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To

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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 October, 2013.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B. Venugopal)
Director

Copy to:

Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan,
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Monthly Report for the month of October, 2013
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

Wildlife Week (2-8 October, 2013)

In order to sensitize the school children on the matters for preservation and to arouse a general awakening in favour of protection of wildlife, schools in Delhi/NCR were invited to NMNH where education staff interacted with them and made them aware about the wildlife of India through guided tour of the museum galleries. This included a talk on wildlife of India followed by exhibit interpretation in the museum galleries and film show in the museum auditorium.

Visitors

Total nos. of visitors during the month were 7357 which included 5,821 nos. of Students & teachers/coordinators from 49 schools/institutes in Delhi / NCR visited the Museum. 1,536 general visitors visited museum during the month.

Special Groups:

On 26 Sept'13, 78 teachers from Education Department, North DMC, Shakti Nagar, Delhi and 10 officials from North DMC Library visited NMNH.

On 1st Oct'13, 79 students and 16 teachers from various branches of Ramjas schools in Delhi visited NMNH for orientation on nature, environment and wildlife before proceeding on Ramjas Junior Vanshala at Gurukul Mahavidyalaya, Kanav Ashram, Kotdwar, Uttarakhand organised by Ramjas Foundation.

On 3rd Oct'13, a group of 8 students pursuing M.A. (III semester) Museology at BHU Varanasi along with 2 faculty members visited NMNH.

On 9th Oct'13, 45 students from Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi pursuing B.El.Ed. (3rd Year) visited NMNH along with 2 faculty members.

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

Wildlife week-2013

To observe Wildlife Week Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore, organized a Painting competition at Regional Institute of Education, Mysore. The objective of the programme was-

- a. To develop environmental awareness among the student community
- b. To develop scientific attitude among the students.

c. To emphasize the importance of Environmental Conservation.

As per the scheduled programme the painting competition was held on 04th October 2013 between 3.00 to 5.00pm. Students from various colleges participated in the competition and the judgment was made on 05th October 2013 and the results were announced on 06th October 2013. Valedictory session was scheduled for 10th October 2013 and Dr.D.G.Rao, Principal, RIE –Mysore was invited as the Chief Guest .Dr. Satyanarayana Bhat ,Principal .Govt.Ayurvedic college and Hospital, Mysore consented to be the Guest Speaker for the day.

The programme started with the invocation by the students and a welcome address by the Scientist in charge Shri.B.S.Yogendra. This was followed by the address from the Chief Guest Dr. D.G.Rao. The Chief Guest in his address stressed the importance wildlife conservation and the role of students as an individual in creating environmental awareness.

The Guest speaker Dr. Satyanarayana Bhat started his lecture with an interaction from the students of various colleges and finally arrived at the topic of his lecture. ie. Bio Diversity and the role of each and every individual in its conservation. Dr. Satyanarayana Bhat Spoke on the present status of wildlife in a crowded country like India due to the encroachment of forest area by the interference of human beings for their own needs. He also stressed the important role played by the local people of the forests in maintaining the eco balance in nature. Dr. Satyanarayana Bhat also spoke on the various natural resources of the forests which are being degraded due to the greedy attitude of human beings. The whole lecture was supplemented by the visual media which was very effective, inspiring and thought provoking to the audience of the programme.

School visits and Family groups/General visitors

Total Number of visitors were 6664 which included 3882 (88 groups) of students group from different Institutions, 1410 nos. of general visitors, 1372 nos. of individual visitors visited museum during the month.

Film Show

Regular Film Shows from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M. and 4.00 to 5.00 P.M. were arranged for Visitors.

RMNH, BHOPAL

International Rhino Day: Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized a workshop on “Making of Rhino Model” on the occasion of International Rhino Day on September 22, 2013. This programme was arranged to create awareness about the conservation of Rhinoceros specially, the great Indian one – horned Rhino. Large number of participants including the professional like Doctors, Professors, sculptors, general public and students were present. The Modeler Shri Arvind Anupam held the demonstration by using clay and plaster of Paris.

Inauguration of Exhibition on Urban Wildlife: Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal has inaugurated a exhibition on Urban Wildlife on September 29, 2013 observing the Wildlife Week and

seventeenth anniversary of museum. Shri R. S. Negi, IFS-PCCF, Forest Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest to inaugurate. Wildlife photographers, NGO's, press photographers, free lancers, students and general public attended the programme. This exhibition was arranged to create the awareness towards the urban wildlife which were all unsung heroes. The conservation of urban wildlife like insects, fishes and small mammals found in the city's park, office, school and residential area is the message of the exhibit photographs ranging from ants to elephants displayed.

Valediction of Wildlife Week: As a part of curtain down programme of wildlife week-2013, the Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal has organized a valedictory programme on October 7, 2013. Dr. Suhas Kumar, IFS, Ph.D, Additional PCCF, Wildlife, Forest Department, Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest. Thirty numbers of amateur and professionals photographers participated in the said programme. In this programme the first prize on Cell Phone photography was awarded to Shri Nikhil Shrivastava while second and third positions were adjudged by Shri Vipin Soni and Shri Laksh Kwatra respectively. Shri Gautam Singh Yadav, Photographer and Co-coordinator made elaborative arrangement for conducting the programme while Ms. Shweta Agrawal anchored. Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma, Coordinator and Scientist-B proposed vote of thanks.

Cell Phone Photography Competition: To observe wildlife week, the Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal arranged Cell Phone photography competition on October 3, 2013. The participants used their own cell phone cameras and clicked any wildlife of RMNH campus between 9 to 11 am on October 3, 2013. They submitted the memory card containing the images to Shri Gautam Singh Yadav, Photographer/Co-coordinator of photography exhibition on the same day on the spot. The images exposed downloaded to a memory card and viewed through computer monitor by eminent judges. The selected cell phone photographs works awarded First Rs. 3000/-, Second 2000/- and Third 1000/- respectively to Shri Nikhil Shrivastava, Shri Vipin Soni and Shri Lakshya Kwatra.

Hindi Fortnight Programme: RMNH, Bhopal organized valediction of Hindi Fortnight on September 28, 2013. Various competitions organized during the Hindi Fortnight. Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma, Scientist-B was awarded first prize while Shri Manik Lal Gupta, Educational Assistant and Shri Manoj K. Sharma, Taxidermist bagged second and third prizes respectively. Shri Gautam Singh Yadav, Photographer, Shri Urba Dutt, LDC, and Shri Arvind Anupam, Exhibit Preparator received encouragement prizes.

Collaborative Programme: Teachers training programmes were organized by Ms. Neerja Gour, Director, Vigyan Bhawan, Board of Secondary Education of Madhya Pradesh and Bhopal on September 26, 2013. There were 175 teachers attended the programme.

Visitors: A total number of 4620 public visited the Museum during September 20, 2013 to October 19, 2013 including 100 children arranged by Science Centre (Gwl), Bhopal as the part of National Children Science Congress. 10 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during September 20, 2013 to October 19, 2013.

J. Film Shows: Regular film shows from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. were arranged for visitors in the eco-theatre of museum. The rare films received during the CMS Wild Life Film Festival were screened which gained greater applause from the wild life enthusiast and general public.

RMNH, BHUBANESWAR

1. Visit of public:

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 6055 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

2. Wildlife Week:

In collaboration with the wildlife wing of Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, museum organized a week long film shows on various protected areas of the state from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The documentaries on Bhitarkanika National park, Chilika Lake, Nandankanan Zoological Park and Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary were screened for the benefit of public to create awareness about wildlife conservation.

3. INSPIRE Internship programme on Basic Science for class XI:

In collaboration with Department of Geology, Utkal University museum organized the INSPIRE Internship programme on Basic Science for class XI sponsored by Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India on 6th October 2013 for inspiring young talents towards advanced studies & research in basic science in order to strengthen the National Science & Technology base in India. In the museum, apart from the gallery visit, programmes included film show on Bhitarkanika Documentary, Snake demonstration followed by debate and quiz.

RGRMNH, SAWAI MADHOPUR

During the month following works has been done in different section of the museum:

- 1. Temporary gallery:** Temporary gallery on "Biodiversity of Rajasthan" and "Biodiversity of Western Ghats" has been completed.
- 2. Modelling Section:** prepare foreground for Great Indian Bustard in the movable showcase. Maintenance of specimens which are transferred from RMNH, Mysore.
- 3. Art Section:**
 - a. colour on 2 Nos. little egret, Great Indian Bustard and pigeon.
 - b. Wall Painting work has been completed in Library (14' X 4').
 - c. Back ground painting completed in diorama of State bird of Rajasthan (Great Indian Bustard).
 - d. Foreground painting (on Rock) has been completed in the movable diorama of White tiger.
- 4. Carpentry work:**
 - a. prepared one Showcase for Skulls of the Tiger.
 - b. 24 Nos. wooden stretcher bars have been prepared for paintings display.
 - c. One panels of 15'x5' (horizontal) prepared for mounting canvas rolls.
 - d. One movable diorama (8.5' X 4.5') for lioness has been prepared.