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To

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Subject: **Monthly Report for the Cabinet-reg.**

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Monthly report of various activities of the NMNH.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

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Progress report of NMNH: October 2011

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Wildlife Week (2-8 Oct'11)

An **Out-reach programme for Under-privileged children** in the age group 8-14 years was organized on the occasion of Wildlife Week on **7th & 8th October 2011**. Thirty under-privileged children from Village Hauz Khas Slums in Delhi were brought for the programme by an NGO - Khushi Centre for Rehabilitation and Research, South Extn., New Delhi. The purpose of the programme was to bring awareness among children about wildlife in India and help them understand basic concepts of Environment and Biodiversity through visits to Museum galleries and Delhi Zoo.

On Day 1, children visited NMNH where a talk was given about the wildlife of India followed by Nature Painting and Film show on Environment. The children were taken to the Museum galleries for exhibit interpretation through worksheets. A short story-telling session was held in the end.

On Day 2, the children reported at National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo). Sh. R. A. Khan, Curator (Education), NZP interacted with the children and explained them the importance of Zoo followed by a brief about the animals and birds in the Zoo. The children enjoyed the visit to different enclosures in the Zoo along with briefing about the animals by an expert.

New Biology Kits for Primary Level – Workshop for Trainee Teachers

A two day workshop with trainee teachers was organized for planning of new Biology kits for Primary level. The purpose of the workshop was to explore the conceptual ideas to develop prototypes for new Biology teaching kits to teach Environmental Science in schools at Primary level. The workshop was conducted on 20th & 21st October 2011 with 25 trainee teachers from D. I. E. T., Daryaganj, Delhi. Division of Educational Services organized the workshop in association with Art Section and Modeling Section in the Museum. Itinerary of the workshop included a talk by prominent resource person, discussion on biology kits as teaching aids, topics, brief information for the kits and specimen/models to be incorporated in the prototype kit. Presentation of the prototypes of biology kits by each group was given followed by feedback and suggestions from the trainee teachers.

School Visits and Family Groups:

6637 school students from 44 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. 2760 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.

Nature on Screen:

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

Meeting of Advisory Committee:

The 4th Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the NMNH under the chairmanship of Dr C. R. Babu, Emeritus professor, was convened on 25th October 2011.

CAG Vetting:

Teams from C&AG visited the Museum during 3-4 and 21-24 October 2011 to vet the answers to the queries raised by PAC

Audit inspection:

The Internal Inspection Audit of the MoEF undertook audit of the NMNH during 18-18 October 2011.

Lecture on Museum Design: Mr. Peter Taylorson from UK, a leading Agency dealing with Museum exhibits, gave a lecture on New Trends in museum Design to the staff on the 17th October.

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Painting Competition on Biodiversity Of Western Ghats 2011 Programme.

The competition was held on 18.09.2011. Around 200 No. of students participated in the competition and the judgment was held between 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm on the same day for which the photo documentation has been done. A total of 16 No. of entries were selected for the prizes in two groups. Results were announced in the office as well as through news papers the next day itself. The winners were intimated through telephone to attend the prize distribution function which was held on 23.09.2011 at 11.00am and distributed the Prizes and certificates. Participatory certificates were also been distributed to schools separately to all the participants.

Observation of Wildlife Week-2011 Programme

This Museum has organized a three days programme called "Observation of Wildlife Week-2010" Painting Competition on Wildlife and Film shows on Environment, Ecology and Wildlife for rural Higher Primary school students of Chinakuruli Govt. Girls High School on 1st Oct. and

