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(Ministry of Environment & Forests)**

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To

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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 **June, 2011**.

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

**Stakeholder's Consultation and Launch of UN Decade on Biodiversity for Asia & Pacific:**

NMNH on behalf of the Ministry of Environment & Forests organized Stakeholder's Consultation and Launch of UN Decade on Biodiversity for Asia & Pacific at Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2011. Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Minister, MoEF, Secretary General of CBD (Convention on Biodiversity) and a host of delegates from India and abroad attended. The logo of the COP 11 was released during the programme. An Exhibition on "Children's Perspective on Biodiversity" based on contributions from various regions of India, was also arranged at the venue.

The NMNH HQ also organized the following programmes in connection with World Environment Day 2011 on behalf of the Ministry of Environment & Forests:

- a) **June 1: Inauguration of a Museum Gallery on "North East Biodiversity"** at RMNH, Bhubaneswar by Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Minister (independent charge) , MoEF.
- b) **June 4: Inauguration of a Travelling Exhibition on "Western Ghats Biodiversity"** by Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Minister (independent charge) , MoEF in the presence of Dr. A. Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, in Institute of Wood Sciences & Technology, Bengalooru.
- c) **June 4: Launch of "Special Nature Camp"** for speech/hearing impaired children from 5 states in South India by Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Minister (independent charge) , MoEF in the presence of Dr. A.

Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, in Institute of Wood Sciences & Technology, Bengalooru. 25 participants underwent nature camp during 4-7 June, 2011 in the Bannerghata National Park, Bengalooru.

- d) **June 5: National Meet on “Nature and Livelihoods: Women’s Perspective”** in New Delhi in which about 100 women grass-root workers participated. Shri Jairam Ramesh, Hon’ble Minister (independent charge), MoEF and Dr. A. Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP and a host of dignitaries attended. The Young Environmentalist of the Year Award (YEYA) and Dr. E.K. Janaki Ammal Award were given to winners. Publications on Plant and Animals discoveries by BSI and ZSI respectively were also released during the function.
- e) **“Festivals of Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage”/Seminar on “Spice Heritage”** during 22-27 June 2011 in Kalady, Kerala in which about 100 delegates confirmed participation. There will be seminar on spice heritage, Sacred grooves, Njattuvella (traditional monsoon season) and Nature elements in Cultural heritage, Field visits to Muziris Heritage Project sites, Kalamandalam, Oldest nutmeg plantation in India, Iringole Kaalu grove, and Moozhikulam sala. There will also be capacity building workshop on Exhibition development.

### **Valedictory Function of Summer Vacation Programme 2011**

Valedictory Function of the Summer Vacation Programme (SVP-2011) was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. The SVP-2011 was held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011. Shri Sharad Gaur, Regional Director, Centre for Environment Education was the Chief Guest. Regional level winners and participants of the Poster making competition which was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 (Earth Day) were given prizes and certificates. The participants of SVP-2011 (Green Teens & Green Cubs) were given prizes and certificates.

**A Nature Magazine “Tryst with Nature” Summer Programme-2010** was released on the occasion by the Chief Guest. The magazine is a beautiful bouquet of experience, creative thoughts, optimistic hopes and determined aspirations of the participants of summer vacation programme-2010.

### **Special Visiting Groups**

1. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a group of 40 children from Museum Techniques Club, National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi visited NMNH to explore its importance, its connectivity with the society as well as educational potential.
2. On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a group of 50 BTC students from Shyamlal Saraswati Mahavidyalaya, Bulandshar (UP) visited NMNH to know about Nature and Wildlife of India.

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

123 students from three schools in Delhi and NCR visited museum.  
3043 General visitors visited museum during the month.

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

### **World Environment Day**

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore observed the World Environment Day – 2011 on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at the Museum Auditorium. Dr. Javeed Nayeem, Director, Bibi Ayesha Hospital, Mysore was invited as the Chief Guest and Dr. T. N. Manjunath, Faculty, Government Ayurvedic College, Mysore was invited as a Guest Speaker in this occasion.

**Public Visits:**

About 3,800 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**

**World Environment Day:** Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized World Environment Day - June 5, 2011. Shri S. S. Rajput, CCF, Bhopal Circle, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest. The Participants of poster making competition and summer vacation programmes, attended the session along with their parents. The Chief Guest, Shri S. S. Rajput distributed the prizes and certificates to the winners of poster making competition and participants of summer vacation programmes.

**Deputation:** Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E delivered a lecture cum PPT presentation on "Forests: Nature at Your Service" on June 4, 2011 at Regional Science Center, Bhopal. He also attended evaluation meeting on subject "Scientific Validation, Traditional Knowledge, S&T Promotion, S&T Popularization" on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 as an expert member at Vigyan Bhawan, M. P. Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal.

**Visitors:** A total number of 4942 public visited the Museum during May 20, 2011 to June 19, 2011. 3 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during May 20, 2011 to June 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****Celebration of World Environment Day and Valedictory Function of Summer Programme (5<sup>th</sup> June 2011)**

On the occasion of Valedictory function of Summer Programme on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, prizes and certificates were distributed to the participants of Green Teens, Green Cubs and YEYA Poster making competition in the presence of Guests of honour, Dr. N.L.N.S. Prasad, Director, MoEF, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, Prof. P. Mohanty Hejmadi, Chairperson, Advisory Planning Committee of Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar and Shri G.N. Indresha, Scientist C, Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar.

**Special visit**

- i) Shri Gopi Sundaram, Scientist C, WII, Dehradun along with 6 persons from Govt. of Bangladesh (who was on official visit to Govt. of Odisha) visited RMNH, Bhubaneswar on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.
- ii) Dr. Anil Mahapatra, Scientist C, ZSI, Digha, Odisha visited Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

**Reserve Collection**

Wet preservation of 3 dead Golden fish from in-house aquarium.

## **Photo-documentation**

Video coverage and photo-documentation has been done on the occasion of North East Gallery inauguration (1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011) and World Environment Day and Valedictory function of summer programme (5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011).

## **Visit of public**

During the month, the visitor's book recorded a total number of 13451 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

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

#### **Celebration of World Environment Day and Valedictory Function of Summer Programme (5<sup>th</sup> June 2011)**

Prize distribution function was held on World Environment Day, 2011. Cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the participants of the following programmes:

- 1) **National Science Day** : Science Quiz Competition held on 28.2.2011.
- 2) **National Level Poster Design Contest**: Poster Design Contest held on 22.4.2011 on Earth Day.
- 3) **Summer Vacation Programme** was conducted for Green Cubs and Green Teens from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. Four competitions (two for each Group) were conducted and prizes were distributed on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

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