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(Ministry of Environment & Forests)**

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To

Shri R.K. Agarwal,
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 **August, 2011**.

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

NMNH-NCERT Workshop for Trainee Teachers:

Division of Educational Services, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in association with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) organized a three day workshop for trainee teachers on teaching of Environmental Studies at primary level. The workshop was held from 9th August to 11th August, 2011. 40 ETE students from DIET, Daryaganj, Delhi participated in the workshop. Venue for the workshop was Eco-theatre, NMNH and NIE Workshop, Conference Room, NCERT. The workshop was held from 10 am to 4 pm daily.

Day 1: Participants reported at NIE Workshop, Conference Room, NCERT. Dr. Dharam Parkash, Retd. Professor, NCERT gave a talk on the topic – “Environment and its importance in school curriculum” followed by a talk by Dr. H.O. Gupta, Head, Workshop Deptt., NCERT on the topic – “Environment and its constituents, their interdependence and teaching of themes like Air, Water, Soil, Living Organisms, etc.” The students participated in group activity on the given themes through concept maps. A short film on the use of water was also screened. Post-lunch session was devoted to Use of Science Kits in teaching the various themes of Air, Water, Soil and Living Organisms, etc.

Day 2: At Eco-theatre of NMNH. Dr. D. P. Singh, Scientist-E, NMNH interacted with the participants and gave a talk on the theme – “Museum as Resource for Teaching” followed by power-point presentation on Educational Programmes & Activities organized by NMNH. A CD presentation on “Global Warming” was also shown. Dr. Jaya Prasoon, Sr. Edu. Asstt., NMNH gave a talk/demonstration about Discovery boxes and Loan Kits followed by tips to make low cost scientific models and discovery boxes by Sh. Krishan Madan, Artist, NMNH. The Post-lunch session included brief description about the Museum galleries by Sh. K. S. Attri, Sr. Edu. Asstt., NMNH after which they were taken around the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. In the end all participants were asked to prepare individual plan for developing new themes for Discovery boxes and Loan Kits.

Day 3: The participants reported at NCERT. The session started with presentation and discussion on Reports by the participants on various themes. This was followed by designing and developing of materials in teaching of the themes discussed before. Post-lunch session was devoted to final presentation and discussion on the themes after making corrections. Feedback forms were filled and the session ended by visiting the Science Park at NCERT.

School Visits and Family Groups:

4595 school students from 19 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. 2947 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 various environmental awareness programmes (Painting, Debate, Essay Writing and Fancy dress competition) for school children in collaboration with Mahatma Foundation (Regd.) FTS, Circle Mysore 570007 from 16th July to 19th August 2011.

Film Shows: Regular film shows from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. were arranged for visitors.

3. R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

Collaboration: Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Bhopal organized two days workshop for NGO partners during 9-10 August 2011 in collaboration with RMNH, Bhopal. The theme of the workshop was “Paryavaran Mitra”.

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 3332 public visited the Museum during July 20, 2011 to August 19, 2011. 07 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at Museum's galleries during July 20, 2011 to August 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.

4. R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

Visits of public:

During the month visitor book recorded a total number of 8366 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Special Visit:

1. Shri T. Chatterjee, Secretary, MoEF, Govt. of India, New Delhi visited the museum on 04.08.11.
2. About 95 girls of KGBV and 20 escort teachers visited this museum in two groups on 22.07.2011 and 11.08.11 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.

Programmes:

1. The museum celebrated its 7th Anniversary on 10th August, 2011. Shri J.K. Tiwari, I.F.S, Chief Conservator of Forests, MoEF, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest. Dr. Chitta Ranjan Mishra, Sr. Scientist, Author and Science Popularizer and Dr. Palok Aich, Chairperson, School of Biological Sciences, NISER, Bhubaneswar were the Guests of Honour.
 2. As part of the 7th Anniversary programme, the museum conducted painting competition in three groups for the students of Class-I-X on 07.08.2011. 1355 students registered their names out of which 954 students participated in the competition. Similarly written quiz competition was also conducted on the same day for the students of +3 and Post Graduate level in which 117 students registered their names out of which 71 students participated. Winners were awarded prizes and certificates during the 7th anniversary function on 10.08.11.
4. The museum has celebrated 65th Independence Day on 15.08.11.

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