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

Deputy Secretary (GC),  
Room No.1030, Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi-110 003.

**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 April, 2014.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. P.L. Ahuja Rai)  
Director, NMNH

Copy to:

Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110 003.

## NMNH-HQ

### **Earth Day (22nd April, 2014):**

A National Level “Poster Making Competition” was organized on the occasion of Earth Day on 22nd April, 2014 for the children born between 1st April 1996 and 31st March 2000. The Theme for the competition was – “Green Cities”. The competition was held at NMNH, New Delhi and Regional Centres at Mysore, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal and Sawai Madhopur.

Entry was by Registration only which was done at each venue during 15-18 April 2014. A maximum of 200 children were allowed to register on first cum first served basis.

At NMNH, New Delhi 116 children from 22 schools in Delhi-NCR participated in the competition. 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.

### **School Visits and Family Groups:**

1508 school students and teachers from 17 schools/institutes and NGOs in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH museum galleries. 2437 family groups/general visitors visited the museum.

The educational staff interacted with the students and general visitors in the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation. Their queries were satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also provided to them on request.

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

### National Science Day on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014

A painting competition has been arranged on “ Nature” on 19-04-2014 with the collaboration of Manjushree Art & Craft Centre, Siddarthanagar, Mysore for various categories like Primary, Higher primary & high school students. About 120 students were participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and with parents support. A special film show has been arranged for the parents between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Special Guided tour for Govt. High School, Mysore

One day Special guided tour was arranged for the students of Govt. High School, Mysore. Sh. S.J. Srinivas MEP took the students through the galleries and guided them, which was followed by a screening of documentary on Nagarahole wildlife sanctuary.

### School visits and Family groups/General visitors

Total Number of visitors were 3167 which included 671(19 groups)of students from different Institutions, 1417(290 groups) of general visitors and 1079 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., for the Museum visitors.

### Forth Coming Programme

Poster making Competition on Green Cities on the occasion of Earth Day on 22nd April 2014 to select participants from regional Centres for Young Environmentalist Year Award (YEYA) – 2014.

## RMNH-Bhopal

**World Sparrow Day:** Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal jointly organized with Bhopal Birds a painting competition for the children aged upto 18, on March 20, 2014 by 03:30 pm at RMNH Eco-theatre to mark the world sparrow day. The topic was “House Sparrow”. Around 120 participants participated in the programme.

**RajBhasha Conference:** Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma, Scientist-B participated two days workshop on “Rajbhasha: kiryanvayan, samsya aur samadhan” at Indira Gandhi Rastriya Manav Sangrahalya, Bhopal during March 25-26, 2014 alongwith Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma, Taxidermist, Shri Manik Lal Gupta, E.A., Shri Sushil Kumar Chourey, Stenographer III (Hindi) and Shri Urba Dutt, LDC.

**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 3,225 public visited the Museum during March 20, 2014 to April 19, 2014.

**Visits of Organized Groups:** ...several.....groups of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum’s galleries during March 20, 2014 to April 19, 2014.

As the part of gallery development and maintenaince the life sized baby dinosaurs exhibited in the dinosaur park were repaired by modeler Shri. Arvind Anupam and also who completed a family of prototyped models of languors for the display in discovery centre.

**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

O&M inspection was successfully conducted on 16/04/14 by a team headed by Dept. Secretary Shri

Bhanu Surender from MOEF New Delhi and assisted by Shri B.S. Bhandari and Shri M.M. Pandey

## **RMNH-Bhubaneswar**

### **Visit of public**

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 9,090 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

### **"Paryavaran Mitra Puraskar-2013 - State Event and Teachers Orientation Programme' on 3rd April 2014.**

"Paryavaran Mitra Puraskar-2013 - State Event and Teachers Orientation Programme' on was organized in the museum by CEE-East in collaboration with RMNH, Bhubaneswar and Centre for Environmental Studies, Govt. of Odisha on 3rd April, 2014. The "Paryavaran Mitra Puraskar-2013 was awarded to 5 schools and 5 teachers in recognition of exemplary leadership shown by schools and its stakeholders in encouraging the students in handprint actions. Along with this, an orientation programme for the eco-club teachers of Bhubaneswar to make them aware about the efforts by various schools in other parts of the country. About 40 teachers from different schools took part in this programme.

### **Poster Making Competition on Earth Day-2013.**

Museum has organized Poster Making Competition from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2014) on the theme "Green Cities". Publicity was made through banners and circulars to various schools & colleges. Registration was held from 15th to 18th April 2014. Total 92 students registered their names for the poster making competition, out of which 76 students participated in the competition on 22nd April 2014. Winners will be awarded with prizes on 5th June 2014 on the occasion of World Environment Day.

### **Forthcoming programmes**

Summer Vacation Programme -2014 is proposed to start from last week of May 2014.

## RGRMNH-SwaiMadhopur

### Monthly Report for the period of April, 2014 of RGRMNH, SWM

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

**Visit of Public:** During the month, the visitor's book recorded a total no. of 17764 visitors (including foreigners) from different organizations, institutions and family groups etc.

#### **Modelling Section:**

- a. Clay modelling, moulding, casting & finishing of Bank Myna and Common Myna has been completed.
- b. Clay Modelling of the Little Cormorant (01 No.) has been completed. Now it is ready for casting in fibre.
- c. Maintenance work of life size model of Elephant & Extra Large Mushroom completed.

#### **Art Section:**

- a. Colouring on Sparrow (03 Nos.), Common Myna (01 No.), Treepie (01 No.) has been completed.
- b. Paint on aluminium channels (10 Nos.) for temporary exhibit of educational activities.
- c. Colouring work on life size model of Elephant and Extra Large mushroom.

#### **Carpentry Work:**

- a. One wooden panels of 8'x 4' (vertical) prepared.
- b. Mount of high-relief models (02 Nos.)
- c. Prepared a wooden panel of 8'x5'x2' (vertical).

**Special lecture on World Water Day :** About 100 students (6<sup>th</sup> class to 12<sup>th</sup> class) along with teachers from different schools has been invited to this museum on the occasion of World Water Day (22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014). **Sh. M.D. Parashar, Wildlife Artist & Photographer** and **Sh. Mohd. Yunus, Sc – 'C'** delivered a lecture on importance of the water in different aspects.

**Special lecture to Forest guards:** **Sh. Mohd. Yunus, Sc-'C'** delivered a lecture on "Duties & Responsibilities in connection with Nature and its Components" to **50 Forest Guards (Females)** of Ranthambhore National Park on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

**Recording on RGRMNH and its aims & objectives:** Recording on **RGRMNH and its aims & objectives including education programmes/activities** round the year in **Akashwani, Sawai Madhopur** and same has been telecast on **27/03/2014 at 7.00 pm**.

**Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014):** **161 Participants** registered their names alongwith proof of age from different schools and institutions for the "**Poster Making Competition**" on the occasion of "**Earth Day**" in connection with **YEYA-2014**.

Out of 161 registration, **135 participants** has been participated in Poster Making Competition on Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014).

**Sh. B. L. Meena**, Art Teacher, Kendirya Vidyalaya, SWM, **Sh. M. D. Parashar**, Wildlife Photographer & Artist, SWM and **Sh. J.P. Soni**, Wildlife Artist, SWM has been invited for evaluate the entries of the “**Poster Making Competition**” on same day i.e. 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014 at 1.00 pm onwards. They have selected First, Second, Third and 5 Consolation winners.

**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:** Electrical work of Hostel block handed over to RGRMNH, SWM dated 21/03/2014.