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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 September, 2012.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)
Director

Copy to:

Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road,
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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2012

COP 11 PROGRAMMES:

Poster-making Competitions:

In connection with the 11th Conference of Parties to the CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity), the NMNH will be hosting a Sahyadri Children's Biodiversity Congress (SCBC). As part of the first Phase of the SCBC, the RMNH Mysore organised poster-making competitions for students between 14-17 years of age in the states of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu within the Sahyadri (Western Ghats) area during the current month. The First prize winners from the three States are Master Sanjay Shastry from Mysore (Karnataka), B. Jisnu from Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) and M.S. Shwetha from Chennai (Tamil Nadu) has been informed to get ready for paper presentation on Biological Diversity of Western Ghats at Sahyadri Children Biodiversity Congress which will be held on 6th October. 2012 at Salar Jung Museum.

National Biodiversity Museum:

On the invitation of the government of Andhra Pradesh, the Director NMNH visited Hyderabad during 20-21 September 2012 in connection with the proposed National Biodiversity Museum (NBM) and held discussions with officials of the Government of Andhra Pradesh especially AP State Biodiversity Board. The NBM is being established in Gachibowli area in Hyderabad as a commemoration of CoP 11 as a Central Scheme by the Ministry of Environment & Forests at a site donated by the AP State Government.

MONITORING OF THE NMNH

Smt. Daya Chelia, Senior Audit Officer from the Office of Principal Directorate of Audit (Scientific Departments), New Delhi – 110002, visited NMNH from 3rd – 7th September, 2012 to review the work of the NMNH for vetting the Para wise further Action Taken Note (ATN) of CAG Report No: 17 of 2010 – 11 about the Activities of NMNH, New Delhi.

Mr. Atul Nayar , Audit Officer and Mrs. Sumita Satija Assistant Audit Officer, visited NMNH on 10th & 12th September, 2012 to review the compliance of NMNH reply recommendation of Fifty Seventh Report of the PAC (15th Loksabha) on MoEF based on CAG Report No. 17 of 2010 -11.

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer

2012 marks the 25th anniversary for the Montreal Protocol. To commemorate this day, Poem and Essay Writing Competitions were held for the children from classes VIII to X of Delhi and NCR schools. Ten participants from each school (five in each category) were invited and evaluation was done by the external judges nominated by NMNH. To sensitize children about the importance of Ozone Layer and to inculcate awareness about Climate Change and other environmental issues among children, aforesaid competitions were held at NMNH premises on 15th September, 2012. 65 children from 9 schools participated in these competitions. There were 38 entries for Poem writing competition and 48 entries for Essay writing competition. 21 children participated in both the competitions. The participants were allowed to write either in English or Hindi medium. The theme for Essay writing (300 words) was: "Protecting our atmosphere for generations to come". The Topics for Poem writing (original self-made and not more than 20 lines) were: Saving the Ozone layer, Effects of Climate change, Biodiversity and Conserve our forests. The prizes and certificates to the winners will be given during prize distribution function to be held in December, 2012.

Hindi works:

NMNH organized various contests such as Essay Writing in Hindi, Shrutlekh (Dictation), Translation from Hindi to English and vice versa, Correct the spellings and Speech in hindi to observe "Hindi Pakhwara" from 15th – 22nd September, 2012. Hindi Karyashala will be held on 26th September, 2012 to encourage the staff to work in Hindi.

Visitors:

2197 Students/children & teachers/coordinators from 30 schools/institutes in Delhi and NCR visited museum. 2760 general visitors visited museum during the month. A group of 29 Range Forest Officer Trainees along with two officials from Central Academy for State Forest service, Burnihat, Assam visited NMNH galleries on educational tour on 16th Sept., 2012. 80 students accompanied by two teacher educators from Nursery Teachers' Training Institute, Bal Bharti, Pusa Road, New Delhi visited museum on 14th Sept., 2012. A group of 13 students pursuing M.Sc. Museology, PG Diploma, Post M.Sc. from Aligarh Muslim University visited NMNH along with 3 officials on 20th Sept., 2012.

Film shows:

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

Teacher Orientation Workshop -2012

A teachers workshop was organised during 14th &15th Sept.2012 in order to train the biology teachers in Mysore for making Biology Kits.

Development in the Gallery:

The renovation work of Whale model in the gallery was completed and opened to the public

Renovation work:

The renovation of public toilet in the gallery area was completed by the CCU and opened to the public. The CCU continued the renovation of other toilets in the Museum.

Visitors:

The Museum was visited by 5618 people including 2211 students (11 groups), 1957 in groups and 1450 as individuals.

Film Shows:

Film shows on environment are arranged for visitors twice daily.

RMNH, BHOPAL

International Vulture Day:

RMNH, Bhopal organized vulture awareness programme on September 6, 2012 to mark International Vulture Day (i.e. September 01). Six hundred students of Govt. Navin Higher Secondary School, Arera Colony participated in this programme. Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Educational Assistant of museum presented a slide show on vultures. Study material received from Zoo Outreach Organization, Coimbatore was distributed among the students.

Hindi Fortnight Programme:

Hindi fortnight has been inaugurated on September 14, 2012 at RMNH, Bhopal. Various Hindi competition were held during the Hindi Fortnight.

Collaborative Programme:

EPCO, Bhopal organized a programme on the training of master trainers attached with National Green Cops on August, 30, 2012 with the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal.

Visitors:

A total number of 8066 public visited the Museum during August 20, 2012 to September 19, 2012. Visits of Organized Groups: 16 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during August 20, 2012 to September 19, 2012.

Film Shows:

Film shows on environment are arranged for visitors once daily.

RMNH, BHUBANESWAR

International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer-2012

Written and Oral quiz competitions were organized by the Museum to create awareness among children about the ill-effects of ozone layer depletion, green house gases, global warming etc. for the students of Class VIII to X on the occasion of International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer on 16th September, 2012. In response to the publicity through letters, posters and banners, a total of 29 teams from 29 schools were registered for the written quiz. All 29 registered teams were participated in the written quiz and 06 teams were selected for oral quiz. The quiz competition was organized in two parts i.e. written quiz (elimination round) with 30 min. duration consisting of objective questions based on nature, environment, wildlife and conservation. The Oral quiz by a professional quiz master was held from 03:00 pm to 05:00 pm which consisted of wide variety of questions to generate awareness about the importance of preservation of ozone layer. The quiz consists of six rounds based on nature, environment & wildlife along with audience round to involve active audience participation. The teams were named as Troposphere, Stratosphere, Mesosphere, Thermosphere, Ionosphere and Exosphere. Finally, the students from DAV Public School, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar got the first prize followed by D.M.School, Bhubaneswar and JNV, Mundali, Cuttack with second & third prize. Encouragement prizes were bagged by KV No. 4, Bhubaneswar, DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar and JNV, Kendrapara.

Environmental Awareness Programme for Jawahar Navoday Vidyalas:

Environmental Awareness Programme-2012 for JNVs of Odisha was held at JNV, Panikoili, Jajpur District on 14th September-2012 and at JNV, Rahama, Jagatsinghpur District on 18th September-2012. The 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 and interaction with the participants. A total of 202 students participated in the quiz competition and about 394 students took part in the interaction session about the nature conservation, biodiversity and ecology through Power Point Presentation by Scientist-C & H.O. 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 the visitor's book recorded a total number of 12,032 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups. 32 Teachers from Sarawati Siksha Samiti visited the Museum on 06.09.2012

RAGIV GANDHI RMNH, SAWAI MADHOPUR

Temporary Exhibition/ Gallery works

Art Section: The background paintings in the diorama of Man & Nature, Bishnoi Community and Ranthambhore National Park has been complete. The background painting in the diorama of Deforestation is about 60% complete.

Modelling Section: -Prepared the mould of life size standing Tribal woman for the diorama of Bishnoi community.

Meeting of Scientists

Mrs. Naaz Rizvi, Scientist 'D', NMNH New Delhi visited the RG RMNH from 13th Sept. to 14th Sept., 2012 and held meeting with all the staff for discussion about the progress of work regarding the exhibits in the temporary Exhibition/ Gallery.

Dr. S. Sethuramalingam Scientist 'E', RMNH, Bhopal visited the RG RMNH from 17th to 19th Sept., 2012 to study the site earmarked for the Gallery on 'Forests and wildlife of Rajasthan'. In connection with this meetings were held with Dr. Y.K. Sahu (D.F.O) and Mr. M.D. Parashar, (Wildlife Artist & Photographer).

Visitors:

Even though the Museum is not yet open to public, many people visited the Museum. Thirty three visitors from different institutions and 289 pilgrims of Trinetra Ganesha of Ranthambhore Temple visited during the month.