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To

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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 August, **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 AUGUST, 2012

NMNH HQ, New Delhi

Workshop to “Develop and Evaluate Learning Kits” based on NCERT Curriculum for primary level:

(22 – 23 August, 2012)

Two days workshop was conducted from 22nd – 23rd August, 2012 at NMNH, New Delhi for getting expert guidance from NCERT, DIET and In-service teachers (Navyug Schools) to develop and evaluate Learning Kits for teaching Environmental Studies at Primary level based on NCERT curriculum. Trainee teachers from DIET (Daryaganj, R. K. Puram) also participated in this workshop.

Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C, NMNH welcomed the participants followed by Inaugural talk by Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH. Dr. Dharamprakash, Professor (Retd.), NCERT, Dr. Manju Jain, Prof., Dept. of Elementary Education, NCERT, Dr. Sunita, Associate Prof., Science Department, NCERT were the experts who presented their views and guided the participants during the workshop. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Principal, DIET, Daryaganj & Dr. G. K. Vadera, Lecturer, DIET, R.K. Puram also gave their valuable suggestions based on their experience with trainee teachers.

Dr. Jaya Prasoon, SEA, NMNH gave a brief information about the Learning kits prepared by NMNH as follow-up of workshop done with trainee teachers from DIET in October 2011. A discussion session was held on text content and suggestions were invited on activities and write ups to be incorporated in the learning kits. First day's session ended with rectifying the content and finalizing the information sheets on activities and write ups to be shaped in the form of user's guide for the kits.

On second day, the session started with developing user's guide for each kit and its finalization. Final formats of user's guide for the five learning kits were presented by the participants in the post lunch session. The activity based contents of the kits were modified on common themes which could be used by different classes at primary level. Feedback and suggestions regarding evaluation of the kits by the experts and participants were received at the end of the session.

Review Meeting: A review meeting of the NMNH (HQ and RMNH) was undertaken by the Additional Secretary (NC) on 17th August 2012 in her chamber in the MoEF in which the Advisor (GVS), Director (SCG) and US (MMP) from the NMNH Cell in the MoEF participated along with the Director (BV), F&AO (DKG) and AO (VK) of the NMNH. There was a teleconference with all Regional Museums under the NMNH.

Family Groups/General Visitors

2216 students & teachers from 20 Schools/institutes in Delhi and NCR visited museum. 2677 general visitors visited museum during the month. The educational staff interacted with the visitors and provided information on the exhibits displayed in the galleries. The visitors were also requested to fill the Feedback forms giving their remarks and suggestions regarding the facilities available in the museum.

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

Gallery Development:

The work for the renovation of public toilet is continued by the CCU.

Film Shows:

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

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 3440 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum.

RMNH, Bhopal

Rakshabandhan:

RMNH, Bhopal organized Rakshabandhan Programme for trees on the concept “Plants and animals have got every right to live and feel protected” on August 4, 2012. More than 200 children from Parvarish – Museum School participated in this programme. The trees namely ‘Copper Pod – *Peltaphorum plerocarpum*’ ‘Monkey Bread – *Holoptedia integrifolia*’ ‘Sissoo – *Dalbergia sissoo*’ ‘Indian goose berry – *Emblica officinalis*’ were selected symbolically for this programme. Children and general public knotted the rakshasutra to the selected trees.

Collaborative Programme:

CRIL-NLIU and PRAYTNA, Bhopal based NGO arranged a debate competition on “Save Tiger” for law students on August 12, 2012. Shri Manoj Shrivastava, Principal Secretary of Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E, Dr. Raka Arya, NLIU, Shri Ajay Dubey, Secretary, Praytna and Shri Siddharth Gupta, Advocate of Madhya Pradesh High Court were present in the programme.

Participation of Scientist E: The Scientist E participated as a Judge at the competition on-the-spot speech competition based on Biodiversity which was organized by EPCO, Bhopal in preparation for CoP11.

Film Shows:

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

Visits: Shri U. Duriraj, Director-in-Charge, GSI, Bhopal and Shri R.C. Shukla, Director, PSS, GSI, Bhopal visited RMNH, Bhopal to discuss with the Scientist-E about the collaborative programmes involving restructure the geology exhibits. .

A total number of 4956 public visited the Museum during July 20, 2012 to August 19, 2012. 8 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum’s galleries during July 20 to August 19, 2012.

70 Participants of Children Workshop along with 17 teachers visited Museum on August 8, 2012 as part of a workshop organized by EPCO, Bhopal.

RMNH, Bhubaneswar

Competitions:

Painting competition was organized to commemorate 8th Anniversary of the Museum for the students of class I to IV & V to VII and a written quiz competition for VIII to X & +2 students. In response to the publicity through letters, posters and banners, a total of 1,531 and 555 students registered for the painting and written quiz competitions respectively. Out of the registered participants 1,118 and 346 participated in the painting and quiz competitions respectively.

Anniversary:

The 8th anniversary of the Museum was arranged on 10th August 2012 in which the following participated. Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Bijayashree Routray, Hon'ble Minister, Forest & Environment, Labour & Employees State insurance, Govt. of Odisha, Shri Debi Prasad Mishra, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Animal Resources Development, Govt. of Odisha, Dr. (Mrs.) P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, Former Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University, Dr. G. V. Subrahmanyam, Advisor, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India and Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH, New Delhi.

Exhibition:

During the 8th Anniversary of the Museum on 10th August 2012 an Exhibition on "Baleen Whale skeleton and some Interesting Marine Creatures" was inaugurated by the Hon CM. The skeleton is believed to be the largest (47.3 ft.) collected in post-independent India.

Publications:

During the Anniversary, the Museum's annual Newsletter and brochure on whales (English and Oriya) were released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Extension/ Out-reach programme:

Environmental Awareness Programme-2012 for JNVs of Odisha was held at JNV Konark, Puri District on 18th August 2012 and at JNV, Salbani, Mayurbhanj District on 19th August 2012. A total of 234 students participated in the quiz competition and about 755 students took part. 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.

Visitors:

During the month 10,415 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.

RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur

Temporary Exhibition: The work on Exhibition development is progressing. Fabrication work, modelling work and art work are progressing with guidance from staff from NMNH.

Visitors:

Sh. B.N. Malhotra, Chief Engineer (CCU) visited the Museum for inspection of work of the work of construction of the Museum.

Even though the Museum is not open to public, many visitors regularly drop in to the Museum on curiosity. Seventy nine Visitors from different institutions and about 43 villagers visited during the month.