

REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME (EEAP) 2017

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF &CC), New Delhi, Govt. of India has initiated various awareness programmes for the interested visitors, general public and school students, in particular, through its concerned departments in recent days. As part of that Botanical Survey of India (BSI), a century old premier botanical institute of the country under the MOEF & CC, Govt. of India has also taken some activities like arrangement of visits for the school children.

In this educational programme, it had been decided that students from six schools in the eleventh standard, preferably from the rural background would be given intensive opportunity to visit the live plants in Botanical Garden, exhibit samples of economic and useful plants in the museum gallery as well as an acquaintance with the dried preservation of plants in Herbarium at Central National Herbarium (CNH). Thus, they will get the firsthand knowledge on economic and useful plants of India and other rare plants in wild habitat, also learn its conservation as well. The programme, as per proposal, will run from September-2017 to March-2018 with the visit of at least 50 students from each school at BSI, ISIM, Kolkata for Botanical & Museum Galleries²², a duly filled feedback form will be taken from them to have

The third visit was made at BSI, ISIM, Kolkata with the 39 students from Dum Dum Motijheel Girls' High School on **November 11, 2017** and Dr. M. Bhaumik, Scientist-D & HOO, BSI, ISIM delivered a popular lecture on the topic "Rhododendrons in India" among the students.

In continuation of the visits, another 31 students from Shyambazar A.V. School visited Central National Herbarium and AJCBIBG on **November 18, 2017**. On this very occasion, a Popular talk on 'Introduction about the Botanic Garden and History of Transportation of Plants' was given by Dr. S.S. Hameed, Scientist-D, AJCBIBG to the students. Later, he also guided the students about the interesting live plants in AJCBIBG.

38 students from Dum Dum Motijheel Girls' High School visited Central National Herbarium and AJCBIBG on **December 16, 2017**. A Popular talk on the topic 'Naming of Plants' given by Dr. Avishek Bhattacharjee, Scientist-B to the students. Later, Ms. Purabi Bhattacharjee guided the students about the interesting live plant collection in AJCBIBG.

Another visit took place in this month was from Shyambazar A.V. School with their 28 students on **December 23, 2017**. After thorough visit of Botanical Gallery and Hooker's exhibition at 4th floor ISIM, a popular lecture given by Dr. (Mrs.) Anindita Saha, Museologist and conservator on the topic, 'Preservation of Art objects on paper using aroma of Natural Plant products against biological Organisms'.

In continuation of the visits for the next year, 39 students from Narain Das Bangur Memorial Multipurpose School visited this office (ISIM) on **January 6, 2018**. Dr (Mrs) Kangkan Pagag, Botanical Assistant of this office delivered a lecture on the topic, "Natural Rubber Producing Plants and its uses in Mankind".

As per EEAP, on **January 13, 2018**, a group of approx. 46 students from Bagbazar Multi Purpose Girls' School turned up at the Indian Botanic Garden (IBG) where Dr (Mrs) Mahua Paul, Botanist shared her talk with the students on "Introduction about the Botanic Garden & Herbarium".

Again, the students of about 41 from Dum Dum Motijheel Girls' High School visited the same campus (Indian Botanic Garden) on **February 3, 2018**. Dr (Mrs) Sangita Das Chowdhury delivered a lecture on "Botanic Garden & Phytographic Zones in India".

The next two visits have taken place at this office (ISIM). One on **February 2, 2018** from

The final visit as per EEAP was done on March 10, 2018. This time at Indian Botanic Garden