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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 March, 2013.

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 MARCH, 2013

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

INH workshops:

The NMNH organised two workshops on “Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage” as part of Exhibition Development Programme. “Workshop on Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage with focus on Methodology” during (9-11 March, 2013 in Thiruvananthapuram and Workshop on Museums and Intangible Natural Heritage with focus on Desert during 19-21 March, 2013 in Jaisalmer. The UNESCO Intangible Heritage inscriptions of 2010, Mudiyetu and Kalbelia respectively were the focus of the Thiruvananthapuram and Jaisalmer workshops. The ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) case study of Kani tribes was another focus of the Thiruvananthapuram workshop. Keynote speakers included Dr P Pushpangadan (former Director NBRI Lucknow), Dr Sudha Gopalakrishnan (Executive Director Sahapedia, New Delhi) and Dr B. Venugopal (Director, NMNH). The Chief Guests were Shri K., Jayakumar (VC of the Malayalam University) for the former workshop and Kalunatha (Kalbelia) for the latter workshop.

Meeting

A meeting of Scientists and Officials of the NMNH (HQ and RMNH) was held on 4th March 2013 in the NMNH HQ New Delhi where the details of budget were discussed.

School visits and Family groups/General visitors

2839 Students & teachers/coordinators from 36 schools/institutes in Delhi / NCR visited museum. 1965 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

Programme for Persons with Disabilities (PwD)- 2013

The Regional Museum of Natural History Mysore has organized Programme for Persons with Disability – 2013 from 25th Feb. to 6th March. 2013 (06 Days). The programme was inaugurated on 26th February 2013 with a Museum visit of a Special School of Mentally Challenged from JSS Sahana School for Mentally Disabled, Saraswathipuram, Mysore. Singing Competition (Environmental Songs) was arranged for Visually challenged on 02-03-2013 for higher Primary, High School & College students at Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust for Disabled, Ghokulam, Mysore. The said programme was inaugurated by Shri. Besthurmurt,

Commission, Mysore City Corporation, presided by Shri. Shivakumar, President of the Trust, Shri Yogendra, Programme Coordinator & Shri Manohar, Rotary Club, Mysore & others were present during the programme.

Painting competition on "Beauty of Nature" was arranged for Hearing Impaired children under Primary, higher Primary & High School Category on 05-03-2013 at RMNH, Mysore.

Apart from the above programme, regular Museum visits were also arranged for mentally challenged children of different institutions of Mysore. Approximately 30 students along with their parents had participated during the programme.

The winners of the Painting & Singing Competition were awarded with cash Prize and Certificates after the completion of the programme. The programme was highly appreciated by the participated institutions and also from the media.

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 4418 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

Collaborative Programme:

Collaborative Programme "Kids for tiger" was arranged by Crusade for Revival of Environment and Wildlife (CREW), Bhopal on behalf of Sanctuary India. Painting competition, Drama and speeches were conducted by CREW. Besides screening of short films on wildlife selected by Central India Highland Wildlife Film Festival was conducted on March 17, 2013 with the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal. One hundred and eighty students, parents and general public participated. This programme was arranged commendably during international migratory birds day programmes.

Renovation of Auditorium:

The upgradation of auditorium audio-visual equipments were completed by incurring the expenditure of Rs 26 lakhs and dedicated to public. It was inaugurated by Shri Ajit Sonnakiya, Additional PCCF, Forest Department, Bhopal.

Paper

Mr. Manoj Sharma, Taxidermist was selected by IGNC to present a paper at an international conference on Museum Security held in New Delhi

Visitors

A total number of 7718 public visited the Museum during February 20, 2013 to March 19, 2013. 6 groups of students/teachers visited the Museum. Museology students from AMU Aligarh visited the Museums during 3-6 March 2013.

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

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

Selection test for Nature Camp (9th March 2013):

Selection test for Nature Camp at Bhitarkanika National Park was held on 9th March 2013. Publicity was made through banners and circulars to various universities of Odisha. Registration of candidates was open up to 7th March 2013. A total 156 students registered their names, out of which 98 students participated in the selection test through a written quiz. Finally twenty students were selected for the camp on 11th and 12th March, 2013.

Nature Camp for PG Life Science Students (11 & 12 March 2013)

Nature Camp was organized for 20 selected Post Graduate Life Science Students on 11 & 12 March 2013 at Bhitarkanika National Park. The objectives of the camp were to explore the mangrove bio-diversity, to provide first-hand field knowledge about flora & fauna, to make students aware of the conservation aspects of the mangrove ecosystem, to orient students about wildlife, to make them understand the impact of socio-cultural aspects of Bhitarkanika National Park. The activities included trekking, bird watching, identifying the flora and fauna, understanding through interaction in the interpretation centre, understanding mangrove flora through visit to mangrove nursery, understanding the importance of estuarine crocodile conservation project through visit to project site etc.

Forthcoming programmes

8th Environmental Awareness Programme-12 at JNV, Bhadrak Dist and JNV, Phulbani District will be held in the last week of March, 2013.

Visit of public:

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of **14,325** visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.