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Foot Falls- A total number of **48,379** public and school students visited NMNH and its Regional Museums during the month of June 2015.

World Environment Day (5th June 2015): On behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, NMNH organised the World Environment Day function of the Ministry at Ganga Auditorium, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, was Chief Guest and Shri Virat Kohli, an Indian International Cricketer and Shri Sushil Kumar Solanki, an Indian World Champion Wrestler were Guest of Honour of the function. Shri Prakash Javadekar presented "Young Environmentalist of the Year Award-2014" to Ms. SATABDI DEBADULARI, student of class IX, D.A.V. Public School, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) on the basis of her best performance in "Poster Making Competition" held on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April, 2015) on the theme: "It's our turn to Lead". NMNH- an institution devoted to environmental education also celebrated 37th Anniversary on 5th June 2015. Similarly, Regional Museums of NMNH (Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar & Sawai Madhopur) celebrated "World Environment Day" on 5th June 2015 and distributed prizes to the regional level winners of Poster Making Competition held on the occasion of Earth Day (22nd April 2015) and also Temporary Exhibition was organized on this occasion.

Valedictory Function of "Summer Vacation Programme-2015" of NMNH-HQ was held on 6th June, 2015. Prizes and participation certificates were given to the participants of Summer Vacation Programme-2015. The winners of Poster Making Competition which was held on 22nd April, 2015 (Earth Day) were also awarded on this occasion. Similarly other regional museums (Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar & Sawai Madhopur) also ended their "Summer Vacation Programme" with the colourful cultural programmes and distributed prizes and participation certificates of Summer Vacation Programme on 5th June 2015.

NMNH organized an "On-the-spot Painting Competition" and "Invitation based Poster Making Competition" in collaboration with Desertification Cell, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 17th June, 2015. Based on the theme "Attainment of Food Security for All through Sustainable Food Systems" and using the slogan "No such thing as a free lunch, Invest in Healthy Soil" for both competitions, students from class XI to Graduation Final Year from across the country sent their entries for Poster Making Competition. All entries including winners were displayed in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on panels for a day and half.

RMNH, Mysore took part in a collaborative programme with Mysore Amateur Naturalists and Chintana Pustaka, Mysore, on 13th June 2015, at the Museum auditorium, in a book releasing function '21st Chromosome mattu itere kathanagalu' written by Child Psychologist and inclusive educationalist Smt. Campa Jaiprakash. The narrative in Kannada deals with various disabilities suffered by children like Slow learning, Down's syndrome, Autism etc. and aims to provide a wealth of information about handling these case by the family, schools, Museums and the society.