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To

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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 March, 2014.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Reena Dey)
Scientist 'C' & HO

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Monthly Report for the month of March, 2014
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

NMNH HQ, NEW DELHI

World Wildlife Day (3rd March, 2014)

World Sparrow Day (20th March, 2014)

World Forestry Day (21st March 2014)

World Water Day (22nd March 2014)

To make the public aware about the importance of Wildlife, Forests and Water Resources, regular film shows were screened during the month in the museum auditorium of NMNH which included films on Forest Resources, Water Resources and Wildlife. These film shows were attended by school children and general public. The school groups and general visitors in groups were oriented about the importance of the above mentioned days along with the guided tour of the museum galleries.

Films shown during the month are as following: Great Indian Rhino, Life on Earth - Theme and Variations, Animals in Arctic, Forest is home to wildlife, First forests, Life in trees, Social forestry, Conquest of waters, Temples of water, Cherrapunji – Rain everywhere but not a drop to drink, Life under the Sea, Conserving our Environment, The Fragile web, Seeds of Life, Chilka – A Fragile Eco-System, Infinite Variety of Life on Earth.

Inauguration of RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur: Senior officials from MoEF and Scientists & other staffs of NMNH were deputed to RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur for organizing of the Inaugural function of Museum. The RGRMNH Museum has been successfully opened to public on March 2014.

Hindi Workshop: Hindi Karyashala/Workshop was organized on 7th of March 2014. Basically it is organized for the staff of this office for performing official work in Hindi Language (Bhasha) only. Shri Rakesh Dube, Deputy Director, MoEF, New Delhi was invited to deliver lecture on Rajbhasha Adhinyam Section 3(iii).

School visits: 4376 school students from 49 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. The educational staff interacted with the students and took them around the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. The museum publication was provided to the accompanying teachers.

Family Groups/General Visitors: Around 1941 general visitors visited the museum. Their queries were satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also provided to them.

Forthcoming programme: A National Level “Poster Making Competition” will be organized on the occasion of Earth Day on 22nd April, 2014 for the children. The theme for the competition will be – “Green Cities”. The best Regional Prize entry from each venue will be pooled to select One National

Winner who will be given the “Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2014” (YEYA-2014) at a function to be held in New Delhi on 5th June 2014 on the occasion of “World Environment Day”.

RMNH, MYSORE

National Science Day on 28th Feb 2014: The National Science day -2014 was observed on 28th Feb. 2014 at SVK Girls composite college, High School Division, Kollegal, Chamarajanagara District. Sh. Suresh, and Sh. Santhosh kumar, Secretary of Mysore Science Foundation were invited as Guest of Honour. Smt. Vijayanthi, Lecturer, Govt. Girls P.U.College, Saligrama, K.R. Nagara taluk was resource person for a special programme “Science behind magic” – a practical & informative demo which was a main attraction of the programme. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Onkara Naik, SEA, RMNH.Mysore.

Special Guided tour for RIMSE: One day Special guided tour was arranged for the students of Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and spiritual Education, Mysore. Sh. S.J. Srinivas MEP took the students through the galleries and guided them, which was followed by interaction with Scientist in Charge and film show.

Curriculum with Museum: an evening with Ayurvedic Doctors at NSS Camp.

Recently, Government College for Ayurveda & Unani medicines, Govt. of Karnataka has arranged a national level student’s NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME programme for the students of Ayurvedic medicine from all over India. The NSS committee extended its invitation to REGIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY to take part in this event and represent the non formal education activities.

Mr. B.S. Yogendra, scientist B, accompanied by Mr.S.J.Srinivasa and Mr.Paka Srinivasa, offered a guest lecture programme on “TRUTH ABOUT TIGER” topic, with a video show on tigers on the evening of 16th March 2013. . This programme was witnessed by about 150 students from 15 states of Indian union, and inmates of Sri Vasavii trust for the aged, located at Alanahalli, 8 Km from Mysore city.

School visits and Family groups/General visitors: Total Number of visitors were 3827 which included 2344 (40 groups) of students group from different Institutions, 730 (32 groups) of general visitors and 753 nos. of individual visitors, visited museum during the month.

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

RMNH, BHOPAL

National Science Day: Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal observed National Science Day on February 28, 2014. One day workshop was conducted for teacher-learning community to understand the importance of environmental science. In this workshop modeling techniques were considered as a tool to propagate, scientific temper in the area of environmental conservation. Various teachers from different part of Madhya Pradesh along with the local learning community participated in this programme. Dr.

Sanjeev Sachdeva, Principle, Environmental Study Centre, Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation (EPCO), Bhopal was the Chief Guest for the inaugural session while Dr. Sudesh Waghmare, Assistant Director, Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal chaired the valedictory session of National Science Day. Shri Dullal Chandra Manna, Ace Modeller of Bhopal from IGRMS acted as a resource person. Shri Arvind Anupam coordinated the schedule alongwith Shri Sushil Kumar Chourey and Ms. Shweta Agrawal as Co-coordinators.

International Women's Day: The International Women's day was organized on 8th March, 2014 in the Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal with collaboration of Bhopal Birds. Around fifty women participated in this programme. The theme of this programme was "Women and Environment". All the participants were divided into four groups (Urban, rural, working and youth) for discussion on different topics.

World Wild Life Day: Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-E attended a meeting on endangered animal at Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal alongwith Shri Anvind Anupam, Modeler, Shri Sushil Kumar Chourey, Steno. III (Hindi) and Ms. Shweta Agrawal, Office Superintendent on March 3, 2014 (World Wild Life Day).

NGO Collaboration Programme: The activities of "The museum school" by Parvarish have been continued during this period also along with approximately one hundred deprived children.

Foot Falls: A total number of 3193 public visited the Museum during February 20, 2014 to March 19, 2014.

Visits of Organized Groups: Seven groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during February 20, 2014 to March 19, 2014.

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

Interactive programme for I. F. S. Probationary Officers (6th March, 2014): An interactive meeting for I.F.S. probationary officers was organized in the museum on 6th March, 2014 to orient about the Forest and Wildlife of Odisha. Dr. J.D. Sharma, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Shri S.S. Shrivastav, I.F.S., P.C.C.F (Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden), Shri. Siddhant Das, IFS, Additional PCCF, Shri Manoj Nair, I.F.S., Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoo and Shri G.N. Indresha S.I.C., RMNH, BBSR participated in the interactive session .About 40 I.F.S. Probationary officers from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun allotted to different state cadres participated in the programme.

Orientation programme for participants of “Refresher course in life science” (11th March 2014): An orientation programme to the participants of refresher course in life science from UGC Academic Staff College, Utkal University was organized on 11th March, 2014 in the museum. Lecturers from different colleges of Odisha were given orientation to the various aspects of biodiversity and conservation with special reference to the state of Odisha and role of teachers through a power point presentation by Scientist-in-Charge Shri G.N.Indresha. He emphasized the role of teachers in imparting knowledge on various aspects of biodiversity through class room teaching and field experiences by organizing field activities for proper understanding, to develop skills, values, attitudes and commitment to conserve biodiversity. It was followed by orientation in the galleries on biodiversity of the state, northeast biodiversity, herpetofauna diversity and how best the museum resources can be utilized for enriching class room teaching learning process by Dr. Siba Prasad Parida, Museum Interpreter.

Orientation programme for participants of nature camp at Bhitarkanika National Park (15th March 2014): About 45 M.Sc. (Zoology) students from Utkal University were given orientation about Bhitarkanika mangroves and its floral and faunal diversity in connection with their nature tour to Bhitarkanika national park.

Visit of public: During the month, the visitor’s book recorded a total number of **9,013** visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

Forthcoming programmes: Earth Day (22nd April, 2014)

RGRMNH, SAWAI MADHOPUR

Following works has been done in different sections of the museum:

Inauguration Function of RGRMNH: The Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History, Sawai Madhopur was successfully opened to public, with a grand Inaugural function on 1st March, 2014. The Chief Guest of the function was Hon’ble Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State (E, B & I) Govt. of India. The other distinguished dignitaries who were present on the occasion and shared the dais with Hon’ble Minister were Sh. Hem Pandey, Additional Secretary, MoEF, Dr. (Smt.) P.L. Ahuja Rai, Advisor, MoEF, Dr. G.V. Subrahmanyam, Advisor, MoEF, Sh. B.N. Malhotra, Chief Engineer, CCU, MoEF, Sh. Rahul Bhatnagar, C.F., Sawai Madhopur.

In this function, Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History guide book and exhibition brochure was also released by the Hon’ble Minister Sh. Namo Narain Meena.

The Minister also participated in the signature campaign “Show your concern towards nature” along with other dignitaries. A special programme of Folk music and dance highlighting the songs and dance concerning nature and environment in local dialect and puppetry show was also organized for the public.

The Museum has opened its wings to all masses of the society for non-formal environmental education with galleries on “Bio-diversity of Rajasthan”, “Bio-diversity of Western Ghats” and “Painting gallery of

local artists”, Ecotheatre, Library, Reception and a main corridor which considered general flora and fauna of India in presence of more than 1500 persons who attended the Inaugural Function including VVIPs, VIPs, School children, Govt. Officials, local public, press and electronic media.

Modelling Section:

- a. Prepared foreground in the diorama of Chinkara.
- b. Prepared open diorama (Pond ecosystem) of Saras Crane and gharial.
- c. Mould of the Indian Roller has been completed. Now it is ready for casting in fibre.
- d. After casting & colouring on Kingfisher fixed in the diorama of Ranthambhore National Park.
- e. Mock-up Model of RGRMNH building fixed in table top display.

Art Section:

- a. Foreground and background painting has been completed in the movable diorama of Chinkara.
- b. Mounted the canvas rolls on four panels (15' x 5') for signing campaign.
- c. Putty, Colouring on aluminium channels (16 Nos.) for exhibit educational activities of RGRMNH.
- d. Putty, Colouring on 11 Nos. Vertical wooden panels (8' x 4') for exhibit high relief animal models.
- e. Foreground colouring in open diorama of Saras Crane and colouring on high relief animal models.
- f. Retouching on tiger head trophy (2 Nos.)

Carpentry Work:

- a. Eight wooden panels of 8' x 4' (vertical) prepared.
- b. Aluminium channels assembled for exhibit educational activities of RGRMNH.
- c. Prepared a table top display (5¼' x 2' x 3½') for mock-up model of RGRMNH building.
- d. Two aquariums have been prepared.

Nature on Screen: Documentary films on wildlife and nature has been projected in eco-theatre twice in a day i.e. 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. for visitors.

Handing over-Taking over: Civil work of Hostel block, Guard Room & Kiosks, Lawn, Pump house, Road, Compound wall & Kerb stone etc. handed over to RGRMNH, SWM dated 14/03/2014.

Special Visit/Meeting: Sh. Sudarshan Mohanty (AS & FA, MoEF, New Delhi) & Sh. Tishya Chatterjee (Former Secretary, MoEF, Director, II PA) visited this museum on 16th March, 2014 along with his family (20 Nos.) and Sh. Sudarshan Gupta, CF, Tiger Project, Sawai Madhopur.

Sh. Sanjay Johri, Asst. Director Tourism, Sawai Madhopur and Sh. C. M. Gupta, G.M., DIC, Sawai Madhopur along with his team visited this museum on 6th March, 2014.

Sh. M.C. Jain, S. E., JVVNL, Sawai Madhopur and Sh. A.K. Meena, A.En. JVVNL, Sawai Madhopur along with his team visited this museum on 16th March, 2014.

Visit of Public: During the month, the visitor's book recorded a total no. of 7354 visitors (1st March to 20th March, 2014) from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Visitor's book also recorded a good no. of foreigners (900), who visited this museum regularly because of Ranthambhore National Park.