

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

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

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To

Shri R.K. Agarwal,  
Deputy Secretary (GC),  
Room No.1030,  
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 **April, 2011**.

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

**Earth Day**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 on the occasion of “Earth Day” NMNH organised a national level “Poster-making competition” for the children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 1994 and 31<sup>st</sup> April 1997. The competition was held in the Museum premises at New Delhi and its Regional Centres. The first three regional prize winning entries from each venue will be pooled to select one National winner who will be given the “Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2011” (YEYA-2011) at a function to be held in New Delhi by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The Theme for the competition was “Forests: Nature at your service”. The programme was advertised in the newspapers. Entry was by registration only which was held at the venue during 17-19 April 2011 between 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. The entries were judged by a panel of external judges and first, second, third and four encouragement prize winners were selected.

**Special Programme**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011, The Donkey Sanctuary India, an NGO working among underprivileged donkey owners arranged one day workshop at NMNH with 70 children from Guru Nanak Sansthan School, Gurgaon. The purpose was to spread awareness and give an exposure about nature, environment and wildlife with emphasis on animal welfare. The children were taken around the galleries followed by film show in the museum auditorium and interaction with educational staff of the museum. Museum publication was distributed among the children and the coordinators.

### **Special visiting groups**

Guided tour was provided to the following groups:

K. R. Mangalam World School, Vikaspuri, New Delhi - 65 students accompanied by 3 teachers visited museum on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

D.A.V. Pushpanjali School, Pitampura, New Delhi - 120 students from class VII to X with 2 teachers visited museum on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

This group visited NMNH through NIE (Newspapers in Education, Times of India)

### **School visits and Family groups/General visitors**

897 students from 15 schools in Delhi and NCR visited the Museum. 1587 general visitors visited the Museum during the month. The educational staff interacted with the visitors and provided information on the exhibits displayed in the galleries.

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

### **Special Programme**

Parisara Mitra. A special one day orientation programme for the Block Resources Coordinators was organized by the Centre for Environment Education, Karnataka Cell, Bangalore in collaboration with the Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore at the Museum Auditorium. Shri Ajay Mishra, CCF, Project Elephant, Mysore was invited as Guest Speaker of the above programme.

### **Observation of Earth Day, 2011**

As per the guidelines of the NMNH, New Delhi, the Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore organized Poster Making competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 on the occasion of Earth Day. Regional prize winning entries will be pooled to select one National Winner who will be given the YEYA 2011.

### **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**

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

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

**Foot Falls:** A total number of 3451 public visited the Museum during March 20, 2011 to April 19, 2011.

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

**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.

### **Poster Making Competition**

As per the guidelines of the NMNH, New Delhi, the Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History, Sawai Madhopur organized Poster Making competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 on the occasion of Earth Day. Regional prize winning entries will be pooled to select one National Winner who will be given the YEYA 2011.

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

#### **Visits of public:**

During the month, visitor book recorded a total number of 9495 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

#### **Talk on Biodiversity Conservation**

Shri G. N. Indresha, Scientist-C delivered a talk on Natural Heritage, Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity Conservation in the programme organized at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Konark, Puri district on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. About 300 students participated in the programme.

#### **Exhibition on Wheels:**

The Exhibition on wheels on the theme Forest Wealth is on display at Khordha Zilla Lok Utsav organized by Aswasana, a socio-cultural & economic Re-construction organization, Khordha from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April

2011. Exhibition is attracting peoples of all age groups. So far about 20,000 people visited the exhibition.

**Celebration of Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011):**

Poster design competition on the theme “Forests: Nature at your service” was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 on the occasion of Earth Day to select YEYA-2011. Out of 43 registered students 40 students participated in the poster competition. Competition started with briefing and orientation about Earth Day by Shri G. N. Indresha, Scientist-C. The best three entries selected by judges sent to NMNH, New Delhi for the selection at National Level winner. Prizes for the winners will be given on World Environment Day, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011. During the occasion a pledge was administered to the participants by officials of CEE-East, Bhubaneswar.

During the occasion, a public meeting was held in the museum auditorium in the presence of Dr. Aurobindo Behera, IAS, Principal Secretary, Shri S.C. Mohanty, PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, and Dr. Nachiketa Das, Professor of Geology, Rawenshaw University.

**Summer vacation programme-Green Teens and Green Cubs:**

Registration for summer programme has been completed. About 67 students registered for both categories. Draw of lots for both SVP (Green Teens) & SVP (Green Cubs) was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 in the museum auditorium in presence of public to select 15 participants of Summer Vacation Programme-2011. Summer programme will commence from 5<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

**5. R.G.R.M.N.H., Sawai Madhopur**

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Yours faithfully,

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