

Significant events for the month of February, 2015.

1) Under the project “Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment & Sustainable Development” the following fieldworks were undertaken :

Researchers of CRC, Nagpur are engaged in writing report on 1st phase and 2nd phase fieldwork done in Jaurasi village of M.P. and computerization of data analysis on Gaon village of Maharashtra and Sardi village of Chhattisgarh is in progress. (i) 1st phase fieldwork is being conducted by the researchers of Sub Regional Centre, Jagdalpur at Santinagar & Gudrapara village. (ii) 1st phase fieldwork undertaken by Mysore have been completed. 1st phase fieldwork in Kerala is in progress. (iii) 2nd phase fieldwork has been undertaken by Udaipur during this month.

2) Under the project “Documentation & Dissemination” the following activities were undertaken :

- A.** The Survey organised two workshops cum training programme on (i) ‘Making of Traditional Lepcha Musical Instrument’ and (ii) ‘Traditional Handloom Weaving’ among the Lepchas at Lower and Upper Lingthem villages of North Sikkim from 12th January, 2015 to 10th February, 2015.
- B.** The Survey organised a workshops cum training programme on Traditional Music and Dance among the Santals of Talpukur village of Dist. Birbhum, West Bengal from 19th January, 2015 to 8th February, 2015.
- C.** Training cum Workshop programme on Traditional Handicrafts from Palm leaves like Mat, Broom etc. among the Sabar Tribe of Sarasbedia village of Birbhum District, West Bengal was organised by this Survey from 20th February, 2015 to 21st March, 2015.
- D.** A meeting of Visual Anthropology Technical Committee was held on 13th February, 2015 at the Head Office, Kolkata.
- E.** The Survey deputed its few researchers to attend the workshop of Indian Museum held at Shillong from 19th to 23rd February, 2015 on museum related matters.
- F.** The Survey participated in the ‘Indian Anthropological Congress-2015’ and organised an academic session on ‘Predicaments of Tribal Communities in Contemporary India’ and an exhibition on ‘Peopl of India’ held at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 21st to 23rd February, 2015.
- G.** The Survey organised a ‘Sensitisation Programme on Art and Crafts of the Bill Tribal Community of Rajasthan’ from 6th to 8th February, 2015 at Maa Sharda Kanya Chatarvas, Kushalgarh, Banswara, Rajasthan.
- H.** The Survey deputed one officer for attending a 5-day long Management Development Programme in Museum Marketing at Central Research & Training Laboratory (NCSM), Kolkata from 23rd to 27th February, 2015.

- I. The Survey organised a special lecture on 'Transforming Anthropological Museum' delivered by Prof. Amareswar Galla, Ph.D. on 17th February, 2015 at its Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata.
- J. Fieldwork is being conducted in the area of Shompen habitat of Great Nicobar Island under the project 'An Ethnographic Study of Shompen'.
- K. Some researchers of Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata have begun fieldwork to Konark, Odisha under "Anthropological Study of the Konark Temple a World Heritage Site".
- L. The Survey organised National Level Official Language Hindi Workshop and Seminar on 'Contemporary Villages of India : Development & Changes' in Udaipur on 18th & 19th February, 2015, where number of high officials from different Govt. & other departments participated.

3) Under the National Seminar :

- A. The Survey organised workshop on Community Level Cultural Resource Centres in the campus of Sanskriti, Guwahati from 18th to 21st February, 2015 where outside experts/scholars and community workers attended the above programme.
- B. The Survey organised National Seminar on Harappan Civilization : Its Conservation, Inventorization, Study and Research of the Skeletal Remains jointly by Archaeological Survey of India from 26th to 27th February, 2015 at the Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata of this Survey where outside experts/scholars attended the above programme

4) Under the project, 'Manpower Training' the following programme were undertaken :

- A. The Survey organised Executive Committee Meeting on 24th & 25th February, 2015 at its Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata for discussion on (i) 'Target of Annual Action Plan for 2014-2015, (ii) Details of action taken on different Annual Action Plan and (iii) Draft Annual Action Plan (both physical and financial).
- B. One officer participated in the meeting of Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Culture) held at Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi on 23.02.2015 relating to UNESCO (ABICHU).
- C. One officer of this Survey attended a meeting convened by the Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) held on 6th February, 2015 at the Secretariat of Govt. of Assam, Guwahati, Assam in connection with visit of NCST to the State of Assam to assess the status of 'Karbi' community of Assam for inclusion in the ST list of Assam.

5) Under the 'Collaborative Scheme' the following programmes were undertaken :

- A. Two officers of this Survey were nominated to participate in the National Seminar on 'Gender Implication of Tribal Customary Law' held on 27th & 28th February, 2015 organised by the North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, Assam.

- B.** Two officers of this Survey were nominated to participate in the National Seminar on 'Images of Geography' organised by the Foundation of Practising Geographers, Kolkata on 6th & 7th February, 2015 at the S.N. Bose Institute of Basic Research, Kolkata.
- C.** Two officers of this Survey were nominated to participate in the National Seminar on 'Status of Tribal Women in Central India : Issues and Challenges organised by the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh

6) Under the project, 'Community Genetics & Health : Bio-cultural Adaptation' following activities were performed.

- A.** The Survey organised two days Health Awareness Camp at Nartiang Village, West Jaintia Hills, District Meghalaya from 11th to 13th February, 2015.
- B.** The Survey organised Screening cum Health Awareness Camp for Genetic Disorder among JAD sub groups of the Bhotias (ST) of Dehra Dun on 14th & 15th February, 2015.
- C.** The Survey organised Screening and Awareness Camp at Howrah Sangha Adarsha Balika Vidyalaya, Howrah, West Bengal on 10.02.2015
- D.** The Survey organised Health Awareness cum Screening programme for Madhapur, Jambur village of Siddi Community, Talala Taluk, Gujarat during this month.
- E.** The Survey organised Health Awareness cum Screening Camp and Cultural Programme among the Nicobarese at Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar from 10th to 13th February, 2015.
- F.** Work of preparation of PCR Product (B-D) (B-AVa) for putting up for sequencing of variant samples is being done in CRC, Ngpur. Sequencing of PGE standards with left over chemical tested successfully for positive cases detected during the Raman Science Centre's exhibition. Planning for organising awareness camps.
- G.** Editing of sequenced data is in progress in Mysore.

7) Under the DNA Polymorphism of Contemporary Indian Population and Ancient Skeletal Materials, the following work done in DNA Lab.

PCR work is in progress in the DNA Lab of Mysore for the Mt-DNA analysis for the communities Konda Reddy, Nayaka and Jaunsari. Sequencing of repeat samples is in progress and standardization of Ion Torrent PGM.