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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,
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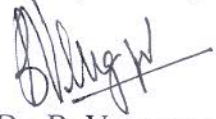
Sub: Monthly Report for the Cabinet – reg.

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Monthly Report of the National Museum of Natural History for the month of June, 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 JUNE, 2013

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

“Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2013”:

On the occasion of “World Environment Day” function held at Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi, Dr. Jayanthi Natarajan, Hon’ble Minister of State of Environment & Forests (Independent Charge), Govt. of India presented “Young Environmentalist of the Year Award (YEYA)-2013” to Ms. Arundhati Srivastava from Sanskriti School, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi. She has been selected for this year’s award through National Level Poster Making Competitions held on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2013) on the theme ‘Face of Climate Change’ at five venues

World Environment Week 2013:

To mark World Environment Day (5th June 2013) with the theme given by UNEP i.e. “THINK. EAT. SAVE. REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT”, as well as the 35th Anniversary of the National Museum of Natural History, a programme was organised in collaboration with Khushi Centre for Rehabilitation and Research from 6th to 11th June 2013 at NMNH, New Delhi. The programme included panel discussions by Experts on the themes like Role of Health Care Providers, Role of Indian Sports Fraternity, Food Security & its Impact. Subsequent sessions had workshops on waste management and recycling, film shows on environment & wildlife, gallery visits and special orientation sessions for underprivileged children.

Visitors

333 school students and teachers from 6 schools/ institutes and NGOs in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH in addition to 4044 general visitors.

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

Observation of World Environment Day - 2013

RMNH Mysore organized a programme on World Environment Day on 5th June 2013 in the Auditorium at 10.30 a.m. The programme was attended by the students, public and invitees. The programme was started with invocation song. Shri Santhosh, Secretary, Mysore Science Foundation, Mysore who introduced the Guest speaker and shared his experience with students about Museum programmes and other activities/programmes conducted by Mysore Science Foundation. Dr. HKS Swamy, Prof. of Pharmacy, SJM College of Pharmacy, Chitradurga delivered lecture along with materials demonstration about Nature and Natural resources conservation and also explained a need of developing and practicing in day to day life. Dr. Theppeswamy, Scientist, CSRTI, Mysore who presided over the function gave away prizes to the

winner of National Level Poster Making Competition held on 22nd April 2013 on the occasion of Earth Day.

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 2759 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.

RMNH, BHOPAL

World Environment Day

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized World Environment Day – 2013 as well as the distribution of regional awards on June 5, 2013. Prof. Anoop Swarup, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lake City University, Bhopal was the Chief Guest while Ms. Aruna, Principal, Anand Vihar School, Bhopal was the Guest of Honor. Shri Ajay Dubey, Secretary, Pratyna delivered environmental day lecture on the theme “Think. Eat. Save”. The Chief Guest, Prof. Anoop Swarup, released the booklet titled “Exhibition on Wildlife Conservation and Ecotourism”.

During the programme, prizes and cash awards were distributed to regional level participants. Certificates were distributed to Green Teens and Green Cubs. Dance were performed by Tajaswani Dubey (Hearing impaired) Sagar Public School from Saket Nagar, Bhopal and Suhani Shrivastava from St Joseph Convent School, Bhopal.

Visitors

A total number of 5175 public visited the Museum during May 20, 2013 to June 19, 2013. 140 teachers from DIET also visited the Museum on 23-05-2013.

Film Shows:

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

RMNH, BHUBANESWAR

World Environment Day-2013 (5th June 2013)

Museum celebrated World Environment Day-2013 and valedictory programme of Summer Vacation Programme for Children-2013 on 5th June 2013. Dr. (Mrs.) P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, Former Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Participants shared their experience of the ten days long summer programme. Later the function was followed by prize distribution for the winners of National Level Poster Making Competition held on 22nd April 2013 on the occasion of Earth Day. Mementoes and certificates were presented to the participants of summer vacation programme. At the end participants of the summer programme presented a cultural programme by presenting Hindustani classical music, mono acting, dance, songs, jokes and playing musical instruments. Earlier in the day to mark the

occasion a few important medicinal, ornamental, fruit yielding and shade giving plant species were planted in the campus to make the campus more environment friendly.

World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought-2013 (17th June 2013):

Museum celebrated World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought on 17th June 2013 in collaboration with Forest Deptt., Govt. of Odisha on the theme "Drought and Water Scarcity". Programme was graced by Shri Bijayshree Routray, Hon'ble Minister, Forests & Environment, Labour & ESI, Shri P. N. Padhi, IFS, PCCF, Odisha, Shri R. K. Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Deptt. Shri P. N. Padhi welcomed the Guests and gave highlights on the significance of the day. Shri G. N. Indresha, Scientist-C & H.O. presented vote of thanks to the guests. After the inaugural session technical sessions were started with lectures & presentations on various topics i.e. 1) Mitigation measures to address water scarcity by Shri Niranjana Sahu, Manager GIS, Watershed Mission, Govt. of Odisha, 2) Impact of climate change on Agriculture by Prof. Surendranath Pasupalak, HoD, Deptt. of Meteorology, OUAT, 3) Extent of drought affected areas in the state and mitigating action taken by Govt. involving community by Shri L.K. Paltasingh, State Agronomist, O/O Director, Agriculture and Food production, Govt. of Odisha, 4) Land degradation and dry land farming by Prof. Basudeve Behera, HoD, Dept. of Agronomy, OUAT. At the end, technical session wrap up by Shri G. B. Reddy, IFS, Additional Principal CCF, Odisha.

Raja Festival (14 – 16 June 2013)

Museum celebrated the local festival- Raja on 14, 15 & 16 June 2013. It is believed that Mother Earth or Bhudevi will be in menstrual cycle and is in rest and all the agricultural work is suspended for three days to give rest to Mother Earth. Significantly, it is a festival of the unmarried girls; the potential mothers. Girls are forbidden from all kinds of manual work during these three days of Raja-festival. During all these three days, they are seen in the best of dresses and decorations spending time visiting their friends or moving up and down on improvised swings. Special swing was arranged in the Museum and was briefed about the significance of the festival in terms of environmental conservation.

Visitors

During the month 13,223 people visited the Museum.

RMNH, SAWAI MADHOPUR

World Environment Day-2013:

"World Environment Day" and prize distribution function was held on 5th June 2013 at Museum. Shri Rahul Bhatnagar, D.F.O. Ranthambhore National Park was the Chief Guest. Shri Daulat Singh Shaktawat, A.C.F., Ranthambhore Project Tiger, Sawai Madhopur and Shri M.D. Parashar from Ranthambhore School of Art were invited for the function. The prizes were awarded to the winners of Poster Making Competition held on 22nd April, 2013 on the occasion of Earth Day. Certificates were also distributed to all the participants of Poster making contest. About 200 people participated. All the entries of Poster Making Competition were exhibited in the Museum.