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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

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

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.

R.M.N.H. MYSORE

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

Panadavapura, Model Higher Primary School, P U College Premises on 3rd Oct.2011. On 1st October 2011 at Chinakuruli Govt. Girls High School, Sh. K. Manu, C/o MAN, Vijayanagar, Mysore, was invited as Resource Person and film show on wildlife was screened to the students. Nearly 37 students from various schools (08) around the Chinakuruli have been participated in the Painting competition on wildlife.

Shri Jagadesh, BEO, Pandavapura and was presided over the inaugural function, local school committee members were present and Dr. P.O. Naik, SEA, has Inaugurated the said on-going programme at panadavapura on 3rd Oct.2011. Sh. K. Manu was guest speaker and film show on wildlife was screened to the students. About 58 students from various schools (12) around the Pandavapura have participated in the Painting competition on wildlife. The said function and competition was organized at Panadavapura in collaboration and cooperation with Karnataka state Science Council Mandya Dist. Unit, Panadavapura Tq. Unit and The Dept of Public Instruction, Dept of Karanataka. Dr. Laxman singh Rathod, Lecrurer CAVA, Mysore, Sh. Nagaraju, Art Teacher, Pnadavapura Sh. B. Nagesh, Art Teacher, GHS Dinka, Panadavapura, were invited as Judge for Painting competition, 16 Prize winners from various Rural School students were taken to Sri Chamrazendra Zoological Gareden, Mysore on 4th Oct. 2011 at 10.00 a.m. as a wildlife visit. Valedictory & Prize distribution Function held at RMNH Auditorium at 3.00pm, Sh. Mahadevapp, Block Resource Person, Panadavapur, Sh. Krishnegowda, Lecturer, Govt. Jr. College, Panadavapur, Sh. Santhosh Kumar, Asstt. Teacher, Chittanahalli, were invited as guest of honour and speakers and Sh. Manoj Kumar, IFS, DCF, Mysore Division, Mysore was the Chief Guest.

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 8900 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum.

R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

14th Anniversary Programme:

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized 14th anniversary programme on 29th September, 2011 by 11:00 a.m. Dr. Pramod K. Rai, Professor of Botany was the Chief Guest of the programme. Two plants of endangered Cycas circinalis were planted in the Dinosaur Park by the Chief Guest. General visitors, invitees and all members of staff were present during the programme. There was an impressive news coverage in print and electronic media.

Wild Life Week Activity :-

Temporary Exhibition: Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal inaugurated a temporary exhibition on 'Extinct and Threatened Animal of India' on Oct. 1, 2011 coinciding the Wildlife Week. In this exhibition there were 24 exhibits like Lesser Florican, Bangal Florican, Rock Python, Reticlated Python, Magar, Gharial, Rinoceros, Wild Ass, Pangolin, Mouse Deer, Sloth

Bear, Nilgiri Tahr, Swamp Deer, Marbled Cat, Red Panda, Clouded Leopard, Indian Cheetah, Bison and Wild Baffelo depicted. This exhibition was kept opened for public upto 30th Oct. 2011. Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist was the co-ordinator of this exhibition.

Hindi Fortnight Programme:

RMNH, Bhopal organized valediction of Hindi Fortnight on September 28, 2010. Dr. Madhu Jain, Professor of Hindi from Govt. Excellence College, Bhopal was the Chief Guest of the programme. Various competition organized during the Hindi Fortnight. Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Education Assistant was awarded first prize while Shri Urba Dutt, LDC and Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist bagged second and third prizes respectively. Shri Nand Lal, Exhibit Preparator, Shri Sushil Kumar Chourey, Hindi Stenographer III and Shri Anil K. Sonparaote, Projectionist received encouragement prizes.

Collaboration Programme:

RMNH, Bhopal organized a programme on "Bats, Biodiversity and Part of Biodiversity" for the student of class 9 – 12 at Pragma School, Bhopal on Oct. 18, 2011. There were 80 students participated in the programme. In this connection, there was another programme on "Bear, Forests and Biodiversity" and "Elephant Etiquette" organized for the students of class 5th – 8th on Oct. 20th, 2011. 60 students attended the programmes. The study materials received from Zoo Outreach Organization, Coimbatore were distributed among the students.

Interview on Vivid Bharti:

An interview by Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Educational Assistant on "Impact of Diwali on Environment" was broadcast through Vivid Bharti, Bhopal on Oct. 21, 2011 on 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Deputation:

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist E was deputed at Raipur along with Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Educational Assistant during September 28 -29, 2011 to discuss and decide about venue, Chief Guest, Jury Members etc. to organize a "Poem Compose and Recite Competition" at Raipur in collaboration with Chhattisgarh Regional Science Centre, Raipur

Participation:

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist 'E' attended a valedictory function of Wild Life Week at Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal on October 7, 2011, presided by His Excellency Governor of Madhya Pradesh Hon'ble Shri Ram Naresh Yadav and Chairman in the presence of Hon'ble Shri Sartaj Singh, Minister of Forests, Govt. of M.P. and convened by Shri H. Pawla, PCCF, Forest Department, Govt. of M.P. In the meeting the role of RMNH in Wild Life Week programme was acknowledged on the stage.

Meeting with Chief Engineer, CCU:

A meeting was arranged with Shri B. N. Malhotra, Chief Engineer, CCU, New Delhi on October 11, 2011 at RMNH, Bhopal. The ongoing and pending sanctioned proposals were discussed during the meeting. The importance of the facilities for physically challenged and whose accessibility was discussed.

Visit of public :

A total number of 2981 public visited the Museum during September 20, 2011 to October 21, 2011. 8 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during September 20, 2011 to October 21, 2011. Special demos were arranged on the temporary exhibition. The theme was 'Extinct and Threatened Animal of India'.

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., BHUBNESHWAR**Orientation to integrated M.Sc. course students from NISER, Bhubaneswar:**

An orientation programme to the integrated M.Sc. course students from NISER, Bhubaneswar was organized on 14th October 2011 as part of teaching biology laboratory of their curriculum.

Skeleton display of baleen Whale:

Fabrication of M.S. angle framework for display of 47 feet baleen whale's skeleton and chemical processing of the skeleton collected from Gopalpur-on-sea during July last year is under progress.

Regional Committee meeting of the NEAC-2011-12:

Regional committee meeting of the NEAC-2011-12 was held in the museum from 17 – 21 October 2011 organized by CPREEC, Chennai under the chairmanship of Shri J.K. Tiwari, CCF, MoE&F, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. The meeting was organized to scrutinize and recommends financial grants to the NGOs from Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Orissa. Representatives from CPREEC, CEE-East and respective regional resource agencies of NEAC participated in the meeting.

Exhibition on wheels:

Exhibition on wheels was sent to Govt. High School, Tomando, Khurda along with specimens and models of animals for interaction with the students.

Visitors:

During the month visitor book recorded a total number of 9388 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups. Guided visit was provided for about 55 employees from Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India on 14.10.2011.

Shri M.M Pandey, Under Secretary, MoEF, New Delhi visited the Museum from 16.10.2011 to 18.10.2011. Shri O.P Joshi, Under Secretary, MoEF, New Delhi visited the museum on 20.10.2011. Vice Admiral (Retd.) S. H. Sarma, PVSM of Indian Navy visited the Museum on 11.10.2011