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To

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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road,  
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**Sub: Monthly Report for the Cabinet – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the Monthly Report of the National Museum of Natural History for the month of November, 2013.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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**Monthly Report for the month of November, 2013**  
**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

**NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI**

**NMNH – HT PACE Interschool Essay Writing Competition-2013**

On 12th November 2013 NMNH in association with HT PACE conducted NMNH-HT PACE Interschool Essay Writing Competition-2013 for HT PACE member schools. The competition was conducted in two categories: Junior category for class IV & V and Senior category for class VI, VII & VIII. One participant in each category was invited from each participating school. Maximum 200 students were allowed to participate. Entries were evaluated by a panel of judges nominated by NMNH. First, Second, Third and Five Encouragement Prize winners in each category are declared who will be awarded in a Prize Distribution Function to be held on 20th December 2013. The First Prize winners in each category will be awarded the glittering NMNH- HT PACE Rolling Trophy for their schools. In addition all 16 winners will be taken for an exciting Nature Study Tour to Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Vasant Vihar, Delhi on 28th November 2013.

Students from across the Delhi/NCR wrote essays on the topics: “If our environment has life, only then we can survive” for Junior category students from classes IV & V and “Stop your contribution to pollution, before it’s too late to find a solution” for Senior category from classes VI, VII & VIII.

On the sidelines of this competition, a mutual thought exchange session with teachers, accompanying the participating students, was conducted on the theme: “Mutual growth of formal & non-formal institutes – with special emphasis on museums”.

**School visits and Family groups/General visitors**

15,778 Students & teachers/coordinators from 113 schools/institutes in Delhi / NCR visited museum.

1,274 general visitors visited museum during the month. The educational staff interacted with the visitors and provided information on the exhibits displayed in the galleries.

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**

**Theme:** “Celebration of Diwali in an Eco-friendly way and effects of Crackers”

The programme was organised jointly with Mysore Science Foundation for Primary, Higher primary and for High School Students. Nearly 150 students participated in drawing competition. Dr. Thippeswamy, Scientist –D, CSR&TI, Mysore, delivered a special talk on the occasion. Dr. P. Niranjana, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Mysore, Sh. Yogendra, Scientist-B & InCharge, RMNH, Mysore and the staff members and parents were present during the programme.

**Drawing Competition:** 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013

Peace poster making contest for students born between 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1999 to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2002 was arranged in collaboration with Lions International Club, Mysore. More than 200 students were participated in the competition and secured prizes for their wonderful effort.

**Presentation on “Green Building”:** 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013

A lecture cum power point presentation has been arranged in our auditorium by Orange County foundation. Sh. Gokhte, former scientist of NMNH, and Architectural Engineer Mr. Sudeep addressed the EE & CPWD / CCU Engineers & staff to take the concept of Green Building with new nonconventional energy sources.

**School visits and Family groups/General visitors:**

Total Number of visitors were 8419 which included 5924 (163 groups) of students group from different Institutions, 1428 nos. of general visitors, 1067 nos. of individual visitors, visited museum during the month.

**Nature on Screen:**

Films on the themes of Environment, Nature and Wildlife are screened in the museum auditorium twice a day at 12 am and 4 pm, for the Museum visitors.

## **RMNH, BHOPAL**

A. **Science Fiesta:** RMNH, Bhopal participated Science Fiesta at Regional Science Centre, Bhopal by conducting a temporary exhibition on “King Cobra” on November 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **B. Collaborative Programme:**

1. Paryatna, a NGO and National Law Institute University, Bhopal organized an interactive session on “Eco Friendly Election” on October 26, 2013 with the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal. Shri Prashant Bhushan, Lawyer of Supreme Court, Shri Gulshan Bamra, IAS, OSD to Chief Minister of M.P. and Shri Siddarth Gupta, President M.P. Bar Council, Jabalpur were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. This meeting deliberated Eco friendly election i.e. controlling noise pollution by not using con type speaker for campaign, not costing electricity for illuminating hoarding, banners and etc., not using more number of vehicles which may pollute the air by their emission. Also it was discussed the election should be “animal friendly” also, not utilizing elephants, buffalos and other animals for campaigning. And also it was discussed the disturbance of pet animals likes cat, dog by cracker blarring sound systems used by the campaigners. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E from RMNH, Bhopal, Shri Ajay Dubey from Paryatna, a NGO and Dr. Raka Arya from National Law Institute University, Bhopal were in the panel. The students, teachers and general visitors attended the programme.
2. Paryatna, a NGO and National Law Institute University, Bhopal organized a programme on “Environmental problems and future of environment” for the students of class VI to XII from different schools of Bhopal on November 14, 2013 with the logistic support of RMNH, Bhopal. Hon’ble High Court Justice Shri Dalip Singh, Judicial Member of Central Zone Bench of National Green Tribunal, Bhopal was the Chief Guest and Shri M.P. Tiwari, Registrar, Central Zone Bench of National Green Tribunal, Bhopal was the Guest of Honour. Ms. Ruchi Vijaywargia from People’s Group and Shri Harshvardhan Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Advocate were the special guests of the programme. The programme was on model parliament mode.
3. EPCO; Institute of Environmental Management conducted one day practical works in the galleries of RMNH, Bhopal on 13/11/2013 as the partial completion of their certificate course. Fifty college students and eight staff members from various colleges located at Bhopal participated. Dr. Deepak Damele coordinated the programme along with the members of staff of RMNH. .

## **C. Participation:**

1. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a lecture on “DNA finger prints” delivered by Shri Laljeet Singh, Vice Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras on October 22, 2013 at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal.
2. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended valedictory programme of Science Fiesta-2013 at Regional Science Centre, Bhopal on November 12, 2013.

- D. NGO Collaboration Programme:** The activities of “The museum school” by Parvarish has been continued during this period also along with approximately one hundred deprived children.
- E. Foot Falls:** A total number of 4817 public visited the Museum during October 20, 2013 to November 19, 2013 including fifty participants of training course on Environmental Education from EPCO, Bhopal was visited on November 13, 2013.
- F. Visits of Organized Groups:** 15 groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum’s galleries during October 20, 2013 to November 19, 2013.
- G. 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**

#### **Visit of public:**

During the month the visitor’s book recorded a total number of 7690 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

#### **Protection and Conservation of Olive Ridley sea turtles during the year 2013-14:**

State Wildlife Organization, Forest Dept., Govt. of Odisha in collaboration with this Museum conducted a meeting on 06.11.2013 with the NGOs, CBOs and frontline staff (Range Officer of Coastal Forest Divisions and ACFs who have been designated as authorized officer under the Odisha Marine Fisheries Regulation (OMFR) Act) of coastal Forest Division including the Research fellows for review of preparedness relating to the current years Olive Ridley sea turtle protection operation and conservation activities.

**Preparatory meeting for Odisha Environmental Congress-2013:** A Preparatory meeting for Odisha Environmental Congress-2013 was organized by HDF School of Management, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with CED and RMNH in the museum on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 which is to be held from 23-24<sup>th</sup> Dec.2013.

### **Regional Science Congress 2013 of JNVS, Bhopal region:**

A special programme for about 100 students, 20 teachers & 5 Principals of different JNVs of Bhopal region consisting of MP, Chattisgarh and Odisha was organized by this museum on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. During the programme, a Welcome address and Introduction was given by the Scientist-C, followed by Gallery visit with questionnaire. Thereafter, a detailed discussion was held on the questionnaire in the form of power point presentation by the Scientist-C. Film show on Snakes of India followed by a demonstration on venomous and non venomous snakes was held live snakes from Snake Helpline, Bhubaneswar.

### **Special visit of Differently Abled participants of Anjali Children Festival:**

About 280 differently abled children from different parts of the country who are participants of National Anjali Children Festival held from Nov. 11-14<sup>th</sup> in Bhubaneswar visited the museum on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. Special guidance and assistance was provided to make their visit joyful.

### **Forthcoming programmes:**

Nature Orientation Programme for UG Life Science students of various colleges of Odisha scheduled to be organized from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 for which selection of students will be done through a written quiz on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

## **RGRMNH, SAWAI MADHOPUR**

### **Temporary gallery:**

Temporary gallery on “Biodiversity of Rajasthan” and “Biodiversity of Western Ghat” has been completed.

### **Workshop for promotion of wildlife Conservation through Paintings:**

Gallery on workshop for promotion of wildlife conservation through Paintings is completed.

### **Modelling Section:**

Prepared foreground for Lioness habitat in the movable showcase. Prepared two fibre model of rock Pigeon, Red wattled lapwing for the diorama of Ranthambhore National Park.

**Art Section:**

Colour on Rock pigeon, foreground habitat of Lioness diorama, foreground colour in desert movable diorama and colour on egret was done by Art Section of the Museum.

**Special lecture on Children's Day:** On the occasion of Children' Day (14 November 2013), about 300 students (1<sup>st</sup> class to 9<sup>th</sup> class) along with teachers from different school has been invited to this museum and delivered special lecture. The students were given a special talk on the significant role of the museum in the service of the society.

**Educational Programmes for Special Children:** This museum organized educational programmes/Activities for special children (MR, PH, HI, and VI) at Adarsh Manovikas Seva Sansthan, Near Helipad Sherpur and Yash Viklang Mand buddhi seva sansthan Bazaria, SWM respectively 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 and 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2013. On that day students/Children were benefitted by Collage, Tensil art, Painting, Paper sand art, Clay Modelling, moulding and casting of fruits. Documentary films were projected on Wildlife and Nature.

**Forth coming programmes:** On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2013 will be organized educational programmes for special children with Vinayak MookBadhi Vidyalaya SWM and Chetna Viklang Sanstha, Housing Board, Swm respectively.