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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 **July, 2012.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)  
Director

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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 JULY, 2012**

#### **NMNH HQ, New Delhi**

##### **Outreach programme for Sapera community**

A special out-reach programme was conducted for the children from Sapera community (Snake charmers) of Delhi during 5-7 July 2012 to make them aware of their environment and help them use the Museum resources to enhance their knowledge about nature and wildlife through various activities and visits. The programme included exposure to the Museum resources, creative programmes in the Museum, interactive sessions in the Sapera colony, visit to Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Vasant Vihar etc. In addition to the Education, Art and Modelling units, a few outside experts and NGO “Khushi” were involved in organising the programme. There was an interesting session on evolution of snakes, snakes of India, types of poisons, poisonous & non-poisonous snakes and their habits & habitats by the Snake expert Sh. Debonik Mukherjee. The snake charmer Shri Karmanath shared his knowledge about the herbs that he uses for treating snake bite victims. In the concluding session, Shri Karmanath, the snake charmer, played a tune on his “Been”.

##### **“Save Our Tigers” campaign**

NMNH was one of the Venues of the popular TV event “Save Our Tigers” campaign by NDTV– Aircell on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2012. It was aimed at spreading awareness about the state of tigers and the threat to their survival. The event was collaboration among NMNH, Sanctuary India magazine and NDTV and was covered live during the telethon. The activities included Drawing competition, Collage making, Mask making and Clay modeling. Many Units of the Museum (Education, Art, Modelling etc) along with Scientists were involved. A large number of school children from Delhi and NCR and their teachers, parents/guardians participated in this event. The event started at 10:00 am and continued till 6:00 pm. Special films based on nature, environment and wildlife especially on Tigers were screened in the Museum auditorium. School children were involved in making a large collage of Tiger in the Museum. The Taxidermist from RMNH Bhopal explained the importance of tigers with the help of specimens of tiger skulls. Shri Nitin Gadkari, the President BJP and Dr. R. K. Pachauri, the DG of TERI, visited the Museum during the programme and their opinion about saving the tigers were telecast by NDTV.

##### **Trainee teacher Visitors**

A group of 145 numbers of ETE trainee teachers from D.I.E.T., Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi visited the Museum on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012. SEA from Education Division interacted with the trainee teachers and acquainted them with the role of Museum in education. They were taken around the

Museum galleries for exhibit interpretation followed by making of worksheets for elementary level on the topics based on museum exhibits.

### **Internship Programme**

A group of 9 students from Delhi Institute of Heritage Research & Management (DIHRM) are undergoing an Internship Programme at NMNH from 5<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012. They have interaction with the various Units of the Museum.

### **Workshop on Evaluation of Museum Visitors and Exhibitions**

A national workshop on “Evaluation of Museum Visitors and Exhibitions” is being arranged by the NMNH during 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012. It is a capacity building training programme for the staff from the NMNH and other Museums as well as students of Museology/Heritage etc

### **Family groups/ General Visitors**

During July 2012, about 521 students & teachers from 7 schools/ institutes in Delhi and NCR visited the Museum. In addition 500 students along with their teachers, parents/guardians participated in the NDTV-Aircell “Save Our Tigers Campaign” on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012. About 1520 general visitors also visited Museum during the month (data as on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012).

Visit of experts from Iran

Mr. Ali Dehgahi, Director of Iran Cultural House and Mr. Majid, In-charge of cultural activities, visited the Museum on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and discussed with the Director and Scientists in order to explore the possibilities of organising programmes on subjects of bilateral interest such as Persian gardens and Spice route.

### **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.

## **RMNH, Mysore**

### **Organization of VANMAHOTSVA-2012**

The RMNH Mysore organised various programmes in connection with Van Mahotsav 2012. Programme was held at Govt. High School and PU College, Mylaarapattana, Nagamagala Tq. Mandya Dist. on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Govt. High School, Karadahalli, Nagamanagala Tq. Mandya Dist. on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Govt. High School, Guthulu, Mandya on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Shri Gurumalleshwar High School, Hallere, Nanajanagud Tq. on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and Govt. High School, Annur, H.D. Kote Tq. Mysore Dist on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012

### **Exhibition Development**

Preparations are going on for the development of a temporary exhibition on “Namma Mysooru”

### **Visitors**

During the month, a total number of 3074 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 for the benefit of visitors.

## **RMNH, Bhopal**

### **Fossils Collection:**

Three numbers of fossils were collected from Shri Vinod Shrivastava, from Umriya, Madhya Pradesh.

### **Meeting With ZSI:**

A meeting was arranged on July 10, 2012 between 02:30 pm. to 03:30 pm. with Dr. S. Sambath, Scientist C & Office-in-Charge of Zoological Survey of India, Zonal office, Jabalpur in order to explore the possibility of bilateral collaboration.

### **Amenities for Challenged Community:**

Construction of two ramps and a toilet are being completed for challenged community by Civil Construction Unit, MOEF.

### **Special Visits:**

Ten students of M.Tech. from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, visited the Museum on June 23, 2012. Master Sattha, class 6<sup>th</sup> student from Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 3, Bhopal and two students from Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Ratanpur, Bhopal visited the Museum for their projects under the guidance of the Scientist E.

### **Visitors**

A total number of 2825 public and two groups of students/ teachers visited the Museum during June 20, 2012 to July 19, 2012.

### **Film Shows:**

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

## **RMNH, Bhubaneswar**

### **Environmental Awareness Programme-2012 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas:**

Environmental Awareness Programmes-2012 were held at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Khordha on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mundali, Cuttack on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Each programme included a written quiz on environment of 30 minutes duration followed by Film show on nature, environment & wildlife of 30 min. duration, presentation on poisonous and non-poisonous snakes by "Snake Helpline" and interaction with the participants. In each programme 125 students participated in the quiz competition and about 260 students took part in the interaction session about nature conservation, biodiversity and ecology through power point Presentation by Scientist-C. The winners were awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1,000/-, Rs. 750/-, 500/- as Ist, IInd and IIIrd prize respectively along with 05 consolation prizes of Rs. 200/- each and certificates in the presence of the Principal and staff of the School.

### **Van Mahotsav**

The Museum observed Van Mahotsav during 1<sup>st</sup> week of July by planting saplings of different species in the campus.

### **Exhibition of Baleen Whale Skeleton:**

Articulation of different bones of the baleen whale skeleton has been completed for the purpose of display and positioned in the specially prepared structural framework of 50' length. Panel work is completed and the exhibit is ready for inauguration shortly.

### **Taxidermy work:**

A dead pangolin collected from Berhampur Forest Division was processed and preserved for display in the Gallery.

### **Visitors:**

During the month 6,668 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum. In addition, 206 girls NCC cadets from different part of Odisha visited.

### **Film shows:**

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