

## Major Achievements

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Monthly Report for the month of December, 2015

**Foot Falls-** A total number of **73,201** people, including general public and school students visited NMNH Museums (New Delhi, Mysore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai Madhopur) during the month of December 2015.

#### Visits of Organized Groups:

- A team of Sh. J. P. Meena, Programme Head, All India Radio (AIR), Sawai Madhopur, Sh. Y.K. Sharma, Sh. Bhim Singh Meena, & Sh. K. R. Meena visited officially to this museum on 17th December 2015 in connection with State conference of A.I.R. on 21st & 22nd December 2015.
- Sh. Sudhir, Regional Director of All India Radio, Jaipur visited this museum along with 29 H.O./Programme Executive of AIR, Rajasthan on 21st December 2015. They were benefitted with a talk on "Natural History Museums in India" with special reference to RGRMNH, SWM and projected a wildlife documentary film.

**Educational Programmes:** During the month various educational programmes were organized

- Intangible Heritage Festival -2015 was organised by National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (SSUSK), Centre for Environment and Development (Thiruvananthapuram), Kochi International Book Festival and Moozhikkulam Sala from 03-05 December 2015 at SSUS, Kalady. The 3 day festival had sessions on intangible cultural heritage, intangible natural heritage, intangible heritage and museums, workshop on Mudi yettu and presentations on UNESCO ICH of Humanity: Mudi yettu, Kutiyattam & Sama Veda. The inauguration of the Festival was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Kanakadhara auditorium of SSUS, Kalady. An exhibition on intangible heritage was also organised by the NMNH at Kochi International Book Festival which was inaugurated by Honourable Governor of Kerala on 4th December, 2015. In the valedictory function of the Festival held on 5th December which was presided by Dr.M.C. Dileepkumar Hon. Vice Chancellor SSUS, Dr. B Venugopal presented a report about IHF15. A team led by Prof. Amareswar Galla (Father Joseph Puthenpurakal, Ms.Sayanthini Raychaudhury, Mr. Kuldip Kothri and Ms. P S Sabeena) presented the Kalady Charter.
- Programme-"Differently-abled Children 2015": NMNH organized Programme for Differently-abled Children from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 to commemorate "International Day for Disabled Persons". The objective of the programme is to involve these children in the activities that offer them insight of environment and nature. Four different categories of differently-abled children viz. Visually Impaired, Mentally Challenged, Hearing Impaired and Physically Challenged participated in the programme. Similarly RGRMNH, Sawai Madhopur also observed International day for disabled on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2015 at museum auditorium. Cash Prizes along with certificates distributed to winners of the competitions. An Exhibition of creativities (Collage Art, Sand Art, Painting etc.) by special children (MR/PH/HI/VI) was organized on the occasion of International Day for Disabled at RGRMNH, SWM, Museum.
- Programme-"Winter Nature Camp-2015": NMNH, New Delhi organized the Camp from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to Explore Nature and Environment at National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo), National Science Centre and Aravalli Biodiversity Park.
- NMNH-HQ organized a National Conference on Museum Access entitled "Museums and Persons with Disabilities" during 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at New Delhi.

- Programme-“Teacher Orientation workshop-2015: RMNH-Mysore and RMNH-Bhubaneswar organized the programme on 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 respectively.
- Programme-“Interaction with Scientist-19<sup>th</sup> programme”: RMNH, Mysore and Mysore Science Foundation had jointly organized the programme on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at RMNH, Mysore Auditorium.

**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).

**Forth Coming Programmes:**

- Winter Nature Camp will be organized during third week of January, 2016 at RMNH-Mysore, RMNH-Bhopal, RGRMNH-Sawai Madhopur.
- Exhibit of the Month January 2016.