

# REGIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, BHUBANESWAR

## Press Release

### **Inauguration of new Gallery on North East Biodiversity**

Today at 11.30 am, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha **Shri Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated a **Museum Gallery on North East Biodiversity** in the **Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) Bhubaneswar**, in the presence of **Shri Jairam Ramesh**, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment & Forests (MoEF), **Shri Debi Prasad Mishra**, Hon'ble Minister, Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha, **Prof. P. Mohanty-Hejmadi**, Chairperson, Advisory Planning Committee of RMNH, **Dr G. V. Subrahmanyam**, Adviser in the MoEF, and **Dr. B. Venugopal, Director, NMNH**, New Delhi.

This Museum Gallery depicts the natural heritage of North-Eastern India which includes two of the 34 Biodiversity hotspots in the World: Himalayas and Indo-Burma.

During the function, **Shri Jairam Ramesh** the Honourable Minister States (Independent Charge) for Environment & Forests announced that the Ministry would establish the following institutions in Orissa:

1. National Centre on Wetlands and Marine Biodiversity in Bhubaneswar,
2. National Centre on Olive Ridley and Marine Biodiversity at Gahirmata,

On the sidelines of the programme the Hon Minister also inaugurated the **Fragrance Garden** at the Regional office of the MoEF. He announced that this would be developed into a **Biocultural park**.

He also announced that the Ministry would make efforts to get a digital copy of **Jardin de Lorixa**, considered to be the earliest scientific documentation of traditional/ indigenous knowledge about plants of Orissa, of which only one manuscript is available in Natural History Museum Paris (France).

During this occasion brochures on North East Biodiversity Gallery was released by Shri Naveen Patnaik, and on the Museum by Shri Jairam Ramesh. .

Dr. G. V. Subrahmanyam, Advisor welcomed and Dr B Venugopal, Director gave vote of thanks.

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