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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 **March, 2010**:

N.M.N.H., NEW DELHI

World Forestry Day (21st March 2010)

World Day for Water (22nd March 2010)

The Museum arranged special CD Presentation on Forest & Water Resources for the visitors in the Eco-theatre and museum auditorium on the titles 'Jal hi jeewan hai', 'Water ignites life and hope', 'Sapne huai sakaar' and 'Forests'. Regular film shows in the museum auditorium of NMNH also included films on Forest Resources, Wildlife and Life in water, which was attended by school children and general public.

Special visiting groups:

- i) A group of visitors from Department of Tourism, Kerala visited NMNH on 4th March 2010. They were taken around the galleries by the educational staff. Museum publication was provided to them.
- ii) Students of M. A. (Museology), National Museum Institute, II semester visited NMNH on 18th March 2010 to seek relevant information regarding museum documentation procedures.
- iii) 200 trainee teachers from DIET, Karkardooma, Delhi visited NMNH on 23rd March 2010. The museum educational staff interacted with them in the galleries for exhibit interpretation.

School visits: 7323 school students from 63 schools/institutes in Delhi & NCR visited NMNH. The educational staff interacted with the students and took them around the museum galleries for exhibit interpretation.

Family groups/General visitors: Around 2293 general visitors visited the museum. Their query was satisfied and information on exhibits displayed in the gallery was provided. Publication material was also provided to them.

R.M.N.H., MYSORE

Preparation for the Exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats” : The Technical and Educational Unit of the RMNH, Mysore was actively involved in the preparation of the proposed exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats”. The Scientist-in-Charge and the Taxidermist visited the Field Station, Zoological Survey of India, Calicut, Kerala and M.S. Swaminathan Foundation, Kalpetta, Kerala from 1st to 4th March 2010 for discussions and to collect necessary materials for the Exhibition. Senior Educational Assistant visited the Southern Regional Station, Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu on 8th and 9th March 2010 for discussions and to collect necessary materials for the Exhibition.

Shri Sunil Rathnakar, Regional Manager, Talcherkars Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore and his team visited the RMNH, Mysore 9.3.2010 and inspect the exhibition area and discussed with the RMNH officials about the proposed exhibition on “Biodiversity of Western Ghats” and accept to submit a preliminary design for the proposed exhibition.

***Public Visits:** About 5534 No's of visitors up to 19th March 2010 had visited to this Museum which includes organized groups, students, family groups, tourists and individuals.*

R.M.N.H., BHOPAL

World Sparrow Day: Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized an one week temporary exhibition on House Sparrow on the occasion of World House Sparrow Day on 20.3.2010 under the aiges of International Biodiversity Year 2010. A public interactive programme “**You & Me**” was arranged on the same day.

Visit of public:

A total number of 3950 visitors visited the Museum from February 20 to March 19, 2010. Organised Groups: 101 numbers of students/teachers were provided guided tours at the museum's galleries from 20.2.10 to 19.3.10.

R.M.N.H., BHUBANESWAR

Development of Northeast Biodiversity Gallery: The background painting works of Kaziranga, Sikkim, Birds of Northeast, Primates of Northeast, Loktak Lake, Namdhapa Tiger Reserve, Nagaland, Mizoram and Megalaya has been completed. Foreground modeling & preparation of models of birds, animals is in progress and will be completed shortly. Labels and panels of northeast biodiversity is under preparation. A large mural map of Northeast India depicting topography of all the northeastern states is ready for display. Photographs collected from various sources were developed for reference for development of the north-east biodiversity gallery.

Interaction & feed back on Northeast Biodiversity Gallery: A guide visit for about 30 college students from **Nagaland** was conducted. The students interacted in the live corner and gathered information on various kinds of snakes in the herpetological section. They were taken to the ongoing Northeast Biodiversity gallery to give their remark and valuable suggestions in the form of formative evaluation were obtained on different

showcases and diorama depicting Northeast Biodiversity for improvement. They also enjoyed a film on wildlife screened for them in auditorium.

Visit of public:

The scorching heat of summer has reduced the number of visitors and students comparatively than previous months. During the month the visitor's book recorded a total number of 4,568 visitors from different organizations, institutions & family groups.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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Director

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