

Significant Events for the Month of May, 2016

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

Editing and other write ups for the village study reports are in progress viz. (i) Gaon/Gunwadi village of Pune, (ii) Jaurasi of Gwalior, M.P., (iii) Jamgod of Dewas District, M.P., (iv) Sahajapur of Birbhum District, W.B. Preparation of final report on Nicobarese of Chowra island is in progress. Fieldworks have been started in the villages of Sultana of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan and Kajiawas village of Rajsamand district of Rajasthan. Another fieldwork has been started in Moranjan village of Assam.

B) Under the project 'Manpower Training', the following activities were undertaken.

1. The Director-in-Charge & one Senior Officer of this Survey proceeded on tour to New Delhi w.e.f. 31st May, 2016 to attend a meeting held on 1st June, 2016 at the Ministry of Culture, New Delhi for finalizing and signing of MoU for the year 2016-2017 between the Ministry of Culture and the Anthropological Survey of India.
2. Some research personnel and research fellows of this Survey participated in the National Workshop on 'Participatory Biodiversity Conservation for Improved Ecosystem Services in the Context of Climate Change' organized by the Institute of Bio-social Research and Development (IBRAD), Kolkata on 9th & 10th May, 2016 on the occasion of their 32nd Foundation Day Celebration.

C) Under the project 'Documentation & Dissemination', the following activities were undertaken.

1. The Survey celebrated the cultural programmes and sports events of the Tribal Youth and Children of Hill Pulaya and Muduvan tribal communities living in the Marayoor & Kanthalloor areas of the Idukki District of Kerala organized by ACCESS on 22nd May, 2016.
2. The Survey organized an awareness programme on 'Eradication of Social Evil Practices and other Cultural Practices affecting their general health' among the Kora tribes in Kesia Bhalukhunnya village at Sarenga, Bankura District of West Bengal on 9th & 10th May.
3. 'Swachh Bharat Pakhwada' for the year 2016-2017 are being celebrated at all the centres of this Survey along with different programme.
4. In connection with study on 'Heritage Cities in India' under the project 'Hriday' fieldworks have been conducted at Bodh Gaya and Gaya in Bihar and in connection with research project, 'Anthropological Study of the Konark Temple – A World Heritage Site' fieldwork has been conducted at Konark of Odisha.
5. The Survey organized photographic documentation on 'Simhastha Kumbh Mahaparv-2016 in Ujjain of Madhya Pradesh during this month.

D) Under the project, 'Biosphere Reserve Study, the following activities were undertaken.

Four teams consisting of research personnel from all the Regional/Sub Regional Centres of this Survey have been formed for conducting fieldworks in different places of the country. After completion of a 3-Days Orientation-cum-Training Course at Head Office, Kolkata from 2nd to 4th June, 2016 the tour will be started as per respective schedule of the teams. Fieldwork in connection with Biosphere Reserve Study of Great Nicobar has been completed.

E) Under the project, 'Community Genetics and Health (Human Genetics Extension) the following activities were done.

(i) Write ups for the tribal communities covered under this project are in progress. (ii) Capillary Electrophoresis had been done for the samples collected in the laboratory, (iii) Extraction of DNA samples and check gel has been done for further analysis.

F) Under the project 'DNA Polymorphism of Contemporary Indian Population:

The Survey organized a workshop at its Head Office, Kolkata from 16th May, 2016 to 3rd June, 2016 to finalize the reports under this project where all the involved research personnel of this Survey under this project participated.

G) 'Anti Terrorism Day'.

Like every year the Survey observed the 'Anti Terrorism Day' on 20th May, 2016 at its all Regional/Sub Regional Centres in a befitting manner where all the staff members took the pledge on this occasion.

H) Activities of Zonal Anthropological Museum:

Like every year this year also all the Zonal Anthropological Museum of this Survey observed the 'International Museum Day' on 18th May, 2015 in a befitting manner.