

## **Significant events month of March of this Survey for the, 2015.**

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

- 1) One officer attended the meeting of ‘Expert Committee for preparation of policies for various PTGs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands’ held in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 to finalize the Policy for Shom pen.
- 2) (i) 1<sup>st</sup> phase fieldwork in Madagada village of Andhra Pradesh is completed and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork in the same area is being taken up. 1<sup>st</sup> phase fieldwork in Rampura village of Karnataka is in progress. 1<sup>st</sup> phase fieldwork is completed and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork in Hebbale of Karnataka is being taken up. 1<sup>st</sup> phase fieldwork in Champakad village of Kerala is in progress. (ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork at Kuatala village of Birbhum, W.B is completed. Report writing is in progress. (iii) Researchers are engaged in analysing the data collected 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork in Kapileswar village of Bhubaneswar and for writing report. (iv) Analysing of data collected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork at Lingthem village, Dzonga Reserve Area of North Sikkim is under process. (v) Report writing on the data collected during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase fieldwork at Ghaghara village, Khunti, Jharkhand is under process. (vi) Analysis of data collected during the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork in the villages of Jaurasi of M.P., Gaon of Maharashtra, and Sardi of Chhattisgarh and writing of report is under process.
- 3) The Survey organised a workshop on five projects from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at its Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata for reviewing the status of the said projects and for taking further necessary action in respect of completion of the projects.

### **B) Under the project “Documentation & Dissemination” the following activities were undertaken.**

- 1) The Survey has undertaken a work for ‘Audio-Visual Documentation of Nabakalebara Ceremony of Sri Jagannath 2015 at Puri, Odisha and accordingly officers of this Survey are on the field.
- 2) The Survey organised a programme ‘Parampara’ a three day long Indigenous People’s festival in collaboration with Sambhav – a non governmental organisation, Kolkata during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at EZCC, Kolkata along with different types of cultural programme. Director of this Survey inaugurate the session in presence of invited scholars on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015.

### **C) Under the project, ‘Manpower Training’ the following programme was undertaken:**

1. One officer of this Survey attended a meeting of the Coordination Committee held in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 to monitor, planning and progress of the schemes/programmes being implemented for overall development of Scheduled Tribes.
2. One officer of this Survey attended a meeting of the Finance Committee of the National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at the National Museum Institute, New Delhi. One officer attended another meeting of the Board of Management of the above organisation held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at New Delhi.

3. One officer of this Survey participated in the seminar and workshop on 'Bioinformatics Tools with Reference to Targeted Gene Sequencing and Analysis' held at Regional Medical Research Centre, Dollygunj, Port Blair from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
4. One officer of this Survey delivered a lecture on 'Sickle Cell Anaemia : Issues & Challenges' in the training programme held at Administrative Training Institute, Kolkata on 28.03.2015, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
5. One officer of this Survey participated in the National Seminar on 'New Paradigms in Anthropological Research' organised by the Department of Anthropology, North Bengal University, Darjeeling on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
6. One research fellow of this Survey participated in the National Conference on, 'Human Diversity, Biological Anthropological Approaches' organised by the Biological Anthropology Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

**D) Under the 'Collaborative Scheme' the following programmes were undertaken:**

1. Two officers, one Visiting Fellow and some research fellows of this Survey participated in the National Seminar on 'Anthropological Research in India : Tradition and Transition' held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 organised by the Department of Anthropology, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
2. Two officers and some research fellows of this Survey participated in the 'Seventh Science Communicator's Meet 2015' organised by the Indian Science News Association, Kolkata on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.
3. One officer of this Survey participated in National Seminar on 'Fieldwork and the Legacy of T.C. Das' organised by the Department of Anthropology, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, W.B. on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
4. Two scientific officers of this Survey has taken up a job of supervising the studies undertaken by CIIL, Mysore on 'Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of two tribal communities, namely Malai Malasar & Muduvan' as requested by the CIIL, Mysore.
5. One officer of this Survey participated in the National Seminar on 'Gender Implications of Tribal Customary Laws in North East India' held on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 at Guwahati.

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

- 1) The Survey organised Health Awareness cum Screening Camp and Cultural Programme among the Nicobarese at Katchal Island, Central Nicobar from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015.

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

- 1) A team of scientific officials of Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair of this Survey are engaged for conducting fieldwork under the regional project 'An Ethnographic Study of Shompen' at Great Nicobar.

**G) Under Hindi Teaching Scheme :**

- 1 Hindi workshop was held at Guwahati on 12.03.2015 and at the North East Regional Centre, Shillong of this Survey on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

## **H) For Outstanding Performance.**

One officer of this Survey was awarded the President's Medal (Census Silver Medal) and Certificate of Honour in recognition of the outstanding and meritorious service performed during Census of India 2011.