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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 **October, 2009**:

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

National Poster Design Contest: On the occasion of **Wildlife Week** (2-8 Oct'09) NMNH and its Regional Centres (RMNH- Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur) conducted “**National Poster Design Contest**” for the students of class VIII, IX & X. The **Theme** for the contest was: “**Our Rich Biodiversity**”. Registration was restricted to 200 students at each centre. The entries were judged by eminent artists and First, Second and Third Prizes and Five Encouragement Prizes were declared at each centre. The prize winning entries will be used for making of Table Calendars of 2010 by NMNH.

Environmental Education Partnership with CMS Vatavaran 2009: CMS VATAVARAN will be hosting Environment and Wildlife Film Festival and CMS Environment Forum in partnership with NMNH as Educational partner. The festival will be held from 27-31 October 2009 at India Habitat Centre New Delhi. The five days programme will highlight issues related to climate change, global warming, ecotourism, natural heritage conservation, forest and wildlife related issues, green building, waste management, regional and international issues and much more through workshops exhibitions, seminar, symposium, film screening, live demonstrations etc.

As part of the professional training programme, the middle level staff of the Front end/ Visitor Service sections of NMNH and its regional centres will attend the “CMS Vatavaran 2009 and CMS Environment Forum” to be held from 27th to 31st October, 2009 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Special Visiting Groups:

- (1) On 13th Oct'09, a group of 10 students undergoing Post Graduation in Museology from Aligarh Muslim University (Museology Department) visited NMNH. The Director and the Scientists interacted with the students.
- (2) On 16th Oct'09, a group of 6 underprivileged children from SBT Trust, Akanksha Centre, Delhi visited the museum. The educational staff interacted with them in the museum galleries.

Visit of public: Around 1675 students / teachers from 31 schools of Delhi and NCR visited the museum. Around 1832 general visitors/family groups visited the Museum. Publication materials were distributed to them.

R.M.N.H., MYSORE

Wildlife Week Poster Design Contest: The Museum has organized a National Poster Design Contest for High School students on 7.10.2009 in the Museum premises. The theme of the contest was “OUR RICH BIODIVERSITY” during the Wildlife Week-2009. About 125 High School students from various schools of Mysore participated. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes and 5 Consolation prizes were awarded to the winning children.

Temporary Exhibition: A temporary exhibition on “**Saaku Praanigalu – Preethi & Beethi (Pet Animals – Love & Fear)**” would be organized on 30th October 09 in collaboration with J.S.S. Medical College, Mysore, which will be inaugurated by Dr. G.V. Subrahmanyam, Adviser, MoEF and be presided over by Dr. M.S. Nagaraja Rao, Chairman, APC. Directors of NMNH, BSI and ZSI would also be present.

Visit of public: During the month about 10,507 visitors visited this Museum, which includes organized groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

Wildlife Week Programme: Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized a Poster designing competition for students from 8th – 10th class on 7th October 2009 during Wildlife Week. The topic of the competition was “**Our Rich Biodiversity**”. There were 70 Students from twenty schools at Bhopal who participated in this competition. The prize distribution was organized on 21st October, 2009. Shri Madan Soni, Chief Administrator Officer, Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal was the chief guest of the programme.

Hindi Fortnight: RMNH, Bhopal organized valedictory function of Hindi Fortnight (14-28 September, 2009) on September 29, 2009. Smt. Arpna Majumdar, Hindi Teacher, Red Rose H. S. School, Bhopal was the chief guest of the programme.

Logistic support: WWF organized a Written Quiz Competition on 8 October, 2009 during Wildlife Week with the logistic support of RMNH Bhopal.

Visit of Public: A total number of 2670 visitors so far visited the Museum during September 21 to October 20, 2009 and 683 numbers of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum’s galleries during September 21 to October 20, 2009.

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

Museum Activities:

5th National Teachers Science Congress: The Museum participated in the national level science exhibition on the theme “Understanding Planet Earth” organized on the occasion of the 5th National Teachers Science Congress by NTSC at R.I.E. Bhubaneswar from 1st to 4th of October 2009. Butterflies and spiders were on display along with panels on message of conservation. Besides the exhibition on wheels attracted the attention of teachers who participated from different parts of the country.

Wildlife Week Poster design competition for high school students: On 7th October 2009 a poster design competition was organized for the students of classes III, IX and X on the

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topic “**Our rich biodiversity**” on the occasion of Wildlife Week. About 26 students participated from different schools in spite of their holidays. Exciting cash awards were declared for each group of participants.

Orientation and tranquilization training programme for research fellows: The Museum collaborated with Nandankanan Zoo to organize an orientation and capacity building programme on Elephant Management Action Plan for 11 research scholars from different forest divisions of Orissa. Various resource persons were invited for extensive talks on different topics like tranquilization methods, dosages for tranquilization, CITES and its applications, wildlife health management, data maintenance and field techniques to study elephant behaviour. They also visited the Museum extensively on the 16th of October with an introductory lecture by Scientist- in- charge in the morning session, to learn more from the elephant skeleton and other preserved specimen in reserve collection. The valedictory function was held in the presence of the Dr. Priyanath Padhi, Special Secretary to Ministry of Forest and Environment, Govt. of Orissa who gave away the certificates of participation to all participants.

Exposure visit to Museum and Zoo for mentally challenged students: A two day exposure visit was organized on 21st & 22nd October 2009 for the mentally challenged children of two different organizations Open Learning Systems and Chetna at Nandankanan Zoo. The children were exposed to wild animals and birds in captivity. Various activities were conducted for the group of students in the zoo premises in which they participated actively to learn in natural conditions outside their classrooms.

Visit of public: During this month visitor’s book recorded a total of 3101 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Yours faithfully,

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