participation:** Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a National Seminar on “Gender and Human Rights” on 5th March, 2011 as Guest Speaker. This seminar was organized on behest of National Human Rights Commission, India by National Law Institute University, Bhopal.

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a evaluation meeting of subject Scientific Validation, Traditional Knowledge, S&T Promotion, S&T Popularization on March 16th, 2011 as an expert member at Vigyan Bhawan, M. P. Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal.

D. Study of Birds: The bird watching studies earlier initiated at Shahapura lake has been continued by Scientist-E.

E. Collaboration Programme: Govt. M.V.M. College, Bhopal organized a National Seminar on “Conservation and Management of Biodiversity in 21st Century” during February 26 -27, 2011 collaboration with RMNH, Bhopal. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E of the Museum participated in this seminar alongwith Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam was the National Organizing Committee Member of this Seminar.

F. **Store Verification:** Shri Kalu Ram, Cashier and Shri Praveen Malik, LDC from NMNH, New Delhi has completed the store verification with Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist and Shri Anil K. Sonparote, Projectionist during 21st – 23rd February, 2011.

G. **Library Verification:** The Library Verification was completed during March 16th – 17th, 2011 by library verification committee.

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

I **Foot Falls:** A total number of 3825 public visited the Museum during February 20, 2011 to March 19, 2011.

J. **Visits of Organized Groups:** one groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum’s galleries during February 20, 2011 to March 19, 2011.

K. **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.

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

National Science Day

The mobile exhibition was on display in Ravenshaw University, Cuttack on 28 February 2011 as part of National Science Day celebration. About 5000 students visited the exhibition. Shri G.N.Indresha, Scientist-C was one of the jury of the science exhibition organized during the occasion.

Visits of public:

During the month visitor book recorded a total number of 6000 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Talk on Biodiversity Conservation

Shri.G.N.Indresha, Scientist-C delivered a talk on biodiversity conservation in the programme organized at Government Girls High School, Unit 1X, Bhubaneswar on 9th March, 2011. About 500 students participated in the programme. A drama on environment was presented by the students of the school.

Special Film Show:

Special film show on nature, environment and wildlife was organized in association with Rajdhani Engineering College at Capital High School, Bhubaneswar on 11th March 2011 as part of National Environment Awareness Campaign. Shri G. N. Indresha, Scientist-C addressed the students during the camp. About 900 students and teachers participated in the programme

Special Visit:

23 foreign delegates from Myanmar, Peru, Uzbekistan, Mauritius, Madagascar, Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka etc. who were on an International Exposure programme on "Micro Finance for Poverty Alleviation" visited the museum on 8th March 2011. 124 cadets of Sainik School were visited on 15 & 17 March 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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