

Significant Events for the month of May, 2026

A. Activities:

- 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”**
- Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey had organized an intensive Training-cum-Workshop on *“Paleopathology and Human Osteology”* from 20th to 23rd May, 2026.
- Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey has established collaborations with several reputed organizations and institutions in Udaipur city, including Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University, West Zone Cultural Centre Udaipur, Centre for Cultural Resources and Training Udaipur, BharatiyaLok Kala Mandal Udaipur, INTACH Udaipur Chapter, SathiyaSansthan, and Namaste international institute of Arts, Pune, India to promote academic and research activities, modernization of museum galleries, promoting and preservation of cultural heritage, educational activities.
- To commemorate International Museum Day, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey organized a seminar in hybrid mode on the theme *“Museums Uniting a Divided World”* on 18th May 2026 in collaboration with West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), BharatiyaLok Kala Mandal (BLKM), SahityaSansthan, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth(JRNRV), and Namaste India International Institute of Art. As part of the continued observance, a post-session programme was also conducted on 21stMay 2026.On the same occasion, Southern Regional Centre, Mysore of this Survey inaugurated a month-long ‘Object of the Month’ exhibition on 18thMay 2026, featuring **‘Poothan’**, a traditional ritual mask from Kerala.
- One Research Personnel of Western Regional Centre, Udaipur 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 related to the Recovery of the remains of Japanese War dead conducted in Nagaland from 11th to 23rd May, 2026.
- Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram of this Survey had organized the *“Chalachittra Andaman Nicobar Film Festival – 2026”* on 22nd and 23rd May, 2026 in collaboration with the Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (I,P&T), A&N Administration and National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

- Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram of this Survey had organized a seminar on the use and applications of AI to create awareness among students on the occasion of “Janjatiya Gaurav Utsav, 2026”.
- Research Personnel of Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata attended the One Day Training Programme on Survey of Manuscripts, on 11th May 2026 at HumayunKabir Hall, organized by The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, GyanBharatam Cluster Centre of West Bengal. Further, research personnel of the Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur proceeded on tour to various districts of Chhattisgarh to attend meetings convened by the State Government/District Authorities under the GyanBharatam National Manuscript Survey.
- Research Personnel of North West Regional Centre, Dehradun of this Survey attended the Special Session on “*Wildlife Vision for Vikshit Bharat@2027*” at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun on the occasion of the 44th Foundation Day of the Wildlife Institute of India and International Day for Biological Diversity on 22.05.2026.

B. ZAM related activities:

- Documentation of Museum specimens of the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur is in progress. Approximately 80 (Eighty) visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur during this month of May, 2026.
- 2928 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum at Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) during the month of May, 2026.