

**National Museum of Natural History
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change**

Report

Outreach Programme for differently able children of Delhi

(18th– 20th March, 2015)

Division of Educational Services organized Outreach **Programme for differently able Children** to involve them in the activities that will offer them insight of wildlife and nature. The students of three different categories of differently able children viz. mentally challenged Children, hearing, impaired and physically challenged children participated in the programme. The purpose was to provide an equal opportunity to the differently able children in the society to know their environment in a better way by reaching out to them at their school premises.

Sh. Gaurav, Scientist B, Dr. Jaya Prasoon, S.E.A. (Programme co-ordinator) from Education Unit along with other officials Sh. Madan, Artist, from Art Unit and Sh. Gajendra, A.V. Assistant (Contractual staff) from A.V. Unit Sh. Jitendra, Photographer, Photography Unit, Sh. Arvind, Gallery Attendant (Contractual staff) from Education Unit. These officials visited three schools for differently able children in Delhi in the official vehicle and organized creative activities within the school premises. Film shows on nature & wildlife were also screened. The programme was conducted as per following schedule.

S.No.	School	Category	Date	Interaction
1.	Institute for Physically Handicapped, II nd Minto Road Complex, Minto Road, N. Delhi, Pin: 110002	Physically Challenged	18.03.15	Temples of Water (Film show)/ interactive session on Nature & wildlife / Nature Painting / Activity sheet.
2.	Paawan Special School, Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, Pin: 110021	Hearing Impaired	19.03.15	Animal / Bird Mask Making / Film Show on Nature & wildlife / Activity sheet.
3.	Aanchal Special School, Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, Pin: 110021	Mentally Retarded	20.03.15	Film show on Nature & wildlife / collage making / Activity sheet.

Each day twenty five students of three different categories participated in the activities. On 18th March, 2015, Drawing paper and coloring material was provided to the physically challenged students of Institute for Physically Handicapped to reflect their views of nature on paper. Some of the students filled the activity sheet of correcting the jumbled names of animals and matching the food with the animal. Then a film on Rajasthan state facing problem of water scarcity and their efforts to cope up this problem was screened. They saw how the necessity of water motivated the villagers to get awareness and do self service to charge the ground water storage. After the film there was an interactive session also to satisfy their queries.

On 19th March, 2015 the team from NMNH team visited Paawan Special School, Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, a school for hearing impaired students under N.D.M.C. The students were told about different types of herbivore animals and carnivore animals and about the food chain and its

importance. Then they made masks of different animals and tried to understand the concept of different levels of energy flowing in the food chain. Some of the students filled the activity sheet of correcting the jumbled names and matching the food with the animal eating it. Some of them matched the patterns of skins with the animals. Then a film “Policing langurs” was screened in which they saw the monkey menace in cities and the steps taken to control them.

On 20th March, 2015 the team from NMNH visited Aanchal Special School, KautilyaMarg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, a school for mentally retarded students under N.D.M.C. The students were given paper and colored craft paper/ glue for making collage of fish, butterfly, duck, house and flower. Some of the students filled the activity sheet of correcting the jumbled names of animals and matching the food with the animal eating it. Some of them matched the patterns of skins with the animals. Then a film “Policing langurs” was screened.

Photo documentation of overall programme was done on all three days. Registration form and Feedback form were filled by the principals / teachers of the schools each day. No fund was involved during the three day outreach programme for differently able children.



Sh. Gaurav, Scientist B, Interacting with differently able children



Mr. Madan giving tips on painting to Physically Challenged children of IPH, Minto Road.



Children (Institute for Physically Challenged) watching the documentary movie “Policing langurs”



Hearing impaired children of Paawan Special School busy in making of animal masks



Hearing impaired children of Paawan Special School Chanakyapuri, posing with the masks



NMNH team with Mentally Retarded children at Aanchal Special School, Chanakyapuri



Mentally challenged children of Aanchal Special School doing collage work



Snacks and token gifts distribution to the students