

Significant events of this Survey for the month of April, 2015

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

Report writing on Gunwadi village of Pune Dist., in publishable form is in progress. Final report on Jaurasi village of Gwalior Dist. and on Gaon Vilage of Pune Dist. in publishable form based on 1st & 2nd phase fieldwork have been submitted. Checking of the digitized data of Village Study is continued. Draft report on Sardi village of Chhattisgarh based on 1st & 2nd phase fieldwork has been submitted. Writing of final report on Kuotala village of West Bengal is in progress. Analyzing and writing of report on the data collected during the 2nd phase of fieldwork at Kapileswar village of Bhubaneswar is in progress. Some researchers are engaged in collecting physical anthropological data from Lingthem village and Dzonga Reserve Area of North Sikkim. Report writing on the data collected during the 1st phase fieldwork at Ghaghara village of Jharkhand is continued. Fieldwork is being conducted at Kasindra village of Ahmedabad dist. Field tour in village Sultanpur of District Karnal is completed. Fieldwork is being conducted at village Senapur, Dist. Jaunpur of Uttar Pradesh. 2nd phase fieldwork is being conducted at Chowra, Central Nicobar of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Some researchers of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands have completed fieldwork on Shompen/Nicobarese tribes of Great Nicobar Islands. 2nd phase fieldwork is being conducted at Birshingha village of West Medinipur of West Bengal during this month. One senior officer of this Survey visited the field at Sultana village of Rajasthan to orient the team of researchers and to assess the field situation for the component, 'Border Area Study' under the project, 'Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment & Sustainable Development'.

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

- (i) One senior officer of this Survey proceeded on tour to RIWATCH Museum at Khinjili, Arunachal Pradesh from 7th to 9th April, 2015 for the purpose of inspection in respect of the proposal of RIWATCH Museum of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (ii) The Survey organised the exhibition on 'People of India' at the University of Sikkim, Gangtok and Mongan Senior Secondary School, Mongan during the end of April, 2015 under the supervision of a senior officer.
- (iii) The Survey initiated videographic documentation of the auspicious event 'Nabakalebar Festival of Lord Jagannath' at Puri of Odisha under the supervision of a senior officer during this month.
- (iv) The Survey participated and organised exhibition on 'Cultural Diversity in India' at Duria of Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal from 8th to 10th April, 2015.

C) Under the 'Collaborative Scheme' the following activities were undertaken.

- (i) Six students of Central University of Orissa visited the DNA lab. of Head Office, Kolkata under Collaborative Scheme''.
- (ii) The Survey organised a meeting on 28th April, 2015 at its Head Office, Kolkata in connection with visit of Dr. Aseem Bhatnagar of Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences, Delhi for discussion in respect of Collaborative Project.

D) Under the 'DNA Polymorphism of Contemporary Indian Population and Ancient Skeletal Materials,' the following works done in DNA Lab.

- (i) DNA isolation, Quantification, Serum isolation, Haematology analysis, ALU insertion polymorphism through PCR.
- (ii) DNA Extraction of blood samples collected from Chamoli district is under process.
- (iii) DNA Extraction of blood samples collected from Uttarkashi district of JAD, Bhotia under the project, 'Screening cum Health Awareness Camp has been completed and further analysis of the said samples are under process.