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To
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New Delhi-3.

SUB:- MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET – REG.

Sir,

The National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi and its Regional Museums organized the following educational programmes, in addition to its normal activities, during the month of **September, 2009**:

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer: NMNH conducted a “Declamation Contest” for the school students of Delhi and NCR (Class IX & X) on the occasion of “International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer” on 16th September, 2009. The aim of this contest was to sensitize the school children on the issue of preservation of life saving ozone layer. The theme given by UNEP for this year is - **“Universal participation: Ozone protection unifies the world”**. Topic given for Declamation contest was - **“YOUR ROLE IN BEING AN OZONE FRIENDLY CITIZEN”**

Around 30 schools participated in the contest. Each participant was given a time period of 3 minutes to express their views on the topic either English or in Hindi. Mrs. Pratima Gupta, Field Officer in Center for Cultural Resources and Training (M/o. Culture), Dwarka, Delhi and Mrs. Asha Bhattacharya, Assistant Director (Science), National Bal Bhawan, Kotla Road, Delhi were the judges of the event. First, Second, Third and five Encouragement Prizes were declared. The winners will receive the prizes on the Valedictory Function Day of National Environmental Awareness Campaign, 2009.

Special Visits:

- Around 43 students/ staff from an NGO, Ashray (Association for School Health and Rehabilitation Action by Youth), Choukhandi Village, Titlark Nagar, N.Delhi visited NMNH on 18th September, 2009 and they were given proper guidance in the gallery.
- CCRT, Dwarka N.Delhi brought 87 students/ staff of CRPF Public School, Dwarka Sec. -16 for a special visit on 2nd September, 2009. Gallery interpretation was given by the staff of Division of Education, (DES) and film show on wild life was screened for them.

- Tiny tots (Pre- Nursery) from R.A.K. Child Study Centre, Lady Irwin School, brought 23 students and 5 staff for a special visit in the museum on 9th September 2009.
- Ramjas Foundation organizes Junior Vanshala Camp for students of different branches of its school every year. They take the students on a Nature Camp to any place in Uttarakhand / U.P. / Haryana every year. They brought their students for having basic introduction on Ecology and Environmental education. The Educational staff interacted with them in the museum galleries and briefed them on the tips to follow when going out in wild.

School Visits: Around 5910 students/teachers, from 64 schools of Delhi and NCR visited the museum. The educational staff interacted with them in the galleries for exhibit interpretation and to satisfy their query.

Family Group / General Visitors: Around 1834 general visitors visited the museum. Their query was satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also distributed to them.

R.M.N.H., MYSORE

Teachers Orientation Workshop – 2009: Teachers Orientation Workshop – 2009 was organized for Higher Primary School Science Teachers at Hunsur, Mysore District, during 24-27 August 2009 at Shikshakara Bhawan, Hunsur. Nearly 30 teachers participated in the workshop. The following sessions were conducted during the workshop: (1) How to test Food adulteration & Water quality test are conducted by Prof. A. Ramalingam, (2) Low cost teaching aid development (Origami) by Shri Muralidhara, (3) Low cost teaching aid development (Modelling) by K Raghavendra (4) Slide show on wild life & interaction session by K. Manu.

In the inaugural and valedictory functions Shri N. Kumarasamy, Jt. Director Public information, Mysore Division, Shri S.T. Jvare Gowda, Block Education Officer and Shri Narashimaiah, Education Officer, Mysore District participated.

International Ozone Day: International Ozone Day – 2009 was observed during 14-16 September 2009. **Written Quiz Competition** was conducted for the PUC Students on 14th September 2009. **Debate Competition** was conducted for the Degree Students on 15th September 2009

Public Lecture: A lecture about Ozone and its importance was delivered by Shri Satheesh, Teacher, Regional Institute of Education, Mysore for the students and General Public on 16th September 2009. Shri Nanda Kumar, Senior Environment Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Mysore was the Chief Guest.

Special Programme of the Month: A workshop on Butterflies was conducted at the Auditorium of the Museum on 6th September 2009 by RMNH, Mysore in collaboration with the NGO organization Arivu Educational and Cultural Trust, Lingambudi Palya, Mysore. Large number of students and general public participated in the workshop. A book “Chitaigalu” written by Shri Krishna Das, Kannada was released by the Scientist-in-Charge, RMNH, Mysore in this occasion.

Visit of Public and organised groups: A total number of 6,696 visitors visited the museum which includes organised groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

Visit: Hon'able Union Minister of Environment & Forests, Shri Jayram Ramesh visited RMNH at Bhopal on 12 September, 2009 during his official visit at Bhopal. He appreciated the museum and the research attempts.

Programmes during the month:

1. **MPCOST**, Bhopal organized "Young Talent Search" programme at RMNH on September 5, 2009.
2. **PARVARISH** – The Museum School celebrated Annual Ceremony in collaboration with RMNH, Bhopal at RMNH Campus on September 6, 2009.
3. **Central Pollution Control Board**, Bhopal organized a foundation stone ceremony. The programme was organized at RMNH on September 12, 2009 with our logistics in presence of Shri Jayram Ramesh, Hon'able Union Minister of Environment & Forests.
4. **Hindi Fortnight Programme:** Hindi Fortnight inaugurated on September 14, 2009 at RMNH, Bhopal. Various Hindi competitions were held during the Hindi Fortnight.
5. **WWF** - One day workshop on "**Climate Change**" was organized by WWF, Bhopal on September 17, 2009 at RMNH, Bhopal utilizing RMNH resources.

Visit of Public: A total number of 4207 visitors so far visited the Museum during August 22 to September 21, 2009. **Organized Groups:** 561 numbers of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during August 22 to September 21, 2009.

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

1. "You too can win" – a programme with a difference for the differently abled: With an aim of reaching out to the school and to involve the entire school of hearing impaired this programme was organized for about 125 students at BBC School for the Deaf, Bhubaneswar on 16th of September 2009 coinciding with the **International day for preservation of Ozone layer**. The children actively participated in the painting competition, sand art, paper craft and clay modeling competitions and enjoyed doing the activities. The prize winners will be awarded in the forth coming Wild life week. About 300 school students of Delhi Public School, Kalinga visited the museum in two batches on 14th and 17th September 2009. An organized visit was arranged for them. The students interacted in the live corner looking at the turtles, lizards and spiders. They also enjoyed a film on wildlife screened for them in the auditorium.

2. Reserve collection activities:

- A bird specimen (Yellow backed Lori) was collected from Nadankan Zoological Park after it died on 17th September. It has been preserved properly for further taxidermy and skinning work.
- A dead Barn Owl was also collected as a donation from a local resident which has been preserved for further research and taxidermy preparations.
- The bones of dead Bats were cleaned for de-training to students of graduate classes the adaptive features and Osteological modifications in aerial mammals.

3. International Biodiversity Year – “Gallery on North East Biodiversity”: In order to open the gallery on northeast biodiversity the scientific and technical staff is working out the details of the floor plan, themes, sequence of exhibits to give final shape to the whole process of gallery development. Initial proposal at the cost of Rs. 961,260/- has been submitted in this regard.

Public Visit: During this month visitor’s book recorded a total of 4,805 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Smt. Naaz Rizvi)
Scientist-C & Head of Office

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Subject NMNH-Monthly Report- 2009

The Deputy Secretary (GC), MoEF

Sir,
Monthly Report for Cabinet in respect of NMNH is attached for the month of, 2009.
Regards,

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