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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Tansen Marg, New Delhi-110 001

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To

The Deputy Secretary (GC),
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
New Delhi.

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 June, 2014.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Reena Dey
Scientist C & HO

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Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
New Delhi.

Monthly Report for the month of June, 2014

World Environment Day (5th June 2014) - On behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change NMNH organised the World Environment Day function of the Ministry at Hotel- The Ashok, New Delhi. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, was Chief Guest of the function and presented "Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2014" to Ms. Samikshya Satpathy, class-IX, DAV Public School, Chandrashekharapur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Young Environmentalist award is being presented for the best poster design. A National level poster making competition is organized every year to select one national level winner who is given "Young Environmentalist of the Year Award" on the occasion of World Environment Day". NMNH- an institution devoted to environmental education also celebrated 36th Anniversary on 5th June 2014.

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan a noted Scientist and the Guest of Honour of the day delivered the key note address on the theme of the World Environment Day "Small Islands Developing States".

During the auspicious occasion, a poster on World Environment Day, books on Animal and Plant Discoveries, Fifth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity, India's First Biennial update Report to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and book on Indian Mammals were released.

The Ministry has instituted a scheme of National Awards to encourage identified categories of highly polluting industries and operations to take significant steps for prevention of pollution. These awards are granted each year to units which make significant and measurable contribution towards development and or use of clean technologies, products or practices that prevent pollution and find innovative solutions to environment problems. The awards for the year 2010-11 were given to:

- 1) M/s Binani Cement Limited, Sirohi, Rajasthan;
- 2) M/s Chambal Fertilisers & Chemicals Limited;
- 3) M/s Reliance Industries Limited, Surat Gujrat;
- 4) M/s Vaibhav Paper Boards Private Limited, Vapi, Gujarat.

Regional Museums of NMNH (Mysore, Bhopal, and Bhubaneswar & Sawai Madhopur) celebrated "World Environment Day" on 5th June 2014 and distributed prizes to the regional level winners of Poster Making Competition held on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2014) on the theme: Green Cities.

Foot Falls - A total number of 31,886 public and school students visited NMNH and its regional centres during the month.