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

FICCI Museum Building,
Tansen Marg,
New Delhi-110001.

No. 13(6)/2010-11/NMNH Dated the July 25, 2011

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 **July, 2011.**

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

Special Programme for the under-privileged children:

A special programme for the under-privileged children was organized on 9th July 2011. A group of 23 children in the age group of 8-17 years and 3 volunteers along with 2 coordinators from Jal Vihar Slums, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi participated in this programme through an NGO, Khushi Centre for Rehabilitation & Research, South Extension-I, New Delhi. The purpose of this programme was to bring awareness about biodiversity in our surroundings and help children understand Nature through various activities.

Mrs. Alka Agrawal and Mrs. Anjali Todi were called as resource persons who interacted with the children and taught them to make flowers, leaves, animals, collage painting and greeting cards through the art of Origami. The Education staff made children understand the importance of flowers and leaves followed by a visit to the Museum galleries. The children were also provided with museum publications and refreshment.

Out-reach Programme for Specially-Challenged children:

An out-reach programme for specially-challenged children was organized on 20th July 2011 for the children of Aanchal NDMC School for Mentally Retarded and Paawan NDMC School for Hearing Impaired. The purpose of the programme was to give an access to the Museum resources for specially-challenged children who otherwise cannot visit the Museum and help them understand Nature and Biodiversity. The Education staff and three resource persons visited Aanchal NDMC School for Mentally Retarded at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi to organize the programme. 19 mentally-challenged children and 8 hearing impaired children along with 4 staff members participated in the programme. The children were engaged in the activities of Origami which included making different shapes of birds, animals, butterflies, objects from paper with a theme and pasting them on drawing sheets (collage painting) and making greeting cards. The children enjoyed these activities which helped them in understanding biodiversity present in their surroundings.

All the participants were given token gifts and served with refreshment.

Film Shows

Regular film shows on environment were screened twice daily for the benefit of visitors.

Visitors

1177 school students from 10 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR and 2878 family groups/general visitors visited the museum. The educational staff interacted with the students and general visitors in the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. 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

RMNH, Mysore organized a five day workshop on learning epigraphy in collaboration with Department of Archaeology, Museums and heritage, Bangalore and Department of Archaeology, Museums and heritage, Govt. of Karnataka from 12th July 2011 to 16th July 2011. About 70 participants from all over Karnataka have participated in the said workshop, held at RMNH Auditorium. The participants are museum curators, teaching faculties of History, Art, epigraphy and Museology from Karnataka and expert from ASI Govt. of India Department.

Environmental awareness programmes for school children in collaboration with Mahatma Foundation (Regd.) FTS, Circle Mysore has started from 16th July and still continuing The said programme will be completed by the end of first week of August, 2011.

Film Shows

Regular film shows from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M. and 4.00 to 5.00 P.M. were screened 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.

Visitors: A total number of 3005 public visited the Museum during June 20, 2011 to July 19, 2011. 2 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at Museum's galleries during June 20, 2011 to July 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

Visits of public:

During the month visitor book recorded a total number of 5232 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Special Visit:

1. About 119 girls of KGBV and 29 escort teachers visited this museum in three groups on 30.06.2011, 07.07.2011 and 15.07.2011 during their State Level Meet organized by Orissa Primary Education Programme Authority (OPEPA). Guided visit was provided and special film shows were screened during their exposure visit.

2. Guided visit was provided for about 191 students accompanied by teachers of Sai International School, Bhubaneswar on 20.07.2011 and 21.07.2011. A film on "The Wild Meat Trail" was screened for their benefit.

Taxidermy work

1. Skeletons (incomplete) of two nos. of dead Emu bird were collected from the local Emu farm situated at Balianta, Bhubaneswar which are under process for preservation and display.

2. One dead Emu bird was collected from the same farm, skinned, cured and finally mounted in life like posture for display purpose.

Meeting

A preparatory meeting was held at this venue on 13.07.2011 by CED, HDF and RMNH for jointly organizing Orissa Environment Congress on the theme "Forest Resources of Orissa" during 22-24th December, 2011.

Van Mahotsav celebration in the museum:

The museum celebrated Van Mahotsav on 1st week of July through planting of sapling of different species in the campus.

(Naaz Rizvi)
Scientist D

Copy to:

(1) Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.
(2) H.O.