

Significant Events for the month of September, 2025

A. Activities :

- Research Personnel of Physical Anthropology Division of this Survey have conducted fieldwork to collect faecal samples and other requisite data among the **Jarawa of Middle and South Andaman and Shompen of Great Nicobar Islands** under the National Project “**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”**
- The **Institutional Human Ethics Committee (IHEC) Meeting** was held on 24th September, 2025, 11.00 AM onwards through virtual mode at Anthropological Survey of India, Head Office, Kolkata to review the ethical matters related to the following projects:
 - **Family Health Survey of the Saharia Tribe of Madhya Pradesh: An Exploration of Biological (Genetic) and Socio-Cultural Factors Underneath the Health And Disease.**
 - **A Legacy Under Threat: An Interpretive Study of Rock Art in Bastar Region, Chhattisgarh, India**Both the proposals were accepted in principle by the committee.
- Research Personnel of Physical Anthropology Division of Survey have submitted a research paper entitled “**Gut Microbial Diversity and Keystone Taxa in Indian tribes: Insights Across Lifestyle Ecological continuum and Health Associations**” to the Journal Proceedings of National Academy of Science.
- Research Personnel of North West Regional Centre, Dehradun of this Survey attended the National Conference on “**Deciphering the Indus Script: A Multidisciplinary Approach**” organized at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India during 11th to 13th September, 2025.

- Research Personnel of North East Regional Centre, Shillong of this Survey was nominated to assist the delegates from the Japan Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties (JARRWC) for the excavation in Nagaland from 10th to 20th September, 2025 during the field investigation.
- North West Regional Centre, Dehradun of this Survey has organized a two- day National Seminar on “Himalayan Mysteries: Challenges and Aspirations” through online mode during 8th – 9th September, 2025 and all the research personnel of this Survey had attended the aforesaid seminar.
- Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey conducted “**Executive Committee Meeting**” of the Anthropological Survey of India on 9th September, 2025 and the Heads of Offices and Drawing and Disbursing Offices from all the Regional Centres participated in the aforesaid meeting to discuss on various administrative and financial matters, status of ongoing research projects, etc.
- Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey has organized the Single-Window Health Camp, as a part of the Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 2025, under the theme “**SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivar**”, on 26th September 2025.
- Head Office, Kolkata and its Regional Centres of the Survey have organized a Shramdaan programme as a part of the Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 2025 under the theme “**Ek Din, EkGhanta, EkSaath**” on 25th September 2025 at the office premises.
- इस माह में दिनांक 14 से 29 तक राजभाषा हिंदी पखवाड़ा का आयोजन किया गया। जिसके अंतर्गत पुस्तक प्रदर्शनी तथा विभिन्न प्रकार के प्रतियोगी कार्यक्रम जैसे तात्कालिक भाषण, वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता, प्रश्नोत्तरी, अनुवाद तथा टिप्पण एवं मसौदा लेखन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। साथ ही कार्यालयीन राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक एवं तिमाही हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन भी किया गया।

B. ZAM related activities:

- Documentation and Digitization of Museum specimens of the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur is in progress. 294 (Two Hundred Ninety - Four) visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur during this month of September, 2025.
- The renovation work of the ZAM, WRC, Udaipur, is completed and the museum is now open to the common public especially for the school/college students. 51 students of Class 11 of Happy Home School, Pratap Nagar, Udaipur visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Udaipur during the month of September, 2025.
- 3640 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum at Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) during the month of September, 2025.