

Major Achievements
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Monthly Report for the month of August, 2015

1. **Foot Falls-** A total number of 45,376 people, including general public and school students visited NMNH Museums (New Delhi, Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur) during the month of August 2015.
2. **Educational Programmes:** During the month various educational programmes were organized:
 - Programme “Outreach Temporary Exhibition on Wildlife of India”: Three days programme has been arranged at St. Arnold’s Central School, Mysore by RMNH, Mysore from 15th to 17th August, 2015.
 - Programme “Interaction with Scientist”: Was organized by the RMNH Mysore on 22nd August 2015.
 - RMNH, Bhubaneswar organized various competitions such as “Painting and Poster Making Competition, Field Identification of Flora & Fauna, Identification of Birds on 10th August 2015 to celebrate its 11th Foundation Day. The exhibit of the complete “Sperm Whale Skeleton” was also inaugurated on this occasion.
 - RMNH, Bhubaneswar organized a Workshop in collaboration with CPREE, Chennai on 5th August, 2015 on sustainability Education Programme. 10 best schools would be selected at the National Level by innovative project submission on Sustainability of Water and Biodiversity.
3. **Film shows:** Regular film shows on popular subjects on environment, wildlife, natural history etc are being shown in NMNH, New Delhi and its Regional Museums (Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur).
4. **Visits:** 140 trainee teachers pursuing D. El. Ed. at D. I. E. T., Moti Bagh visited NMNH, New Delhi on 19th August, 2015 along with teacher coordinators and explained them how the museum can be used as teaching resource to enhance the class room teaching.
5. **Collections:**
 - NMNH, New Delhi acquired 7 no. of Dinosaur Egg Fossils of Sauropod, Rajasaurus and Theropod dinosaur from GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujrat for public display at NMNH-HQ & its Regional Centres.
 - RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur collected eggs of Red Vented Bulbul & Red Wattled lapwing, which were de-syringed and preserved.
 - RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur also collected and preserved abandoned nests of Tailor Bird, Weaver Bird, Sun Bird and Red Vented Bulbul.
6. **Beginning of a new initiative:**
 - With the special interest of JS, it was suggested to launch a new programme “Exhibit of the Month” at the earliest. He also discussed with staff of the NMNH-HQ, the matter of “Increase in public service” by increasing in visitor-time which has been increased by one hour daily (i.e. up to 6 pm in the evening compared with 5pm earlier) with effect from 1st August 2015. Regarding the change in visitor time at the RMNHs, once more officers will be appointed in these RMNHs, the matter will be reviewed.
 - **Major professional programmes:** Director, NMNH had preliminary discussion with IGRMS (National Museum of Mankind, Ministry of Culture), Sangeet Natak Akademi (Ministry of Culture) and the Sree Sankara University of Sanskrit Kalady to organize an Intangible Heritage Festival 2015 (IHF 2015) incorporating Exhibition Development Programme (EDP) for developing an Exhibition on Intangible Natural Heritage, which will be held in November/December 2015.
7. **Forth Coming Programmes:**
 - NMNH-HQ will organize an “Orientation Workshop for Teachers” from 3rd to 5th September, 2015.
 - To commemorate “International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer”, various competitions such as “Model Making, Slide show presentation, Written Quiz Completions” will be organized by NMNH-HQ, RMNH-Bhopal and RMNH-Bhubaneswar respectively on 16th September 2015.
 - A Teacher Training Workshop will be held between 11th & 12th September 2015 at RMNH, Mysore.
 - Interaction with Scientist (16th programme in its series) on 20th September, 2015 or 27th September 2015 (as per MOU) will be organized at RMNH, Mysore.
 - **Exhibit of the Month:** NMNH, New Delhi will be exhibiting the “Dinosaur Egg Fossils” in September 2015. “Skeleton of Tiger Cub” will be displayed on 4th September, 2015 at RMNH, Bhopal. The RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur, will be showing an exhibit on “Elephants” at the time of Ganesh Utsav, the major festival in Sawai Madhopur.

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