

Theme: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Activities of National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi (Paragraph 5.1)

Audit findings

National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) was set up to promote environmental education all over the country. Its collections were old and archaic and its galleries/exhibits had not been changed/updated in the last 20 years. It had not developed any museum based projects and its activities in reaching out to children to educate them about environment and conservation were extremely limited. It had not undertaken any research and had failed to develop linkages with other agencies working in this area. Review of activities of NMNH lead to the conclusion that NMNH did not justify its status of being a 'national' museum in light of its poor quality of exhibits and its amateurish efforts in the field of promoting environmental education in the country.