

पालमपुर विज्ञान केन्द्र, पालमपुर

Activity Report for the Month of May 2022

Inauguration of Palampur Science Centre on 14.05.2022

Shri Anurag Thakur, Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, inaugurated Palampur Science Centre, the first Science Centre of Himachal Pradesh on 14th May 2022, in the august presence of Sh Kishan Kapoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Kangra LS), Shri Ashish Butail, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Palampur and Smt. Poonam Bali, Mayor, Palampur Municipal Corporation. Among other dignitaries present on this occasion were Ms. Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Shri A. D. Chaudhury, Director General, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM); Shri D. Rama Sarma, Director, National Science Centre, Delhi and Shri Abhishek Narang, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

In his inaugural address, Sh Thakur implored all the students of Himachal Pradesh to compulsorily visit Palampur Science Centre so as to inculcate scientific temperament. He cited example of sportsmen to bring home the point, he further added that, without the knowledge of science even sportsmen can't achieve optimum results. He also advised National Council of Science Museums, to keep adding newer facilities to the centre, one such addition could be Planetarium.

Palampur Science Centre, has star attraction in the form of a thematic gallery titled 'Untamed Earth' that houses around 25 interactive exhibits. This has been specifically conceptualised and curated keeping in view the sensitive Himalayan belt, located at the juncture of two active tectonic plates. Himachal Pradesh is prone to seismic activities of varying intensities resulting in natural disasters like landslides, flash floods, avalanches, forest fires etc. that can have devastating effect on life & property. One can explore and witness some of these incredible and awful phenomena the Earth has to offer - along with the science behind them through these interactive exhibits.

Other main attractions of the centre are Fun Science Gallery, Exhibition on 'Rise of Digital India', Innovation Hub, Science Shows (Super Cold Show-Showing low temperature properties of matter, Fun with Soap Bubbles), Portable Taramandal and a beautifully landscaped lush green science park where one can learn scientific principles while playing in outdoor setting.

In his address to the audience; Shri A. D. Chaudhury, Director General, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) asserted that Palampur Science Centre will soon be a new popular destination for providing quality infotainment to the people of Himachal Pradesh and will also play a crucial role in ebbing waning interest of students in science and technology. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Shri D. Rama Sarma, Director, National Science Centre Delhi. The inaugural function was well attended by more than 1000 attendees to the programme.

Celebration of International Museum Week – 16.05.2022 to 20.05. 2022

In order to appreciate the importance of museums; International Museum Week was observed from 16.05.2022 to 20.05.2022 at Palampur Science Centre, with organization of various activities focusing on the central theme of the celebration i.e. - 'The Power of Museums'. Week long activities were organised to generate awareness about the important role that museums play in community building, national and international cooperation as well as cultural exchange. As announced by the Ministry of Culture, Govt of India; free entry was allowed from 15.05.2022 to 20.05.2022 to the visitors. Guided tours of all the facilities

of the centre are provided to the visitors during this week-long celebration. An essay writing competition on the topic “Empowering Inclusion and Equality: Museums’ Roles in Shaping Just and Sustainable Society” was organised on International Museum Day-2022 i.e. on 18.05.2022. 41 Nos. of school students took part in this competition. In the series of events; a Workshop on ‘Innovation & Intellectual Property Rights’ was organised on 19.05.2022 for Students & Innovators which was attended by 58 grassroot innovators. **On 20.05.2022 a guided tour of Palampur Science Centre was organised for 20 DIVYANG Children from Surya Uday Charitable Trust.** On 20.05.2022 a Popular Lecture on ‘Quest for Sustainability: Role of Science Centres & Museums’ and drawing Competition on the subject ‘Sustainable Future’ were organised for school students. In his address to the students, project coordinator presented a brief account of sustainable development goals and India’s commitment to achieve these goals. He also underlined role of science centre and science museums in establishing a just and sustainable society. It was followed by an interaction session on the issues and interests related to sustainable development goals. The week-long celebration was concluded with a pledge to ensure sustainable society for the future generations. The programme was well attended by 1475 nos. of students and general visitors.

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय सप्ताह- 16 मई -20 मई 2022 के दौरान में आयोजित किए गए कार्यक्रमों की सूची

List of Programmes/Activities Organised During International Museum Week-2022 i.e. 16.05.22 to 20.05.22

S.No	Date of program	Time (from-to)	Name of the Activity/Programme	Details of the Activity/Programme	No. of Participating Students/General Visitors	Mode of Presentation (Online/Offline Hybrid)
1.	16 मई 2022	9:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre	Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre	Students & General Visitors= 248	
2.	17 मई 2022	9:30-6:00 p.m.	Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre	Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre	Students & General Visitors=120	
3.	18 मई 2022	10:00 – 12:30 सुबह	अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय दिवस-2022 International Museum Day-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay Writing Competition on “Empowering Inclusion and Equality: Museums’ Roles in Shaping Just and Sustainable Society” Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre 	Essay Writing Competition-41 Students Total Visitors In Guided Tour =219	Offline
4.	19 मई 2022	10:00 – 2:30 सुबह	अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय सप्ताह-2022 International Museum Week-2022	Workshop on ‘Innovation & Intellectual Property Rights’ organised for School/College Students & Innovators Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre	Students & Innovators =58 Total Visitor in Guided Tour= 378	Offline

5.	20 मई 2022	10:00 – 12:30 सुबह	अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय सप्ताह-2022 International Museum Week- 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Popular Lecture on ‘Quest for Sustainability: Role of Science Centres & Museums’ • Drawing Competition on the subject ‘Sustainable Future’ organised for school students • Guided Tour of Palampur Science Centre organised for DIVYANG Children from Surya Uday Charitable Trust 	Students And General Visitors In Lecture=122 In Drawing Competition= 11 Divyang Children-20 Total Visitor in Guided Tour= 510	offline
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Total No. of Visitors in Palampur Science Centre During IMD Celebration: 1475

Total No. of Events: Offline –

- Essay Writing Competition on “Empowering Inclusion and Equality: Museums’ Roles in Shaping Just and

Sustainable Society”

- Workshop on ‘Innovation & Intellectual Property Rights’ organised for School/College Students & Innovators
- A Popular Lecture on ‘Quest for Sustainability: Role of Science Centres & Museums’
- Drawing Competition on the subject ‘Sustainable Future’ organised for school students

Target Audience:

- Children= 928
- Differently Abled= 20
- Others=527