

Significant Events for the month of March, 2026

A. Activities :

- Research Personnel from the Cultural Anthropology Division of the Survey conducted fieldwork across designated districts in the states listed below under the National Project, *“Transformative Changes in Rural India through Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM): A Social Impact Evaluation through an Anthropological Lens”*:
 - **Nuapada and Malkangiri Districts of Odisha**
 - **Gadag and Kolar Districts of Karnataka**
 - **Jalgaon and Nandurbar of Maharashtra**
 - **Niwari and Singrauli of Madhya Pradesh**
- Research Personnel of Cultural & Physical Anthropology Division of this Survey conducted 1st phase of fieldwork under the Regional Project *“Rock Art Heritage of India, with special reference to Bastar”*.
- Research Personnel of Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram of this Survey have initiated 2nd phase of fieldwork under the regional Project *“Environmental Changes as recorded and experienced by the Onge at Dugong Creek, Little Andaman”* in collaboration with Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration.
- 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.**
- Anthropological Survey of India celebrated International Women’s Day on 9th March, 2026 by organizing an inspirational lecture delivered by Dr. N. Vijaya Lakshmi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development Department, Government of Bihar and Director, L.N. Mishra Institute of Economic Development and Social Change, Patna, Bihar.
- Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey had organized a workshop on 11th March, 2026 to review the reports for the 4 states completed under the National Project on *“Transformative Changes in Rural India through Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM): A Social Impact Evaluation through Anthropological Lens”*, namely Rajasthan, Gujarat, Telangana and Assam, followed with a two-day orientation workshop on 12th and 13th March, 2026 at Head Office, Kolkata as a preparatory phase for next phase of fieldwork.

- Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram of this Survey had organized a lecture on *“Artificial Intelligence Concepts and Applications in Anthropology”* on 12th March, 2026.
- Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey had organized an in-house presentation was organized on 12th March, 2026 on the National Project *“EHSAS: Exploring Healthy and Successful Ageing in Smart India: Integrating epigenetics, digital divide, and energy expenditure with reference to IoT, AI and ML”*.
- Scientific Personnel of Southern Regional Centre, Mysore participated as an invited speaker in two seminars *“The Planet as Political: Climate of History and Vikshit Bharat”* held on 13th March, 2026 and *“Reimagining KBK: From Backwardness to Vikshit Odisha 2036”* held on 14th March, 2026.
- Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey had organized a two-day workshop on the theme **“Analysis and presentation of Qualitative Data”** under the National Project *“EHSAS: Exploring Healthy and Successful Ageing in Smart India: Integrating epigenetics, digital divide, and energy expenditure with reference to IoT, AI and ML”* held on 16th and 17th March, 2026.
- Anthropological Survey of India, in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University (BHU), had organized a two-day National Workshop on *Collaborative Paleo-anthropology and Population Genetics Research* on 23rd and 24th March, 2026 at BHU, Varanasi. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was executed between Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi and Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) for Cooperation for Advancement of Inter-disciplinary Research and Educational Initiatives and opening of field station of Survey within the premises of BHU, Varanasi.
- The Anthropological Survey of India observed the SevaSankalp Resolution at its Head Office, Kolkata and all the Regional Centres during this month.
- भारतीय मानवविज्ञान सर्वेक्षण के पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय केंद्र, उदयपुर कार्यालय को भारत सरकार, गृह मंत्रालय, राजभाषा विभाग की राजभाषा नीति के उत्कृष्ट कार्यान्वयन हेतु, नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति, उदयपुर द्वारा आयोजित वार्षिक राजभाषा समारोह (06 मार्च 2026) के अवसर पर केंद्रीय कार्यालय श्रेणी में द्वितीय पुरस्कार प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया।
- 11 मार्च 2026 को भारतीय मानवविज्ञान सर्वेक्षण के पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय केंद्र, उदयपुर कार्यालय में श्री अभिक सरकार द्वारा *“पुरातत्वीय अन्वेषण और उत्खनन: एक अवलोकन”* विषय पर एक ज्ञानवर्धक व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत किया
- इस माह के दौरान प्रधान कार्यालय और उसके क्षेत्रीय केन्द्रों द्वारा तिमाही हिंदी बैठक कि आयोजन किया गया था एवं मध्य क्षेत्रीय केंद्र, नागपुर, दक्षिणी क्षेत्रीय केंद्र, मैसूर, पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय केंद्र उदयपुर एवं अंडमान एवं निकोबार क्षेत्रीय केंद्र श्री विजय पुरम द्वारा तिमाही हिंदी कार्यशाला का भी आयोजन किया गया था ।

B. ZAM related activities:

- Documentation of Museum specimens of the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur is in progress. Approximately 267 (Two Hundred Sixty - Seven) visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur during this month of March, 2026.

- 32 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Udaipur during the month of March, 2026.
- 4,589 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum at Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) during the month of March, 2026.