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

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Tansen Marg,
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 **September, 2011.**

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer:

On 16th September 2011 on the occasion of 'International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer' an On-the-Spot **"Nature Painting Contest"** was organized for the school students from classes IX to XII on the theme: "For the life on Earth - Protect the Ozone Layer and Prevent Climate Change". 87 students from Government schools, Public schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navyug schools participated in the contest. The teachers accompanying the students were taken around the Museum galleries and shown the nature and wildlife related film in the museum auditorium.

A panel of judges will judge the entries for first, second, third and five encouragement prizes and will be awarded during the Valedictory Function of Winter Programme 2011. The best paintings will be utilized in printing of Posters and Table Calendars for public distribution.

School Visits and Family Groups:

5194 school students from 30 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. 2719 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 galleries was provided. Publication material was also provided to them.

Nature on Screen:

Films on the themes of Environment, Nature and Wildlife are screened in the Museum auditorium twice a day, i.e., 11 am and 3 pm, for the visiting public and school students

2. R.M.N.H. MYSORE

Observation of International Ozone Day-2011

The programme was held between 14th & 16th September. 2011. About 200 students from Govt. High School, River Valley High School and Govt. Girls High School participated in the painting competition on Ozone depletion. Dr. H. Vishwanath, Prof. from Shardavilas College was invited as Guest Speaker and Shri Jagadesh, Block Education Officer inaugurated the formal function along with local school development committee members. The programme was summarized by the prize distribution with Guest Lecture by Shri S.K. Krishnraju, Incharge Deputy Director, FSL Dpartment, Mysore on 16th September, 2011.

Launch of Exhibition on Biodiversity of Western Ghats

The Museum organized the launch of the traveling exhibition titled "**Biodiversity of Western Ghats**", in its temporary exhibition hall. In a glittering function conducted in the auditorium of the Museum on **23rd September 2011**, **Smt. Saalumarda Thimmakka**, Noted Environmentalist & National Awardee, who was the Chief Guest of the function, opened the exhibition to the public. **Shri. M.N. Jayakumar**, IFS, APCCF & Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, and a well-known photographer and Forester, presided over the function. **Shri. Vanashri Umesh**, young environmentalist awardee and **Smt. Naaz Rizvi**, Scientist, National Museum of Natural History were also present. Smt Naaz Rizvi, Scientist D of National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi welcomed the gathering and Shri B.S Yogendra, proposed a vote of thanks.

The Museum organized a painting competition for higher primary & high School children on 18th September 2011. More than 200 students participated. The prizewinners of the painting competition conducted for the higher primary and high school sections as part of occasion was distributed prizes by the dignitaries present. Smt Saalumarada Thimmakka planted a sapling of ficus in the campus

Special Film Show:

Special film show on biodiversity was organized in collaboration with Film Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. Of India, Bangalore Brach and Bangalore.

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.

Visits of public:

During the month, a total number of 10781 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum.

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

To Replenish the Sunken Bridge

Fauna and Flora, the variety of fishes namely Common Carp and Mangura are being introduced as the part of Ecosystem restoration and biodiversity conservation from August 20th onwards.

Hindi Fortnight Programme

Hindi Fortnight has been inaugurated on September 14, 2011 at RMNH, Bhopal. Various Hindi competitions are being held during the Hindi Fortnight.

Participation

- (i) Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E and Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist had a meeting with Deputy Director of Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal on August 23, 2011 regarding the collection of specimen like higher mammals for the taxidermy preparation and display at Museum.
- (ii) Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended evaluation meeting on subject "Science Popularization, S&T Promotion & Scientific Validation of Traditional Knowledge" on September 02, 2011 as an expert member at Vigyan Bhawan, M. P. Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal.
- (iii) Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist attended a meeting regarding Wild Life Week at Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal on August 26, 2011.

Visitors

A total number of 4377 public visited the Museum during August 20, 2011 to September 19, 2011. 12 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during August 20, 2011 to September 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 the 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 7533 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Celebration of 17th International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer-2011:

The Museum has organized a quiz competition for the students of class VIII to X to mark the celebration of 17th International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer-2011 on 16th September, 2011. In this regard, circulars and posters were sent to 62 schools for wider publicity of the programme with 15th September 2011 as last date of registration. About 27 Schools responded to the invitation by sending a team of two students each from different districts of Odisha.

The quiz competition was organized in two parts i.e. written quiz (elimination round) consisting of objective questions based on nature, environment, wildlife and conservation. The top scoring six teams were selected for the oral quiz conducted by professional quiz master. The Oral quiz consisted of wide variety of questions to generate awareness about the importance of preservation of ozone layer. The First prize winning team was awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 4,000/-, followed by Rs. 3,000/- & Rs. 2,000/- as second and third prize respectively along with certificate. Three encouragement prizes of Rs. 1,000/- each were also given. All the participants were awarded with participation certificate.

The students from Loyola School, Bhubaneswar got the first prize followed by Demonstration Multipurpose School, Bhubaneswar and Ruchika High School, Bhubaneswar with second & third prize. Encouragement prizes were bagged by JNV, Cuttack, JNV, Deogarh and KIIT International School, BBSR. Audience were also given audience prizes for answering the audience round question.

Special Visit

About 50 students from NISER, Bhubaneswar visited the museum in 3 groups from 6.09.2011 to 8.09.2011 and special film shows was screened.

Skeleton display of baleen Whale

The process for the display of 47 feet baleen whale's skeleton in the gallery that has been collected from Gopalpur-on-sea during last year July is under progress. The design of steel framework and fabrication is in progress.

Maintenance of galleries

The maintenance activities involve replacement of electrical/electronic fittings, repair of showcases like replacement of old labels, beedings, faded acrylic sheets, damaged wood, plywood, repair of foreground and background areas with colour touch, chemical treatment etc. is in progress.


Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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