

**Government of India**  
**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**  
**Ministry of Environment & Forests**  
Tansen Marg, New Delhi-110 001

No. 13(6)/2010-11/NMNH

Dated the December 30, 2014

To

The Deputy Secretary (GC),  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh,  
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 December, 2014.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Reena Dey  
Scientist-C

Copy to:

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

## Monthly Report for the month of December, 2014

**Foot Falls-** A total number of **79,005** public and school students visited NMNH and its Regional Museums during the month of December 2014.

NMNH and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) observed International Mountain Day on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and organized Keynote Lectures & Painting Competition for school children at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi to encourage sustainable development in mountains. Accordingly, this year, the aim was to highlight 'Mountain Farming'. 68 school children participated in the Painting Competition on the theme of 'Mountain Farming'. NMNH organised "Winter Nature Camp -2014" at "Aravalli Biodiversity Park", Vasant Vihar, Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. A group of 15 children got the opportunity to interact with the officials of "Aravalli Biodiversity Park" who enriched the children with their experience and expertise. The children were allotted tents for night stay. Similarly, RMNH, Mysore arranged "Winter Nature Study Programme -2014" for the higher secondary school children of urban, semi urban and rural schools. A three days camp at the crest of Southern Western Ghats, in Kerala state was held at field research station of Kerala Forest Department in Nilambur on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2014. A batch of 15 students was selected for this camp.

Prize Distribution Function was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in the museum auditorium of NMNH to give prizes, trophies and certificates to the winners of NMNH - HT PACE Essay Writing Competition held at NMNH. Sh. Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, MoEFCC was the Chief Guest of the Function.

RMNH, Mysore organized one day Technical Seminar on "Bird Flue and its Prevention" on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2014. RMNH, Mysore and Mysore Science Foundation has jointly organized a programme "Interaction with Scientist" 8<sup>th</sup> programme in its series on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2014 at RMNH, auditorium. Dr. Harish R. Bhat, Scientist, IISc, Bangalore, delivered a lecture with power point presentation on "Challenges ahead for conservation". Young minds interacted with the scientist by posing lots of questions and query.

RMNH, Bhubaneswar organized Essay, Story Writing, Debate and Painting Competition on climate change and environment for School and College students on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2014 and State Level Energy Conservation Quiz Competition on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2014 & a Function on the eve of Energy Conservation day on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2014 and also three days "Odisha Environment Congress-2014" from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 is being organized in association with Human Development Foundation (HDF), Bhubaneswar and Center for Environment and Development (CED), Thiruvananthapuram supported by Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha and Bureau of Energy Efficiency. Museum retrieved all the bones from a 31 ft. dead sperm whale reported in Odisha coast at Keluni Muhan (Debi river mouth) and identified as Sperm Whale of the family Physeteridae and species *Physeter macrocephalus*.

RMNH, Bhopal, organized "Special gallery guidance/lecture" for disabled students on International Disabled Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2014.

RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur observed International Day for Disabled on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2014 at museum premises and also held an exhibition entitled "Activities by Differently abled Children". Cash Prizes along with certificates distributed to winners of the competitions for special children through Chief Guest, Shri Rang Chaudhary, D.C.F. (Reloc.), Ranthambhore National Park, SWM.