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(Ministry of Environment & Forests)

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To  
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New Delhi-3.

**SUB:- MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET – REG.**

Sir,

The National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi and its Regional Museums organized the following educational programmes, in addition to its normal activities, during the month of **February, 2010**:

**N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI**

**Programme for Specially Challenged Children:** (2<sup>nd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010) A week-long Programme for specially challenged children has organized by the Museum from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February. The aim of this programme is to create an equal opportunity for children with disabilities and bring awareness among them regarding environment, nature and wildlife through different educational activities. The activities were conducted for four categories of Specially Challenged Children namely Visually challenged, Physically challenged, Hearing impaired and Mentally challenged. Each school was requested to send 10 children in each category. On each day around 200 children of approximately 25 Specially Challenged Schools and NGOs participated in the programme.

On the occasion of **World Wetlands Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2010)** the Physically Challenged and Hearing Impaired Children were taken to the National Zoological Park (Delhi Zoo) to interact with Migratory birds. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 Visually Challenged and Physically Challenged children participated in Animal Clay Modelling and Origamy Art on wildlife respectively. On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Hearing Impaired and Mentally Challenged children did Animal/Bird Mask Making.

Nature Painting Contest was conducted for Hearing Impaired, Mentally Challenged and Physically Challenged children on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010.

The Valedictory Function of the programme was held on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 in the Museum Auditorium. All the winners of Nature Painting Contest held during the programme, Declamation Contest and Essay Writing in Braille held for Visually challenged in January 2010 were given Prizes at the Valedictory Function. Major General (Retd.) Ian Cardozo, Chairman, Rehabilitation Council of India was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Usha Subramaniam, Additional Director, MoEF and Mr. C. Rajasundaram, Scientist Incharge, RMNH Mysore were the Guests of Honour. Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH was also present on this occasion.

**School Visits:** 65,012 students from 297 schools in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH galleries. The schools included are the MCD Primary schools, Government/Govt. Aided schools and Public schools.

**Family Groups / General Visitors:**

Around 2498 general visitors visited the museum. Their query was satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also distributed to them.

**Special Visiting Groups:**

1. On 10<sup>th</sup> Feb'10 –. 100 students from Chiranjeev Public School, Gurgaon along with teachers visited NMNH through HT PACE.
2. A group of 5 from Cambridge, UK visited NMNH on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb'10 visited the Museum and they interacted with the Director, NMNH and were taken through the museum galleries.

**R.M.N.H., MYSORE**

**Participation in the Annual Conference of Museums Association of India:** Shri C. Rajasundaram, Scientist-in-Charge participated in the All India Annual Conference of the Museums Association on India from 12-14<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at Khajuraho (MP).

Special Programmes:

- 1) One day special programme organized for a batch of 52 students of B.Arch. from the University of Design, University of Mysore on 2.2.2010.
- 2) A day long programme organized for a batch of 18 students of B.Sc. (Bio-tch) from Maharanis College, University of Mysore on 19.2.2010.

**National Science Day and Prize distribution function for NEAC:** National Science Day organized on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2010 for the school children. On that day a Science Magic Show will be organized for the school children and the prizes will be distributed to prize winners of NEAC Programme 2010.

**Public visit:** About 5720 Nos. of visitors upto 19.2.2010 had visited the Museum which includes organized groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.

**R.M.N.H., BHOPAL**

**World Wetlands Day:** Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized a programme on World Wetlands Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010. Dr. Sanjeev Sachdeva, Senior Research Officer, Environmental Planning & Coordination Organization (EPCO), Bhopal was the Chief Guest of the programme. Students from various schools, general visitors & staff of the museum attended the programme. The Chief Guest Dr. Sanjeev Sachdeva released the Brochure on wetlands provided by Ramsar. The theme of the world wetlands day was “Caring for Wetlands an answer to climate change”.

**Deputation:** A awareness workshop on “E-waste Management” was attended by Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist-in-Charge on 19 February 2010 organized by Central Pollution Control Board, Bhopal.

**Study on Birds:** The bird watching studies earlier initiated at Shahapura lake has been completed by Scientist-in-Charge.

**Visit of Public:** A total number of 5736 visitors so far visited the Museum during January 20, 2010 to February 19, 2010. **Visits of Organized Groups:** 855 numbers of students/teachers were provided guided tours at museum's galleries during January 20, 2010 to February 19, 2010.

**R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR**

**Exhibition on Wheels:**

The Exhibition on Wheels travelled to the district of Balasore from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The exhibition vehicle was exhibited in the areas of Nilagiri and Bahanaga of Balasore district attracting 3789 visitors from 13 different schools and general public.

**Collaboration with Nandankanan Zoological Park:**

Capacity building training for the Veterinarians on elephant management and tranquilization technique has been organized on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and for the field officers & elephant research fellows on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 in collaboration with Nandankanan Zoological Park.

**Cartoons for climate exhibition:**

The museum in association with British Council & CEE organized an exhibition titled "Cartoons for Climate" from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010. About 25 prize winning cartoons from Greece, Syria, Croatia, Thailand, France, Delhi, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Maharastra, Chennai, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal are on display in the museum.

**Seminar on Ecological Traditions of Orissa:**

An one day seminar on Ecological Traditions of Orissa is being organized on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in association with CPR Environmental Education Centre, Chennai.

**Visit of public:**

During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 9,683 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

Yours faithfully,

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Director

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