

Significant Events for the Month of January, 2017

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

Final report on the Nicobarese of Chowra island is under process. Final reports on Madagada, Champakad, Chetlat Island and Rampura is in progress.

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

1. One scientific officer of this Survey attended the meeting of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for the post of Director, Anthropological Survey of India held on 27.01.2017 in the Committee Room of the Cabinet Secretariat of the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. One scientific officer of this Survey attended the training/workshop on 'RTI on line Web Portal' organized by the DOPT on 20th January 2017 at New Delhi.
3. One scientific officer of this Survey participated in the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti (RMSS) held on 24th January, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture in the Conference Hall of Central Secretariat Library, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi.
4. One research personnel of this Survey participated and presented paper on 'Stone Age Implements of Bagdiha : A Preliminary Observation' in the International Conference on Field Archaeology organized by the Kerala University from 16th to 19th January, 2017.
5. The Survey deputed some of its Research Fellows to participate in the 104th Indian Science Congress held at S.V. University, Tirupathy, Andhra Pradesh from 3rd to 7th January, 2017.

C) Under the project, 'Biosphere Reserve Study, the following activities were undertaken during this month.

Data analysis of the project Biosphere Reserve Study of Great Nicobar is in progress.

D) Under the project 'People of India : Bio-Cultural Adaptation' the following activities were undertaken during this month.

The Survey organized 'Health Awareness-cum-Screening Camp' among the Nicobarese at Champion Village, Nancowry in collaboration with the Directorate of Health Services, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 31.01.2017 & 01.02.2017.

E) Under the project 'Documentation & Dissemination', the following activities were undertaken during this month.

1. The Survey participated in the 6th Science Expo organized by Raman Science Centre and Planetarium, Nagpur from 18th to 22nd January, 2017 wherein the Survey organised an exhibition on 'Eutherian Mamals to Man – The Story of Human Evolution'.

2. A team of research personnel of this Survey organized an exhibition on 'Community Genetics & Health' from 23rd to 30th January, 2017 in the 10th Sundarban Lokopriya Utsav (2017) at Sonakhali, P.S. Basanti, Dist. 24 Parganas (South) of West Bengal.
3. The Survey organized two Workshop-cum-Training Programmes, one is (i) on 'Wooden Mask Making' among the Mech Tribes of Madhya Narasthali Village of Khoyardanga, District Alipurduar of West Bengal from 17th to 31st January, 2017 and other (ii) on 'Traditional Weaving in Handloom' among the Mech Tribe of Madhya, Dakhin, Purba and Paschim Narasthali Village of Kalchini Block of Alipurduar District of West Bengal from 27th to 31st January, 2017.

F) Under the Collaborative Scheme the following activities were done during this month.

1. The Survey organized one day 'Sabar Festival' in collaboration with the Sarenga Global Education Centre, Sarenga on the eve of 154th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 11th January, 2017.
2. Under the scheme, 'Assistance to State Government Institutions and Organizations for Documentation of Research Results in the Field of Anthropology' the Survey extended financial assistance to Daricha Foundation of Kolkata for undertaking the documentation work and related research work.
3. The Survey permitted a student of masters in Health Statistics from Institute of Medical Science, BHU for doing research in the DNA laboratory of Head Office, Kolkata for academic interest.
4. Under the Regional Project, 'Cultural Continuity and Change in Moplah of South Andaman' a pilot survey has been completed among the Moplah community of South Andaman villages.

G) Zonal Anthropological Museum (ZAM)

(i) About 22,349 tourists visited the ZAM at Port Blair during the period December, 2016 to January, 2017. (ii) 68 students along with their teachers from National Public School (Mysore) visited the ZAM of Southern Regional Centre, Mysore of this Survey.

H) Republic Day Of India

The Survey celebrated the Republic Day of India on 26th January, 2017 in a befitting manner where all the staff members participated.

- I) Report analysis on Velankanni under the project Heritage Cities is in progress.
- J) Submission of Paper : A paper to the Journal of Anthropological Survey of India entitled, 'A Bio-cultural Profile of Madagada village in Araku Valley' has been submitted by some research personnel of this Survey.
- K) **Under the National Seminar the Survey organized a national seminar on 'Government and Tribal Development: Approaches, Role and Reality' at Western Regional Centre, Udaipur from 18th to 20th January, 2017 where the Survey's research personnel participated and presented papers. Also numbers of outside scholars participated in the above programme being invited.**

L) Under the DNA Polymorphism on Contemporary Indian Population the following activities were done during this month.

- I. mt DNA PCR product preparation of repeat samples of Irula, Urali Kuruman and Kota samples.
- II. Y-Chromosome PCR product preparation of repeat samples of Urali Kuruman samples.
- III. Drafting of paper on Y-Chromosome analysis is in progress.