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

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New Delhi-110001.**

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To

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Deputy Secretary (GC),  
Room No.1030,  
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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road,  
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**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 May, **2011**.

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

**Summer Vacation Programme-2011 (18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011):**

NMNH is organizing **Summer Vacation Programme** for the children in two categories, i.e., **Green Teens and Green Cubs**. The programme was advertised in the national level newspapers in the month of April 2011. The selection of the participants was done through draw of lots on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011. 15 participants were selected in each category.

The programme was started on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (International Museum Day)** and will be conducted till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011. The schedule for the **Green Teens** includes Talk/Slide presentation on our Natural Heritage, Potters wheel and magical clay, making relief models of Tiger pug marks and other wild animals, study of microbial world under microscope, talk on Forests-Nature at your service, Nature Quiz, an interactive writing session on nature and environment, talk/slide presentation on Wonders of Ocean, Visits to Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Center for Science and Environment and to Mother Dairy to observe pasteurization process of Milk.

The schedule for the **Green Cubs** includes still life pencil shading, potters wheel and clay, nature painting, clay modelling round, relief modelling, mask making, make a mould in plaster, origami and collage painting.

**Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2011:**

The final selection of the “Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2011” (YEYA-2011) was done on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 by a panel of Judges nominated by NMNH. A national level Poster-making

competition was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 (Earth Day) for the children in the age group 14-16 years at NMNH and regional centers. The first three regional prize winning entries from each venue were pooled to select one national winner who will be given YEYA-2011 at a function to be held in New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

#### **International Day for Biological Diversity:**

A special programme related to International Day for Biodiversity was organized in connection with the "Stakeholders' Consultation and Launch of United Nations Decade of Biodiversity for Asia & Pacific" on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 at Convention Hall, Ashok Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. A small exhibition of Paintings and Posters involving creative expressions by children during various contests held at NMNH and Regional Museums was also set-up at the venue.

**Film Shows:** Regular film shows on environment were screened twice daily for the benefit of visitors.

#### **Special visiting groups:**

Thirty students accompanied by teachers from The Ardee School, Delhi visited NMNH on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Guided tour of the Museum galleries was provided to the group.

#### **Visitors**

2071 students from 22 schools in Delhi and NCR visited museum. 1435 general visitors visited Museum during the month. The visitors were provided information on the exhibits displayed in the galleries.

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

#### **Summer Vacation Programme 2011:**

- (a) **Green Teens:** A Summer Vacation Programme – 2011 for the teenagers was organized in the Museum from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Nearly 15 students participated in the programme.
- (b) **Green Cubs:** A Summer Vacation Programme – 2011 for the junior children is also organized in the Museum from 18<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Nearly 15 students participated in the programme.

**Observation of 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day of the Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore was observed on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 11.00 A.M. at the Museum Auditorium. Dr. S.N. Rangaraju, Professor, DOS, in Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore, Manasagongotri and Coordinator International Heritage City Networking, Mysore was invited as Chief Guest and Mrs. Aruna, Department of Studies in History, University of Mysore was invited as Guest Lecturer to speak on the topic of Monuments and Museums of Karnataka. Large number of students and general public participated in the above function.

**Visitors:** About 4600 Nos. of visitors visited the Museum which includes organized groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

**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**

**Summer Vacation Programme 2011:** RMNH, Bhopal inaugurated a programme named as "Green Teens and Green Cubs" under Summer Vacation Programme - 2011 on May 18, 2011. These programmes are arranged for two

categories namely 'Green Teens' (Class eight to tenth) and "Green Cubs" (class five to seven). The schedules for these programmes are from May 18<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Nine students registered for 'Green Teens' and four were able to enter themselves for 'Green Cubs' programme.

**International Museum Day:** - RMNH, Bhopal celebrated International Museum Day on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. On this occasion the films were screened on natural heritage for the general public

**World Earth Day:** RMNH, Bhopal observed the World Earth Day on April 22, 2011.

#### **Collaborative Programme:**

(a) To create awareness among gond tribal children the Bhopal based N.G.O. the Muskan organized a programme on "Skit perform on Environment" on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 500 tribal children of gond tribal attended the programme with logistic provided by RMNH, Bhopal.

(b) The International Biodiversity programme was organized by RMNH, Bhopal in collaboration with M. P. Biodiversity Board, Bhopal on 22 May, 2011. Shri A. P. Dwivedi, Former PCCF of Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest and Shri Shyam Bohre, Social Activist was special guest. This programme was conducted with the active participation of Chief Executive Officer of Madhya Pradesh Biodiversity Development Board, Bhopal, Shri Sushil Kumar, I.F.S. and Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E, RMNH, Bhopal.

**Deputation:** Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E visited M.S. University of Baroda for the works related to post-graduate course in Museology during May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Visitors:** A total number of 3728 public visited the Museum during April 20, 2011 to May 19, 2011. Three groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at Museum's galleries during April 20, 2011 to May 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.

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

##### **Summer Vacation Programme**

The Summer Vacation Programme was held from 5<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for two groups i.e. Green Teens & Green Cubs. A total no. of 30 students with 15 in each group participated in the programme. The programme for green teens was held from 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May whereas the programme for green cubs was held from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The programme included orientation to the museum facilities and programmes along with thought provoking and hands-on activities in the museum and outside the museum with field visits to sanctuaries, parks, gardens and laboratories accompanied by expert interactions and demonstrations

**In-house programmes:-** All the participants of the programme were exposed to an interactive and Guided museum gallery visit to understand some basic concepts and glimpses of biodiversity of Odisha. The students were given an opportunity to try their hands in clay modeling guided by experts where they were able to take mould and casts of different animal and plants in the medium of plaster of Paris, clay

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and fibre glass. Students also learnt the techniques of dry and wet preservation of specimens for reference and study in the laboratory to understand biodiversity. Green teens had quite good exposure at our reserve collection laboratory. Students had first hand experience in making potteries, learnt art & craft as demonstrated by Shri Kunja Bihari Mishra (resource person). A lecture on "Biodiversity of Odisha" was taken by Dr. Lala A.K. Singh. Snake show by Shri Subhendu Mallick (Resource Person) was organized for the participants to create awareness

among them on myths and realities of snake followed by power point presentation on identification of snakes and medical treatment along with live specimen demonstration.

**Outreach programmes:-** Apart from inspiring and interactive in-house programmes, students had an opportunity to visit sanctuary and parks for field experience. Nature trail in Chandaka Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary with activities like identifying birds, plants and visit to Nandankanan Zoo with lion safari, tiger safari an enchantment for the participants. They also visited Regional Plant Resource Centre (RPRC) one of the famous botanical garden of Odisha which houses a wide variety of cacti and observing birds in the artificially created lake of the garden. Students visited Chilika Lake and Chilika Interpretation centre and could see the 36 ft. baleen whale skeleton. Also visited Konark Balukhand Wildlife Sanctuary.

### Visitors

Twenty students from Kendrapara Autonomous College visited on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and learnt about various methods of dry and wet preservation, visited galleries and watched the film show on "Challenges of Life". During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 8395 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

Yours faithfully,

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