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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 January, 2015.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Reena Dey
Scientist-C

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Shri M.M. Pandey, Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-110 003

Monthly Report for the month of January, 2015

Foot Falls- A total number of **74,347** public and school students visited NMNH and its Regional Museums during the month of January 2015.

On 13th January, 2015, NMNH organized a visit of school children to the New Green Building, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, MoEFCC to make them aware of recent advancement. The New Building is a recent landmark in modern green architecture which is a unique Green Multistoried Building with net zero energy consumption and total onsite energy production. It is noteworthy that building also uses other features for air conditioning and water management which are just addition to the performance and efficiency of the building. The programme also coincided with the visit of United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon to Indira Paryavaran Bhawan on the same day. Around 80 students from Delhi-NCR were greeted the Secretary-General of UNO and Sh. Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change with bouquet of flowers, National Flags and placards displaying messages on environment and nature. The programme concluded with special thanks by Sh. Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, MoEFCC and Dr. J. R. Bhatt, Advisor & Director, NMNH, New Delhi.

NMNH, New Delhi also organized a “Declamation Contest” on 22nd January, 2015 for visually impaired children of class VIII & IX, for giving them exposure of sharing their views with others on environmental issues. The programme was held in the museum auditorium of NMNH to commemorate Louis Braille Day. Dr. J. R. Bhatt, Advisor, MoEFCC and Director, NMNH was present on the occasion and interacted with children. He also gave the Prizes to the winners of the contest.

RMNH, Mysore conducted one day outreach programme at Arivu School, Bogadi, Mysore on 8th January 2015. RMNH, Mysore and Mysore Science Foundation has jointly organized a programme “Interaction with Scientist” a lecture series - 9 on 18th January 2015 at RMNH, auditorium. In this context Dr. Vasanthkumar Thimkapur, Agricultural Scientist and Kannada Rajyostva Awardee, delivered a lecture with power point presentation on “Wonder world of Plant diseases”. Young minds interacted with the Scientist and clarified their queries.

RMNH, Bhopal organized a “Clean Museum Campaign” at museum campus on 16th January 2015.

RMNH, Bhubaneswar organized a “Written Quiz Competitions” based on nature, environment, wildlife and conservation for the students of Class VIII to X on 17th January, 2015 at the Tangi Girls High School, Tangi, Dist-Khordha to create awareness among rural children about the importance of wetland. The answer sheets were evaluated and the top scoring eight students were selected for prizes. The museum also organized a Film show programme for the benefit of children on 21st January 2015 in collaboration with “Aaina” an NGO working in the field of children and persons with disabilities.

RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur organized a “Winter Nature Programme-2015” for the students of Class IX to XII during 21st to 22nd January 2015 at Ranthambhore National Park, and Chambal Sanctuary (Khandar), Sawai Madhopur, which is famous for its fresh water Crocodile, Gharial as well as other local migratory birds. All the participants observed number of animals like Tiger, Spotted deers, Sambhar, Crocodiles, Turtle, Snakes, Hyena, Vulture & other birds etc. and were briefed about significant roles of the above animals in the nature.