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(Ministry of Environment & Forests)

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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 November, 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 NOVEMBER, 2012

NMNH HQ, New Delhi

NMNH – HT PACE Interschool Essay Writing Competition

NMNH in association with HT PACE conducted NMNH-HT PACE Interschool Essay Writing Competition for HT PACE member schools on 9th November 2012,. The competition was conducted in two categories: Junior category for class IV & V and Senior category for class VI, VII & VIII. One participant in each category was invited from each participating school. Maximum 200 students were allowed to participate. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges nominated by NMNH. First, Second, Third and Five Encouragement Prize winners in each category will be declared who will be awarded in a Prize Distribution Function to be held on 22nd December 2012. The First Prize winners in each category will be awarded the glittering NMNH- HT PACE Rolling Trophy for their schools. In addition all 16 winners will be taken for an exciting Nature Study Tour to Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Vasant Vihar, Delhi on 1st December 2012.

Students from across the Delhi/NCR participated in the competition. Junior category students wrote essays on the topic “Save, Protect and Preserve Nature for a Cleaner, Better and Healthier Future” and Senior category students wrote on the topic “The Joy of Life lies in Nature’s Beauty, Preserving it is Our Sacred Duty”.

School visits and Family groups/ General visitors

4,472 Students & teachers/coordinators from 58 schools/institutes and 1,729 general visitors visited museum during the month.

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

Temporary Exhibition on “Namma Mysooru”

A Temporary exhibition on “Namma Mysooru” was fabricated in the Temporary Exhibition Hall of, RMNH, Mysore that will communicate the importance of rich natural heritage of the region. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri P.S. Vastrad, I.A.S., Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Mysore District on 17.11.2012. Shri B.P. Ravi, I.F.S., Chief Conservator of Forests & Executive Director, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysore presided over the function.

Renovation work in the Campus

- CCU has completed the renovation work of the toilets and handed over to the Museum. CCU has also undertaken the new construction of Dormitory, Reserve collection as well as Eco-theater.
- CPWD has undertaken the renovation of iron-bridge in the Bird Watching tower

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 7764 visitors from different schools, organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum.

Film Shows:

Daily film shows on environment were shown from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 pm and from 4.00 to 5.00 pm.

R.M.N.H., Bhopal

Temporary Exhibition:

RMNH, Bhopal conducted a Temporary Exhibition on “Marine Biodiversity” on November 9th – 10th, 2012 at Regional Science Centre, Bhopal as a part of Science Fiesta 2012.

Visitors

A total number of 5926 public visited the Museum during October 20, 2012 to November 19, 2012. 04 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at Museum’s galleries during October 20, 2012 to November 19, 2012.

Film Shows:

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

R.M.N.H., Bhubaneswar

Nature tour to Chilika Lake: (4th November 2012):

Museum organized a nature tour to Chilika on 4th November 2012 for the winners of quiz & painting competition held during 8th Anniversary of this museum to provide opportunity for first hand field observation and field experience to inculcate interest in observing the biodiversity in and around and to develop necessary skills, aptitude and interest towards conservation of nature and natural resources. This exposure will provide opportunity to visit the largest lagoon in Asia and observing Irrawady dolphin in its natural habitat and a 36 ft. baleen whale’s skeleton displayed in the Chilika Interpretation Centre.

Movement of Exhibition on wheels:

Exhibition on wheels on the theme “Forest Wealth” was on display at Adivasi Exhibition Ground, Bhubaneswar from 2nd to 6th November 2012 during 11th Anjali International Children’s Festival-2012 to create an understanding & awareness among the students and general public about the forest resources, their role, and sustainable use of forest resources. Around 5000 students, teachers, volunteers and general visitors witnessed the mobile exhibition. Guided facility to the children and teachers was provided by museum interpreters to facilitate their understanding and learning about environment. Apart from this, Exhibition on Wheels was on display at Govt. High School, Unit-I, Bhubaneswar on 11th November 2012 during the Golden Jubilee celebration of school and about 2000 students, teachers and other visitors witnessed the exhibition.

Other programmes:

5th Environmental Awareness Programme-2012 for JNVs of Odisha at JNV, Keonjhar Dist. and JNV, Nayagarh District during 3rd & 4th week of November 2012.

Special programme for about 100 Participants of Regional Science Congress, JNV on 27th November 2012.

Visitors:

During the month 17,139 visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups visited the Museum. Other Visitors: Differently-abled students & volunteers from Bangladesh visited on 03.11.2012; Super Dancing Academy, Sri Lanka visited on 03.11.12; 38 Volunteers of 11th Anjali International Children’s Festival-2012 from West Bengal, Chattishgarh & Meghalaya visited on 04.11.2012; 80 students and teachers from Sainik School, Madhya Pradesh visited on 07.11.2012

RG R.M.N.H., Sawai Madhopur

Development of Exhibition:

The development of the Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Rajasthan” is in the final stage.

Participation of Scientist:

Mr. Mohd Yunus, Scientist C, participated a review meeting organised in the chamber of the AS (NC) in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi on 7th November 2012.