

Significant Events for the month of April, 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 Physical Anthropology Division of this Survey conducted fieldwork among the following tribes in the states listed below under the National Project *“Gut Microbial Genomic Study among the PVTGs of India”*:
 - **Baiga of Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Bharia of Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Raji of Uttarakhand**
- Research Personnel of Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram of this Survey have conducted 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”**
 - **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**
 - **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**
 - **Rock Art Heritage of India, with special reference to Bastar”**
- Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey had organized a one-day seminar in hybrid mode on the theme *“Heritage Conservation in the Face of Conflicts and Disasters”* in collaboration with Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth to commemorate the **World Heritage Day** on 18th April, 2026.
- Research Personnel of this Survey have participated in the training programme on ancient DNA on 14th – 15th April, 2026 at Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleosciences, Lucknow.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 17th April, 2026 between Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture and North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of Development of NER, for the purpose of preservation, archival, maintenance and regulated display of 100 photographic prints depicting the life and works of Verrier Elwin in Anthropological Survey of India.
- Research Personnel of Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram of this Survey have been nominated to undertake the joint expedition for circumnavigation of North Sentinel Island in collaboration with AAJVS and Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration.
- Research Personnel of this Survey have attended the Five-day training programme on “*Museum Documentation-Dealing with Digitization*” held from 26th to 30th April, 2026 at Indian Institute of heritage (IIH), Noida.
- Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey had organized a formal awareness and sensitization programme of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India’s on “*Gyan Bharatam Mission*” on 17th April, 2026.

B. ZAM related activities:

- Documentation of Museum specimens of the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur is in progress. Approximately 106 (One Hundred Six) visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur during this month of April, 2026.
- 2,574 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum at Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) during the month of April, 2026.