

## **Significant events for the month of August, 2015.**

**A) Under the project ‘Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment & Sustainable Development’, the following activities/ fieldworks were undertaken.**

2<sup>nd</sup> & last phase fieldwork has been conducted in Chowra Island, Central Nicobar for 15 days. Some research personnel are engaged in analyzing the data collected from their respective studied villages on completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of fieldwork. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork to Radhvanaj village, Kheda District of Gujarat is continued. 1<sup>st</sup> phase and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of fieldwork in Madagada village of Andhra Pradesh has been completed and data analysis is in progress. 1<sup>st</sup> phase of fieldwork in Rampura village of Karnataka is in progress. Data analysis of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of fieldwork in Hebble village of Karnataka is in progress. 1<sup>st</sup> phase of fieldwork in Champakad village has been completed and data analysis and report writing is in progress. Data analysis and feeding of schedules on the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of fieldwork in Chetlat Island is in progress. One scientific officer visited Motai village & its neighbouring villages of South Tripura District from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and to Rampura village of Karnataka from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 to supervise the team of research personnel conducting fieldwork at those places.

**B) Under the project ‘Documentation & Dissemination’, the following activities were undertaken.**

1. The Survey organised a photographic exhibition on ‘Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands : Yester Years and Today’ at Baratang of Middle Andaman from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
2. The Survey organised ‘International Day of World’s Indigenous People’ on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at its different Regional/Sub-Regional Centres along with various programme.
3. The Survey organized a weeklong workshop-cum training programme on ‘Making of Traditional Sal Leaf Plates’ among the Sabar Tribe of Sarasbedia of Bankura District of West Bengal and another weeklong workshop-cum-training programme on ‘Ethno-medicine among the Santals of Talpukur’ at Birbhum of West Bengal during this month.
4. In presence of the Director and other officials the Survey organized a lecture on ‘Safeguarding Intangible Heritage in the Community through Documentation & Community Based Cultural Centre’ by Prof. AmareswarGalla, Ph.D., Executive Director, International Institute of the Inclusive Museum, Australia on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at the Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata.
5. The Survey celebrated the Independence Day of the country on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at its all Regional/Sub-Regional Centres.
6. The Survey organised a workshop on 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at Udaipur for the Scientific & Technical Personnel of the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, when resource persons from different departments were invited.

**C) Under the project ‘Manpower Training’, the following activities were undertaken.**

1. The Survey deputed some research personnel to participate in the International Conference on the Inclusive Museum titled, ‘Museum as Civic Spaces’ organised by the National Science Centre from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at New Delhi and another research personnel of this Survey participated in the Training Course-III on ‘Orientation Workshop on Care and Maintenance of Museum Objects’ organized by the National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property at Lucknow from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
2. One officer attended a workshop on ‘Probono Projects’ on 14.08.2015 at the Cognizant Technology Solutions Campus at Chennai.

**D) Under the project, ‘People of India: Bio-cultural Adaptations, Genetics, Health and Family Study’, the following activities were undertaken.**

1. Editing of sequenced data is in progress.
2. Family data analysis under MYFADS Project is in progress.
3. Analysis of family data for the association of various phenotypes is being done.

**E) Under the project ‘DNA Polymorphism of Contemporary Indian Population and Ancient Skeletal Materials,’ the following works done in the DNA Lab.**

1. PCR work is in progress for the mt-DNA primers and the Sharaja samples.
2. Sequencing of Mitochondrial DNA samples of Lakshadweep tribes.
3. Editing of mt-DNA Sequences and Analysis of Y-Chromosome data is in progress.
4. Sequencing of repeat samples is in progress and standardization of Ion Torrent PGM.
5. Anthropometric data analysis is in progress under village study project.
6. Analysis of SNP data of NRY – Chromosome is in progress.

**D) Award :**The Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair of this Survey has been awarded the first prize for commendable performance in implementation of official language policy during 2014-15 amongst central government organization functioning at Port Blair.