

Significant Events for the month of February, 2026

A. Activities :

- Research Personnel of Physical Anthropology Division of this Survey have initiated fieldwork to collect requisite data, blood and faecal samples among the **Saharia, a PVTG of Madhya Pradesh**, under the project on *“Family Health Survey of the Saharia Tribe of Madhya Pradesh: An Exploration of Biological (Genetic) and Socio-Cultural Factors Underneath the Health and Disease”* as part of the National Project of AnSI on *“Gut-Microbial Genomic Study among the PVTGs of India”*.
- Research Personnel of Cultural & Physical Anthropology Division of this Survey were engaged in data analysis, Report Writing and finalization of reports of the following National and Regional Projects:
 - **Gut Microbial Genomic Study among the PVTGs of India**
 - **Ethnic Groups in Inter-State Borders of Chhattisgarh, India: identities, Intra & Intra Ethnic Relationships & Developmental Concerns”**
 - **Assessment of Health, Hygiene & Sanitation status of the Khasi in North-East India, with Special reference to Women & Children**
 - **1) Himalayan Border Villages: Impact Assessment of Vibrant Village Programme with Special Reference to Tourism Development”.**
2) Harnessing the Roots of Indian Civilisation: An Anthropological Study on Himalayan Border Areas
 - **Impact of Changing Agricultural Practices on Rural Health: A Study among the Tribal Farmers of Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra**
 - **Transformative Changes in Rural India through Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM): A Social Impact Evaluation through Anthropological Lens.**
 - **“EHSAS: Exploring Healthy and Successful Ageing in Smart India: Integrating epigenetics, digital divide, and energy expenditure with reference to IoT, AI and ML”**
 - **Ethnographic study on Sikligar Community**
- Research Personnel of Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata of this Survey were engaged in drafting manuscripts for publication on the taxonomic profile of the studied communities under the National Project *“Gut Microbial Genomic study among the PVTGs of India”*.
- Anthropological Survey of India had organized two panel sessions on 22nd February, 2026 during the Indian Anthropology Congress 2026, at Pondicherry University. The sessions focused on the ongoing research projects on:
 - **“EHSAS: Exploring Healthy and Successful Ageing in Smart India: Integrating Epigenetics, Digital Divide, and Energy Expenditure with reference to IoT, AI, and ML”**
 - **“Reconstructing the Impact of Paleoclimate of Indus Saraswati Civilization Using Human Osteology and Paleopathology, Stable Isotope and Ancient DNA Analysis”**
- One Research Personnel of North East Regional Centre, Shillong of this Survey had accompanied the delegates from the Japan Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties (JARRWC) during the trial excavation and field investigation conducted in Nagaland from 11th to 21st February, 2026.

- Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram actively participated in the Andaman and Nicobar Book Fair held from 14th to 22nd February, 2026 at the ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram, where it showcased more than seven decades of pioneering anthropological research and contributions.
- Southern Regional Centre, Mysore of this Survey organized a Hindi Workshop on 12th February, 2026.

B. ZAM related activities:

- Documentation of Museum specimens of the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur is in progress. Approximately 258 (Two Hundred Fifty-Eight) visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur during this month of February, 2026.
- 32 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Udaipur during the month of February, 2026.
- 10,386 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum at Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) during the month of February, 2026.