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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,

Please find enclosed the Monthly Report of the National Museum of Natural History for the month of **May, 2012.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)
Director

Copy to:

Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Monthly Report for the month of May, 2012

NMNH HQ, New Delhi

SVPC (Summer Vacation Programme for Children) -2012

NMNH HQ New Delhi has organised SVPC-2012 from 18th to 31st May, 2012. The programme involved orientation by Education staff and interactive sessions with Art and Modelling Units. The activities included Nature Painting, Still Life/Pencil Shading, Creating Art out of Waste, Animal/Bird Mask making, Talk/Slide Presentation on Nature in our surrounding, Nature Quiz, Artificial Flower making, Clay modeling in Round/3D Model, Making your own Relief Model in Clay, Nature Painting Contest and Visit to Nehru Planetarium. Valediction and Prize Distribution will be held on 31st May 2012.

YEYA (Young Environmentalist of the Year Award) 2012

The national selection of the YEYA 2012 was done on 5th May 2012 by a panel of Judges who judged the winners of 5 Regional level competitions (organised at the Museums in New Delhi, Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur) on the 22nd April 2012. Tushar Sahay, a student of class XII of Lilawati Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary . School, Shakti Nagar, New Delhi was judged as the YEYA 2012. The winner will be given the award on 5th June on the occasion of World Environment Day.

International Day for the Biological Diversity (22nd May 2012):

A special session on “Creating Art out of Waste” was organized for the participants of SVPC on 22nd May 2012 as part of IDBD.

School visits and Family groups/General visitors

3812 school students and teachers from 33 schools in Delhi and NCR visited NMNH Museum galleries. Around 2761 general visitors visited the Museum. The educational staff interacted with the students and general visitors in the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. Publication material was also provided to them.

Film Shows: Daily film shows on environment were shown to public at 11 am and 3 pm.

Director’s participation:

The Director NMNH was invited to the following Meetings:

- a. Meetings on Innovations in Science Museums organised by the National Innovation Council,
- b. Meeting of NEAC organised by the MoEF on 11th May 2012.
- c. Foundation Day of the RMNH Mysore on 20th May 2012

MoEF’s assignments to NMNH:

The MoEF assigned the NMNH with the following national level programmes:

- a. Knowledge partner for Science Express: Biodiversity Special (SEBS) especially with reference to Western Ghats: The NMNH provided information about Western Ghats and loaned collections of shells and butterflies for the SEBS. Interview for selection of Interpreters for the SEBS at New Delhi was arranged in the NMNH.
- b. Organisation of World Environment Day 2012. This year also the MoEF has assigned the NMNH as the organiser of the WED 2012 on 5th June 2012. Official launch of SEBS from the Safdarjung Railway Station is the attraction of this year’s WED programme of the MoEF.

RMNH, Mysore

SVPC (Summer Vacation Programme for Children) -2012

The RMNH Mysore organized Summer Vacation Programme for Children 2012 for the students born between 1st April 2000 & 31st March 2002. The programme was inaugurated on 7th May 2012 by Shri. C. Rajasundaram, Scientist –D. The programme includes various activities like Mural painting using M-Seal base and Acrylic paints (Expert Smt. Veena Chandan, Artist), “Science behind Magic” (Expert Nagaraju, Shri. Madevappa). Model preparation (Expert Shri. Mahadeva Swamy), lecture on “Flora & Fauna of Chamundi Hills” (Shri. K. Manu from Mysore Amature Naturalist). Zoo visit (Sh. Somashekar, Education Officer and Mr. Shreyas), nature trail to Karanji Lake; field trip to ‘Ranganathittu bird sanctuary’ (Shri Kanthraj, Forester) and skit on Nature

Foundation Day

The 18th Foundation Day of RMNH Mysore was held on 20th May 2012 in which Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and Sh. H.M. Siddanagowder, Director (Museums) Dept. of Archeology, Museums and Heritage, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore was the Guest of Honour. Prizes were distributed among the winners of SVPC and YEYA competition held earlier.

Special Museum visits to the camp students of NGO Pratham

During 23-25 May 2012, Special Museum visits were arranged to the socially and economically weaker camp students of Pratham an NGO based in Mysore. Gallery guidance and film shows on wildlife were arranged during the visit. 120 high school students in 3 batches benefited with the programme.

Office re-organisation:

All the office files (old & current) were re-organised, filed and labeled properly and arranged in the racks for easy access.

Gallery Development:

- a. Initiatives were taken to implement the commentary for the Gallery on “Life through the Ages” by the Education Unit as per the directions of Additional Secretary.
- b. Initiatives were taken to repair the scale model of the Blue Whale in the Gallery by Technical Unit as per the directions of the Additional Secretary.

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 6414 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum.

Film Shows: Daily film shows on environment were shown at 12.00 noon and 4.00 pm arranged for visitors.

RMNH, Bhopal

SVPC (Summer Vacation Programme for Children) -2012

The RMNH Bhopal inaugurated Summer Vacation Programme for Children -2012 on May 18th, 2012. Students from various schools of Bhopal attended the inaugural session along with their parents. A session on Origamy' was arranged on April 19, 2012 by Shri Vinay Sapre, Instructor from Jawahar Bal Bhawan, Bhopal with Dr. Vipin Vyas, Prof. of Limnology from Barkatullah University, Bhopal the Chief Guest.

International Museum Day:

As part of the IMD on 18th May 2012, a lecture was delivered by Shri Manoj K. Sharma, Taxidermist on 'future of Museums: challenges and inspirations'. Dr. Sujit Som, former Director of IGRMS presided over the function.

Collaborative Programmes

1. Centre for Environment Education, Bhopal arranged a pledge on April 22, 2012: World Earth Day. Participants of poster design competition and their parents participated in this programme and they pledged to save water and energy. Shri Chakervarty and Shri Sathyaranjan conducted this pledge session.

2. Save Tiger: Paryatna, an NGO and National Law Institute University, Bhopal organized an interactive session on "Save Tiger" on April 22, 2012: World Earth Day with the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal. Shri Suhas Kumar, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests – Wildlife was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E from RMNH, Bhopal, Shri Ajay Dubey from Paryatna, an NGO and Dr. Raka Arya from National Law Institute University, Bhopal were in the panel. Many students, teachers and general visitors attended the programme. Shri Manoj K. Sharma, Taxidermist from the Museum co-ordinated the programme.

Participation:

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended an Inauguration Session of three days State Level Teacher Training Workshop at ICAF, Shahpura, Bhopal on May 14, 2012 as the chief guest. This workshop was organized by Science Center Gwl. Bhopal.

Visitors:

A total number of 3845 public visited the Museum during April 20, 2012 to May 19, 2012. 5 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during April 20, 2012 to May 19, 2012

Film Shows:

Film shows on environment were shown to public daily at 3.00 p.m.

RMNH, Bhubaneswar

SVPC (Summer Vacation Programme for Children) -2012

The RMNH Bhubaneswar organised Summer Vacation Programme for Children -2012 during 22-31 May 2012. Children from various parts of Bhubaneswar attended the various programmes.

Collection/ taxidermy Work:

A specimen of dead Pangolin has been collected from Berhampur Forest Division on 10.05.2012. Skinning, tanning and curing is under way.

Exhibition on wheels:

Exhibition on Wheels on the theme “Forest Wealth” was on display on 28th and 29th April, 2012 at Capital High School, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee celebration of the school, for the benefit of students and public to promote inclusive education. Around 1250 students with guardians and teachers and general public visited the mobile exhibition which was on display in the school campus.

Special Visit:

1) 15 Programme officers of All India Radio from Chattishgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha who were participants of the workshop on “Radio for Green & Clean Environment” organized by STI, All India Radio and Doordarshan, Bhubaneswar visited the Museum on 16.05.2012 to know more about biodiversity of the nature and its preservation. A detailed presentation on various activities of Natural History Museum and how AIR can play a role for the cause of green and clean environment was presented by Shri G.N. Indresha, Scientist-C & H.O., RMNH, Bhubaneswar.

2) 35 students with their teachers from ZEAL (Silicon Institute of Technology) visited the Museum on 06.05.2012 and special film show was screened for them.

Visitors:

During the month 10,461 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum.

Film shows:

Film shows on environment were shown to public daily at 3.00 p.m.

RG RMNH Sawai Madhopur

SVPC (Summer Vacation Programme for Children) -2012

The Rajiv Gandhi RMNH at Sawai Madhopur organised Summer Vacation Programme for Children - 2012 in May 2012. Children from various parts of Sawai Madhopur attended the various programmes.

Scientist joined:

Mr. Yunus, earlier working as Taxidermist at RMNH Bhubaneswar, who was selected as Scientist C, joined for duty at RMNH Sawai Madhopur.

Exhibition on Biodiversity of Rajasthan:

Teams from the NMNH HQ New Delhi visited the RMNH SM on different occasions during the month to supervise the work of development of Exhibition on Biodiversity of Rajasthan.