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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 May, 2013.

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 MAY, 2013

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

Summer Vacation Programme-2013

NMNH is organizing “**Summer Vacation Programme-2013**” (SVP-2013) from 17th to 31st May, 2013, in two groups:

1. Summer Vacation Programme for Green Teens (SVP-GT):
(Children born between 1st April 1997 and 31st March 2000 are eligible)
2. Summer Vacation Programme for Green Cubs (SVP-GC)
(Children born between 1st April 2000 and 31st March 2004 are eligible)

Thirty participants were selected for each of the Programmes through draw of lots from among those applied.

SVG-GT: Coordinated by the Division of Educational Services. The programme started with a welcome address and introduction to the programme by Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C. Talk/presentation sessions are held by the experts as follows: “Learn to write articles/poems for the magazine” – by Mrs. Nupur Awasthi. “Reintroduction – as a tool for conservation” – by Dr. Faiyaz A. Khudsar, Scientist Incharge, Y B P; “Introduction to photography” – by Sh. Ashish Battacharjee, Sr. Instructor, Photography, N B B ; “Environmental Health Hazard” – by Shri Saket Mani ; “Nature in our surrounding” – by Sh. K. S. Attri, SEA. Children will participate in some museum related activities like visiting museum galleries for exhibit interpretation and working with worksheets and Nature Quiz. Dr. Jaya Prasoon, SEA will engage children in an interesting activity of observing microorganisms under the microscope. Shri O. P. Sharma will help children “Create Art out of Waste”. During outdoor visits children will visit “Aravalli Biodiversity Park” to study the fauna and flora of the Aravalli and get firsthand experience about the Green surroundings in Delhi. They will also visit the Mother Dairy to know about the story of Milk. The children will participate in a Photographic contest in which first, second, third and five encouragement prize winners will be selected on the basis of the pictures submitted by them on the theme of nature in our surrounding.

SVP-GC: Coordinated by the Art and Modelling Units: The programme schedule includes making items out of clay using potter wheel, Artificial flower making, Still life pencil shading, Mask making, Origami, Clay modeling in Round and Relief, Modelling & Casting of Clay models, Collage painting and Nature Painting. The children will visit Nehru Planetarium to see the sky show on stars and planets. A feedback in the form of daily reports, articles, poems, sketches, etc. will be collected from the participants which will be used in next forthcoming Green magazine.

The valedictory functions of both programmes will be held on 31st May 2013. Participation Certificates, token gifts and Prizes will be given to the children.

Visitors:

4210 school students and teachers from 32 schools/institutes and NGOs in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH museum galleries. 2072 family groups/general visitors visited the museum. The educational staff interacted with the students and general visitors in the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. Their queries were satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also provided to them on request. 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**Summer Vacation Programme - 2013**

Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore is organizing Summer Vacation Programme in two different groups i.e. Green Teens and Green Cubs.

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 6623 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**Summer Vacation Programme: Green Cubs and Green Teens– 2013:**

The programme SVP GC is being organised during 17-27 May 2013 in which 22 children are participating.

Similarly, SVP-GT is being organised during 21-31 May 2013 in which 14 children are participating.

International Museum Day:

RMNH, Bhopal observed International Museum Day on May 18, 2013 as a partner of Museum Forum of Bhopal organized by IGRMS, Bhopal.

Visit of Joint Secretary and his team:

A team from the Ministry of Environment & Forests led by Shri Chandan Singh, Joint Secretary, along with Members (Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH; Shri M. M. Pandey, Under Secretary,

MoEF; and Shri Vinod Kumar, Administrative Officer, NMNH) visited RMNH, Bhopal as the fact finding mission during April 29 – May 1, 2013 and interacted with staff and Scientist-E.

Visitors:

A total number of 5364 public visited the Museum during April 20, 2013 to May 19, 2013.

Film Shows

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

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

Summer Vacation Programme-2013

Museum is organizing 10 days Summer Vacation Programme from 15–24 May 2013 in two different groups i.e. Green Teens and Green Cubs. The programme is being organized to create an understanding about the natural resources of Odisha, the impact of development like urbanization, over exploitation etc. and for a meaningful summer vacation. Participants included 28 in Green Teens & 30 in Green Cubs. Summer programme includes art & craft, drawing, painting, clay modeling, lectures and demonstration on various topics. Apart from this, visit of Nandankanan Zoological Park, Khandagiri, Tribal Museum, Maritime Museum, Astaranga etc. are the part of 10 days programme. Talk on biodiversity with reference to Odisha was organized on 19th May 2013 by Dr. L.A.K. Singh, Wildlife Expert and demonstration on snakes & snake bite management by Shri Subhendu Mallick, Snake Helpline was held on 19th May 2013 for benefit of participants, parents and general public.

Visit of public:

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of **14,010** visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

R.M.N.H., SAWAI MADHOPUR

The progress regarding exhibition development is listed below:

1. In the diorama "Ranthambhor National Park" and "Human beings & Nature", the stuffed specimens (Tiger, Tiger cub, Birds etc.) were fixed.
2. Green carpet pasting work is almost complete in the chaupal (information area) of the Gallery.
3. Prepared one more model (in fibre) of tribal woman on standing posture and colour for Bishnois community diorama.
4. Work of spot light fitting is in progress on the few locations in the diorama of afforestation.
5. Prepared artificial water body with transparent acrylic, resin colours etc., bamboo & other grass fixed in the diorama of Ranthambhor National Park.