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**SUB:- MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET – REG.**

Sir,

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

**N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI**

As a part of National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) – (19th Nov. to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2009), the following educational programmes were conducted during the month:-

**NMNH-HT PACE Essay Writing Competition:** As part of this campaign, the entries were invited from the schools of Delhi and NCR in Junior and senior categories. 209 entries in Junior Category (class IV & V) and 244 entries in Senior Category (class VI, VII & VIII) were received. A panel of external Judges evaluated the essay copies and declared the First, Second, Third and Five Encouragement Prizes in each category.

**Nature Study Tour to Yamuna Biodiversity Park:** The winners were informed and were invited for "Nature Study Tour" to "Yamuna Biodiversity Park" (YBP) on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. Sh. Faiyaz A. Khudsar, Scientist Incharge YBP and his team interacted with the students and were taken around the Park. The experts explained the importance of setting the Biodiversity Parks in Delhi. The students went to the wetlands and observed the migratory birds. They were also taken to the Butterfly Park and the area having oil-yielding plants, fruit plants, medicinal herbs and the interpretation centre.

**Out-reach Programme for Specially-Challenged Children:** On 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 an outreach programme was organized for the physically-challenged children from Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute for Physically Handicapped, Vishnu Digamber Marg, N. Delhi. The

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Education section and Art unit of the Museum was involved in this programme. 53 students participated in the programme which included activities like mask-making, paper folding, greeting card making, nature painting and a discussion on fauna & flora in our surrounding. The participants were given Token Gifts and refreshment.

**Orientation Workshop for Teachers:** On 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 an “Orientation Workshop for Teachers” was conducted. This included an **outreach programme** for the trainee teachers of DIET, Daryaganj with a theme – “Museum as Resource for Teaching”. Education Division and Modelling Unit of NMNH were involved in organizing the programme in two sessions. In Creative group activity session the museum staff from Modelling Unit and Education Division visited the DIET, Daryaganj and helped trainee teachers learn to interpret Nature by developing models out of clay and plaster of paris.

**Nature Walk for Children:** A “Nature Walk for children” was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at Buddha Jayanti Park, Delhi Ridge. The Class VIII students from Swami Hariharanand Public School, Yamuna Bazaar, Delhi-6 participated in the programme. They were involved in identification of vegetation on the Delhi Ridge, making of Herbarium and Bird watching.

**Valedictory Function of NEAC-2009:** Valediction of NEAC-2009 was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Museum Auditorium. Prof. G. Ravindra, Joint Director, NCERT was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Protima Naidu, Manager, HT PACE and Sh. J. Sriraman, Under Secretary, MoEF were the Guests of Honour. Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH and Dr. D. P. Singh, Scientist-E, NMNH were also present on this occasion. The Visually- Challenged children from Andh Mahavidyalaya, Panchkuian Road, N. Delhi presented the Prakriti Vandana.

The winners of various contests held at NMNH on different occasions were awarded Prizes and Certificates. This included “Declamation Contest” held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 the International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer, “National Poster Design Contest” held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 during Wildlife Week, "Written Quiz Contest" held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and "NMNH-HT PACE Essay Writing Competition" held during NEAC. The Rolling Trophies for Junior and Senior Categories were given to the First Prize Winner's school in "NMNH-HT PACE Essay Writing Competition". **Nature Magazine – “Tryst with Nature”** prepared by the participants of ENE group of Summer Programme-2009 was also released by the Chief Guest on this occasion.

**School Visits:** Around 15,510 students/teachers from various schools of Delhi and NCR visited the museum, which includes 1762 general visitors.

### **R.M.N.H., MYSORE**

**Programme for the Disabled 2009, 15<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Dec.2009:** Competitions like singing , Painting , Model Making and Written Quiz is Organized for different group of Disabled categories like Visually Challenged, Hearing Impaired, Mentally Challenged and Physically Challenged respectively from 15<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009 in connection with disabled week celebration.

**Special programme of the Month:** “Pollution prevention Day” Awareness programme on Integrated Resource Management Through Industrial Ecology held at RMNH, Auditorium, in collaboration with Centre For Industrial Ecology, Yale University USA, Resource optimization Initiative, Bangaluru and Zonal Office, KSPCB, Mysore for Industrialist from Nanjangud Industrial Area.

**Public Visits:** About 8,272 visitors had visited to this Museum in the month of December 2009 which includes organised groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

### **R.M.N.H., BHOPAL**

**NEAC - Poem Composing Reciting Competition:** Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized a “Poem Composing, Reciting Competition” on 15 December, 2009 as the part of National Environment Awareness Campaign – 2009. Thirty participants from fourteen schools of Bhopal doing 11th and 12th had participated in this competition. The topic of the competition was “**Climate Change**”. Dr. Gunwant Joshi, Scientist, M.P. Pollution Control Board’, ‘Prof. Dr. Arun Raghuvanshi, Barkutallah University’ and ‘Shri Manish Gautam, Deputy Director, Doordarshan News’ were members of the panel.

**Pachmarhi Camp :** Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Bhopal organized a nature camp at pachmarhi during 16th to 18th December, 2009 as the part of NEAC– 2009. Twenty students of fourteen schools of Bhopal participated along with four office members of museum. This is a unique winter camp.

**Collaborative Programme:** Science Centre (Gwl) Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal organized a Children Science Congress during 4th–6th December, 2009 collaboration with RMNH, Bhopal. Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-in-Charge was the convener of the Children Science Congress.

**Visit of Public:** A total number of 6756 visitors and 877 numbers of Organized Groups r visited the Museum during November 20 to December 19, 2009.

### **R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR**

**Exhibition on Wheels:** The exhibition on wheels traveled to Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Deepshikha, NTPC, Anugul from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009. About 2000 school students visited the mobile exhibition from different schools like Kendriya Vidyalaya and St. Mary’s Public school, Anugul.

**12<sup>th</sup> Odisha Bigyan Congress:** The Indian Science Congress Association- Bhubaneswar Chapter, Orissa Environmental Society and Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar collaboratively organized the 12<sup>th</sup> Orissa Bigyan Congress from 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> on the focal theme **Science and Technology Challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> Century : National Perspective**. Extensive lecture sessions were held in which there were 10 invited lectures on various fields by eminent scientists in two different sessions. Participants also presented several papers and posters on prominent areas of science including agriculture and polymer technology, physical sciences, environmental sciences, medical sciences, life sciences and biotechnology.

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**Painting competition held at NTPC:** Museum conducted a painting competition for over 450 children of different schools at Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Deepshika, NTPC, Anugul on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in various categories from class I to X on the topics: My beautiful home, My school is clean and green, Global warming and changing earth as a part of the winter programme 2009. The winners were awarded with cash prizes and certificates.

**Tribal student's orientation and exposure programme:** 30 tribal students from all 30 districts of Orissa from Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Asia's biggest residential school, Bhubaneswar participated in a 3-day exposure visit organized from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009. During this programme the students were taken to different places of ecological importance for learning amidst nature and gaining field experience. They were taken on a guided visit to the tribal museum and solar energy park.

**Visit of public:** During this month visitor's book recorded a total of 12,392 numbers of visitors from different organizations, institutions and family groups.

Yours faithfully,

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