

INDIRA GANDHI RASHTRIYA MANAV SANGRAHALAYA

Activity Report for the month of June, 2010

1. World Environment Day celebrations:

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya has organised several activities/programs on 5th and 6th June, 2010 to mark the World Environment Day. World Wildlife Fund-India, Archaeological Survey of India, Bhopal Circle and Green Planet Bicycle Riders Association, Bhopal also extended their support in the organisation of following activities:

- a. **Bicycle Rally:** A bicycle rally for generating awareness about the Environment conservation and Heritage sites of Bhopal was organised with the participation of nearly 500 persons. The Rally started from Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukharjee Park at link road no.3 and covered several points in the city of ecological and historical importance including Chinar Park, Lower and Upper lake, Gohar Mahal and Rani Kamlapati Mahal and finished at Manav Sangrahalaya where the participants visited the open air exhibition on Traditional Technology.
- b. **Poster Competition:** A poster competition was organised in the Avritti Bhawan of Sangrahalaya for two categories of students i.e. for the students of class VI to XII and for college students. Around 50 students took part in it and prepared posters on the topic 'Paryavarana Ki Vriddhi-Desh Ki Samridhi'. The winners were given the prizes.
- c. **Special Exhibitions:** Two special periodical exhibitions were also mounted on the occasion:
 - (i) **Sacred Groves of India:** a photo exhibition focused on traditional norms and value systems of various Indian communities meant for conservation of forest was mounted in Rock Art Heritage building.
 - (ii) **Chhavian/Images-II:** a photo exhibition of the photographs taken by renowned artist Shri Sachida Nagdeo was mounted in the gallery no.2 of Veethi Sankul- the indoor museum building.
- d. **Panel Discussion:** A panel discussion on the topic Culture and Environment was organised in the Avritti Bhawan to discuss the interrelationship of Culture and Environment. Prof. R.N. Vashisht Deptt. of Anthropology, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. S.R. Walimbe, Professor and Head, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Pune, Shri Mahendra Sinh- a leading photographer from Mumbai, Shri R.K. Chaturvedi, retd. Deputy Director General, Geological Survey of India, Prof. K.K. Misra, Director, IGRMS and Shri Vikas Bhatt, Curator participated in this panel discussion and expressed their views on the topic.
- e. **Quiz Competition:** In the evening a quiz competition was organised on the theme of Man and Environment. It was participated by the children from SOS village as also by the children from other parts of the city. Books and plants were given to the winners in the form of prizes.
- f. **Celebrations connected with Sacred Grove:** The IGRMS has installed in its campus at Bhopal, several 'Sacred Groves' patches of different communities associated with nature worship collected from various parts of India. On the occasion of WED -2010, rituals celebration of Sacred Grove complex of Tamilnadu was organised. Tamil speaking people from Bhopal city have actively participated in large numbers in this event. A presentation of 'ethnic food of Tamilnadu' was also organised on this occasion.
- g. **Street Play:** A street play entitled 'Pradushana Maharaj Ki Jay Ho' was presented by the artists of Shaurya Group in the Veethi Sankul. The play highlighted the causes of environment pollution and its remedies.
- h. **Performing Art Presentation:** Smt. Sujata Mohapatra, Odissi artiste from Bhubaneshwar, Orissa gave a performance on the theme 'Rain' at Veethi Sankul.

i. **Museum Popular Lecture:** Shri Mahendra Sinh, a leading photographer from Mumbai delivered a lecture entitled 'Photography Until Now' on 6th June at Avritti Bhawan of Sangrahalaya. Shri R. K. Chaturvedi, retd. Deputy Director General of Geological Survey of India chaired the lecture.

2. **Performing Art Presentations:** Shri S.L. Kandra gave sonorous presentation of violin recital on 27th June, 2010 in the indoor auditorium of Veethi Sankul. The performance blended with several compositions and Raagas, enthralled audience.

3. **Heritage Corner at Jabalpur:** As part of its outreach programme to have links with the education institutions, photographic exhibitions on different themes are being set up in different school and college premises. In this series, a photographic exhibition on 'Art and Craft' as a Heritage Corner was established on 30th June, 2010 at Jabalpur in the Delhi Public School.

4. **Special audit of exhibitions by visually impaired children:** A group of Visually impaired children from 'Arushi' (an NGO dedicated for rehabilitation of physically challenged children) visited the Tribal Habitat open air exhibition of Museum and audited the facilities made available by the museum in braille. Children from slum areas of Bhopal also visited the Museum along with staff members of Bhopal Municipal Corporation.

5. Field Work

- a. An officer of the museum visited Rajgarh, District Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh and collected 13 nos of traditional masks for the reserve collection of the museum.
- b. An officer of the museum visited South Dinajpur area of West Bengal for collection and documentation of material culture of Rajbanshi tribe. About 50 nos. of ethnographic objects of were collected.
- c. An officer of the museum conducted field work in Birbhum district of West Bengal and collected nearly 30 ritual and household objects from Dubrajpur and Rampur hat and musical instruments from Baul singers of West Bengal.
- d. An officer of the museum visited Kathiyawad region of Gujarat and collected 115 ethnographic objects.
- e. An officer of the museum conducted field work in 'Etikoppaka' village in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh and collected about 75 material culture.
- f. An officer of the museum visited Jharkhand region and identified about 55 nos. objects

6. **Museum Entry Fee :** About 12000 paid visitors were entertained in teh museum during June, 2010 and Rs.87,765/- including charges for videography was collected towards entry fee. 2676 visitors availed the free ticket during the month.

7. **Meeting of Executive Council:** The 37th Meeting of the Executive Council of RMSS was conveyed at New Delhi on 28th June 10 under the chairmanship of Shri Jawhar Sircar, Secretary, Ministry of Culture. The Executive Council reviewed the progress of activities and approved the Annual Action Plan 2010-11.

7. Financial performance:

(Rs. in lacs)

Plan/Non Plan	BE 2010-11	Unspent Balance of previous year carried forward	Grant received (upto 30.6.2010)	Expenditure (upto 30.6.2010)
Plan	950.00	063.00	158.33	132.91
Plan (Northeast)	100.00	--	--	036.55
Non Plan	290.00	--	048.33	107.33

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