

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS
NMNH: MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2015

1. **Foot falls-** A total number of 49,147 people, including general public and school students visited NMNH Museums (New Delhi, Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur) during the month of October 2015.
2. **Visits of Organized Groups:** 80 students of class V from 8 branches of Ramjas Foundation Schools in Delhi visited NMNH along with 20 teachers on 14th October, 2015 to get knowledge about nature, environment and wildlife before they proceed for their Junior Vanshala Camp.
3. **Permanent headquarter:** For the first time in the history of the NMNH, a permanent headquarter campus is going to be built in New Delhi. Land measuring 6.5 acres located behind Purana Quila at Bhairon Road opposite Pragati Maidan in New Delhi was taken over by Dr B Venugopal, Director, NMNH from L& D Office, Nirman Bhavan on 06-10-2015.
4. **Meeting:** A review of the progress related to the establishment of RMNH Gangtok was arranged under the chairmanship of Shi A. Bahuguna, Joint Secretary in the MoEFCC on 21-10-2015
5. **Educational Programmes:** During the month various educational programmes were organized:
 - Programme “Under-privileged Children during Wildlife Week”: A special programme for under-privileged children was organized at NMNH on 8th October, 2015. Under-privileged children in the age group of 10 to 14 years came through 3 NGOs such as “Centre for Social Development and Research Foundation (CSDR), Khushi Centre for Rehabilitation & Research and third one Unnoticed, an NGO working among the construction workers at JNU.
 - “Programme on Wildlife Week”: RMNH, Bhopal organized film show programme during Wildlife Week – October 1st – 7th, 2015. Film shows arranged at various place of Bhopal. Similarly RMNH, Bhubaneswar screened a week long film show on various protected areas of the state from 2nd - 8th October 2015.
6. **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).
7. **Collections:**
RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur collected eggs of Sparrow, which were de-syringed and preserved.
8. **Exhibit of the Month:**
 - The exhibit Fossil wood was exhibited at RMNH, Mysore in October 2015 to create awareness about Fossilized or petrified wood.
 - RMNH-Bhubaneswar exhibited a White-rumped Vulture specimen (*Gyps bengalensis*) from the reserve collection highlighting the role and importance of conservation of vultures.