

Monthly Report of NMNH: November 2011

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

National Education Day (11th Nov. 2011)

An **Out-reach Programme for Trainee Teachers** was held on 11th & 12th November 2011 to commemorate National Education Day. 45 students pursuing B.El.Ed. at Mata Sundri College for Women (University of Delhi) participated in this programme. The programme included a visit to National Bal Bhavan on Day-1 starting with introductory talk on “Importance of using Science/Environment models in Teaching” followed by making of low cost Science/Environment models and Environmental games. The participants also visited Children’s Museum at NBB to learn “Museum as Resource for Teaching”. On Day-2, the trainee teachers visited National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo) to observe wild animals & migratory birds and to learn the role of Zoos in imparting education. Shri R. A. Khan, Curator (Education), NZP and Dr. Manoj Kumar, Biological Assistant, NZP interacted with the participants.

NMNH – HT PACE Interschool Essay Writing Competition

On 14th November 2011 NMNH in association with HT PACE, NMNH-HT PACE Interschool Essay Writing Competition was conducted for HT PACE member schools. The competition was conducted in two categories: Junior category for class IV & V and Senior category for class VI, VII & VIII. One participant in each category was invited from each participating school. Maximum 200 students were allowed to participate. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges nominated by NMNH. First, Second, Third and Five Encouragement Prize winners in each category will be declared who will be awarded prizes in a Prize Distribution Function to be held in December 2011. The First Prize winners in each category will be awarded the glittering NMNH- HT PACE Rolling Trophy for their schools. In addition all 16 winners will be taken for an exciting Nature Trip to a Biodiversity Park on 10th December 2011.

Out-reach Programme for Specially-Challenged Children

To commemorate International Day for Disabled (3rd December 2011), an Out-reach programme for Specially-Challenged Children is being conducted by NMNH. In this connection a one day out-reach programme for Mentally challenged and Hearing impaired children from Aanchal & Paavan NDMC School was held on 23rd November 2011. The children visited National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo) where they observed wild animals and birds in different enclosures. They also had a chance to observe the Migratory birds in the wet lands of the Zoo. Token Gifts and Refreshment were provided to the participating children. Similar out-reach programmes will be held in November-December 2011 for other categories of specially-challenged children, i.e., visually challenged and physically challenged.

School Visits and Family Groups:

13,324 school students and teachers from 105 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. 2595 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.

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Exhibitions:

The temporary Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats” which was inaugurated on 23.9.2011 continued.

Conference /Seminars/ Workshops etc.

Dr. P. Onkara Naik, Sr. Educational Assistant, Shri B.S.Yogendra, Educational Assistant, Shri D.R. Srinivasa, Artist attended the Workshop on Museum Management and Conservation at Regional Conservation Laboratory, Mysore, organized by the Dept. of Archeology, Museums & Heritage, Govt. of Karnataka from 22nd to 24th Nov.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.

Visits of Public:

During the month, a total number of 11,735 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family group visited the Museum.

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Exhibition at Regional Science Center:

RMNH, Bhopal operated an information center and exhibited ‘Pangolin’ at Science Fiesta held at Regional Science Center, Bhopal during November 10 – 11, 2011. Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist was the coordinator of this programme.

Deputation:

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist E was deputed at Amarkantak along with Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Educational Assistant during November 3-4, 2011 to make preliminary arrangement to organize winter nature camp 2011-12.

Participation:

1. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist E attended Children's Science Congress inauguration at Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyala, Ratibad, Bhopal along with Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist on November 14, 2011.
2. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist E attended the valedictory session of science fiesta at Regional Science Center, Bhopal along with Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist on November 11, 2011.

Special Visit:

Participants of Regional Science Congress 2011 visited museum on November 17, 2011. This congress was organized at Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyala, Ratibad, Bhopal. The participants from Madhya Pradesh, Chhattishgarh and Orissa participated in this congress.

Visit of public:

A total number of 4096 public visited the Museum during the month of November, 2011. 05 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during October 20, 2011 to November 21, 2011. The visit of the Science Congress participants is the highlight of this month.

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.

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Display of Whale's Skeleton:

M.S Angle framework for display of the 47.3 feet skeleton of the Baleen whale has been completed and the showcase work with plywood fixing completed. Now articulation of the bones and final chemical treatment is in progress. All necessary measurements of the skull and vertebrae and appendages were taken for morphometric studies for research.

Exhibition on wheels:

Exhibition on wheels was on display from 12th to 16th November, 2011 in Balasore and Jajpur districts of Odisha. About 15578 school children and general public from 22 schools visited the exhibition. Children from the following schools visited the exhibition.

Balasore District

Nampo High School, Nampo	Badakhuei Primary School
Sanakhudi PSY. School	Badakhuei M.E School
Sanakhudi U.P. School	Laxmanpada Primary School
Tigiria Primary School	Dhanahanda Primary School
Tigiria High School	Dhanahanda M.E School
Pandwurgi UGUP School	Dhanahanda High School
Pandwurgi High School	M.C Balashram Primary School
Mathani Primary School	Hemalata M.E School

Jajpur District

Jagabandhu Nodal Bidyapith	Neulpur Nodal UP School
Panikoili High School	Panchayati Girl's High School
Govt. U.G. High School	Nilasundar High School

Meet the Scientist programme

Shri G.N. Indresha, Scientist-C, participated in the inaugural function and Meet the Scientist Programme as Guest of Honour during the 19th State Level Children's Science Congress-2011 organized by National Council for Science and Technology communication, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India with the focal theme of the congress "**Land resources- Use for Prosperity, Save for Posterity**". He delivered a talk on the topic and interacted with the young scientists participated from all over Odisha.

Organizing Committee Meeting of Odisha Environment Congress-2011

Organizing committee meeting of Odisha Environment Congress-2011 to be held from 22nd to 24th December-11 on the focal theme "Forest Resources of Odisha- Issues, Challenges and Potentials was held on 30th October, 2011.- under the chairmanship of Shri Vinod Kumar, IFS, PD, OFSDP. This congress is jointly organized by RMNH, Centre for Environment and Development, Human Development Foundation and Dept. of Forest and Environment, Govt. of Odisha.

Participation in the 14th Odisha Bigyan Congress-2011

Shri G.N. Indresha, Scientist-C, participated in the 14th Odisha Bigyan Congress held on 12th and 13th November, 2011 at OUAT, Bhubaneswar.

Visits of public:

During the month visitor book recorded a total number of 11440 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Special Visit:

- i) About 145 Participants, escorts and volunteers of 9th Anjali National Children's Festival 2011 visited on 11th & 13th November 2011. A special film show was screened for them.
- ii) Guided visit was provided for about 84 employees from Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India on 14.10.2011.
- iii) About 156 children of Suravi-2011 visited the museum on 13.11.2011 from Sishu Mahostav.
- iv) 93 visitors from Dalmia ITC, Rajgangpur, Sundargarh, Industrial Training Centre visited the museum on 16.11.2011.