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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
(Ministry of Environment & Forests)

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New Delhi-110001.

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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 July, 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 JULY, 2013

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

NMNH-A.L.P.A.N.A. organizes “Rangotsav”- an art & craft workshop:

A special workshop for specially challenged children will be organized from 24th to 26th July 2013 at NMNH in collaboration with Association for Learning Performing Arts & Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.), an NGO. The museum is providing space and other logistic support for the programme.

Specially challenged children in different categories like Physically challenged, Hearing impaired, Mentally challenged and Visually challenged in Delhi-NCR are invited through their schools/institutions. They will be participating in various activities during the programme. The activities include Drawing, Painting, Sketching, Origami, Working with Clay, Vase decoration, Making of Wall hangings, etc. All the participants will be given token gifts and refreshment.

School Visits and Family Groups:

1,016 school students and teachers from 13 schools/institutes and NGOs in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH museum galleries. 5,538 family groups/general visitors visited the museum.

Special Visits:

On 5th July 2013, a delegation from the Embassy of Republic of Korea visited the museum. Han, Poong Woo, Minister – Counsellor & Consul General was guided through the museum galleries after his meeting with the Director, NMNH.

On 16th July 2013, Mr. Vinod from Vayali Folklore Group, Thrissur, Kerala visited the museum. After the interaction with the Director, NMNH, he was taken for a guided tour of the museum galleries.

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 Vanmahotsva – 2013

The programme was started with planting of about 60 sps. of various tree form of fruit yielding and flowering plants by the invited guests Shri Basavanna, Retd. Deputy Director, Dept. of Small scale savings and lotteries, Govt. of Karanataka, Shri K. Manu, Mysore Armature Naturalist, Vijayanagar, Mysore, President, Grama Panchayath, Mangala and also the participation of students and teachers of the school. Shri K. Manu, Mysore Armature Naturalist, Vijayanagar, Mysore, was invited as Guest Speaker for the said programme. At the end, the students were shown the film shows on Wildlife and Environment along with explanation by Shri K. Manu, Mysore Armature Naturalist, Vijayanagar, Mysore which was held on 9th July 2013 at 10.30 a.m. at Govt. High School, Managal, Hanur Region, Kollegal.

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teachers of the School. The programme concluded with the film shows on wildlife and Environment along with explanation. The said programme was held on 15th July 2013 at 10.30 a.m. at Govt. Composite P.U. College, High School, Section, Amachavadi, Chamarajanagar.

Visitors

During the month, a total number of 2078 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

Meeting:

1. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a meeting at Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi on the issues of NMNH/RMNHs on 11-01-2013. This meeting was chaired by Shri Hament Kumar Pandey, Additional Secretary, MoEF, New Delhi.
2. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a meeting with Shri Jayram Shrivraas, Assistant Engineer (Civil) CPWD regarding the termite issue of auditorium and other issues on 03.07.2013.
3. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a meeting with Shri Rajoriya, Executive Engineer (Electricity), CPWD, Bhopal regarding the Jen Set and other issues of museum on 03.07.2013.
4. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a meeting with Shri Hanish Singh Chouhan, Research Officer, Rajbhasha Department, Bhopal regarding the Hindi implementation on 03.07.2013.
5. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a meeting with Dr. Malhotra, Scientist G & Director at Regional Office of MoEF at Bhopal regarding the administrative issues on 27.06.2013.
6. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended an academic council meeting at Jagran Lake City University, Bhopal on 25.06.2013.

Visitors

A total number of 4650 public visited the Museum during June 20, 2013 to July 19, 2013. Five groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during June 20, 2013 to July 19, 2013.

Film Shows:

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

RMNH, BHUBANESWAR

Van Mahotsav (3rd July 2013):

To mark the Van Mahotsav week (1 – 7 July) some important medicinal, ornamental, fruit yielding and shade giving plant species were planted in the campus to make the campus more environment friendly. Visitors were also encouraged to be the part of this plantation programme. Scientist-C & HO briefed the visitors about the importance of Van Mahotsav and to plant and nurture to make their surrounding cleaner and greener.

Preparation for 9th Anniversary Day Programmes:

To publicize the 9th Anniversary Day programmes, circulars were sent to various schools/colleges/universities for registration upto 31st July 2013. Also, banners and posters were put in the museum premises towards wide publicity and information for general public.

Competitions to mark 9th Foundation Day of the Museum:

To mark the 9th Foundation Day of this museum (10th August 2013) various competitions for **KG to PG classes** are being organized viz. Written Quiz competition for VIII-X Std, +2, +3 and P.G. Students, On the Spot Painting Competition for I-IV and V-VII Std. students and Fancy Dress Competition for LKG & UKG students will be conducted on 4th & 6th August 2013.

Visit of public

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 9,200 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

RMNH, SAWAI MADHOPUR

During the period, the following works have been done in different sections of the museum:

1. Temporary gallery: This is almost complete. The translites, panels etc. which were made in Delhi have been transferred to RGRMNH. The fixing has been held up to avoid any damage, dirt and to maintain the freshness of the same. They will be immediately fixed 15 days before the inauguration as has been the usual practice.

2. Carpentary work: Work is in progress for making table top display and movable showcases for exhibiting the specimens which will be transferred from other Regional Museums to RMNH, Sawai Madhopur.

3. Modelling Section: Modelling, Moulding & casting of Frogs, Pigeon and Rodent have been prepared in Fibre glass. Maintenance work of stuffed Black buck, Tigers, Monitor Lizard etc have been complete which were transferred to this museum and put the same in different dioramas.

4. Art Section: Colouring on fibre models is in progress.

Handing over the museum building

The process of Handing over/Taking over of museum main building has taken place on 8th July 2013. The lacunas which were observed during the taking over of the museum building are being attended by the CCU Authorities.

Permanent Electrical Connection

RMNH, Sawai Madhopur has been given permanent electrical connection on 22.07.13, hereafter this museum need to pay monthly electricity bill every month.

Meetings/Visit:

- a. A team of Mrs. Naaz Rizvi, Scientist-D, Shri D.K. Gupta, F&AO and Shri Hukam Chand UDC, NMNM, New Delhi visited the museum from 1st to 3rd July 2013 for inspection of

ongoing developmental work and other necessary arrangements to be made for the upcoming inauguration of the museum.

- b.** Shri Mohd. Yunus, Sc-‘C’, RGRMNH SWM, attended a meeting in MOEF, New Delhi on 11.07.13 under the chairmanship of A.S. (HKP) on the issues of NMNH/RMNH and presented a report for progress in development of Temporary Gallery on Biodiversity of Rajasthan as well as capital work & electrical work etc. of the museum.