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SUB:- MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET – REG.

Sir,

The National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi and its Regional offices organized the following educational programmes, in addition to its normal activities, during the month of **November, 2009**:

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

National Education Day (11.11.2009): An Outreach Programme for Teachers (Orientation Workshop for Trainee Teachers) was organized on 11th and 12th November, 2009 for the Trainee Teachers of Great Mission Teacher's Training Institute, Dwarka, New Delhi. 49 trainee teachers pursuing Elementary Teacher Education-Ist Year participated in the programme. The Theme of the Workshop was "Museum as Resource for Teaching" and the purpose was to help the trainee teachers develop low cost science models through Museum Resources. On 11th Nov.'09 the NMNH officials from Education Division and Art Section visited the institute to conduct Creative Group Activity through which trainee teachers were taught to make low-cost science models. On 12th Nov.'09 trainee teachers visited NMNH for gallery visits and working with worksheets. A talk on "Providing Education to the students through Museum Resources" and brief introduction of educational programmes and activities in the museum was given by the Education Division.

National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) – 19th Nov to 19th Dec'09
"Written Quiz Contest" on the theme of Climate Change was organized on 19th November, 2009 for the students of class VIII, IX & X from Delhi and NCR schools. 1033 school students from Government Schools, Government Aided Schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navyug Schools and Public Schools participated in the programme. First, Second, Third and Five Encouragement Prizes worth Rupees 3000/-, 2000/-, 1000/- and 500/- respectively will be given to the winners during the Valedictory Function of NEAC in December 2009.

NMNH-HT PACE Essay Writing Competition

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To commemorate **Conservation Day (November 25)**, NMNH in collaboration with Hindustan Times (HT-PACE) organized Annual Interschool Essay Writing Competition for the students of member schools of HT-PACE in two categories: Category I for the students of class IV & V, Category II for the students of class VI, VII & VIII. Letters inviting student participation are mailed to the Principals of 300 schools in Delhi and NCR. Two best entries from each school (one in each category) were invited for the selection of winners who were selected after evaluation of the copies by eminent judges appointed by NMNH. First, Second, Third and Five Encouragement Prizes in each category will be given to the winners and Running Trophies will be awarded to the First Prize Winner's School in each category during the Valedictory Function of NEAC in Dec. 2009. The 16 winners will also be taken for Nature Study Tour to Yamuna Biodiversity Park, Delhi on 12th December 2009.

School Visits / Family Groups / General Visitors::

Around 26,973 students / teachers from various schools of Delhi and NCR visited the museum. Around 1406 general visitors visited the museum.

R.M.N.H., MYSORE

Release of new Brochure: A Brochure for the Exhibition on “**Saaku Praanigalu – Preethi & Beethi**” was prepared, designed and printed by the Museum and released to the public by Dr. Sundraraju, Dy. Director, City Veterinary Hospital, Mysore on 21.11.2009. Dr. R.V. Raghava, Asst. Director, City Veterinary Hospital, Mysore and Dr. N.M. Shamasundar, Prof. & Head (Anatomy), J.S.S. Medical College, Mysore was also participated in the occasion and interacted press people to publicize the exhibition on “Saaku Praanigalu – Preethi & Beethi” on 21.11.2009.

Special Programme of the Month: Special visit by Destitute children of Jail inmates, run by Foundation for Restoring Human Dignity (FORHD), Mysore Chapter, Udayaravi Road, k. Block, Kuvembunagar, Mysore on 22.11.2009

Visit of Public and organised groups: A total number of 12, 489 Nos. of visitors (from 20th Oct. to 20th Nov. 2009) visited the museum which includes organised groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

Written Quiz Programme: Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal has organized a Written Quiz on November 19, 2009 under NEAC-2009. 193 students from 20 schools of Bhopal participated in this quiz. The theme of the written quiz was Climate Change.

Collaborative Programme: An NGO meet was organized on November 12, 2009 in collaboration with CPCB, Bhopal. 70 representatives from various NGOs of Bhopal attended the meet to prepare an agenda for the better environment. Scientist-in-Charge was invited as Guest of Honour and Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist presented the profile of Museum activity.

Visit of Public: A total number of 5878 visitors so far visited the Museum during October 20 to November 19, 2009. 975 more visitors visited this month in comparison to the same period of

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last year. **Visits of Organized Groups:** 2015 numbers of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during the month.

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

Exhibition on Wheels: The exhibition on wheels traveled to Anjali National Children's Festival from 9th to 14th of November 2009 where more than 1000 specially abled children from different parts of the country participated. The exhibition also reached out to over 3000 school students of DAV Public school, unit 8 on 4th and 5th of November and about 1500 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Khurda on 17th of November 2009.

Release of book on Climate change: On 17th November 2009 a programme was organized in collaboration with C.E.E. to release a book on climate change called "State Of The World Into A Warming World", Indian Edition. Many dignitaries graced the occasion and attended the meeting and discussion spread over two sessions on Security Issues for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Inaugural ceremony of winter programme and prize distribution ceremony:

On the 20th of November 2009 prize distribution ceremony for the awardees of various competitions like the Wildlife Week-2009 National Poster Design Contest, painting, clay modeling, sand art and craft competitions for differently abled children of BBC school for deaf. The meeting was presided over by **Shri J.K. Tiwari, IFS, CCF (Central), Eastern Regional Office, MoE&F, Govt. of India, Chief Guest** for the evening was **Shri P.N. Padhi, Special Secretary, Forests and Environment Department, Govt. of Orissa.** The Guests of honour were **Dr. Sudarshan Panda, Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park, Mrs. Usha Subramaniam, Addl. Director, MoE&F, Govt. of India, Shri J. Sriraman, Under Secretary, MoE&F, Govt. of India and Mrs. Naaz Rizvi, Scientist-C & Head of Office, NMNH.** Cash awards and prizes were presented to awardees by the guests. The meeting started with the welcome address by Shri G.N. Indresha, Scientist-in-Charge, RMNH, Bhubaneswar

Orientation workshop and field trip for PG students to study climate change effects in mangrove ecosystem: Twenty students from all universities of Orissa have been selected through a written test who participated in an orientation workshop from 22nd to 23rd November 2009. They were exposed to extensive guest lectures by experts from various field like wildlife conservation, plant taxonomy and silviculture, Zoo animals and ex-situ conservation etc. they were also taken for a field trip to Bhitarkanika national park where they could get first-hand experience on studying biodiversity of an estuarine ecosystem and also the effects of climatic change on the different animals and plants in the estuarine ecosystem.

Visit of public:

During this month visitor's book recorded a total of 5687 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)

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