

Significant events for the month of February, 2016

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

A team of research personnel conducted fieldwork in Bajpur village of Bajpur Panchayat, Ranchi. Fieldwork in Eco-cultural Zone, Nimar of Madhya Pradesh and the Eco-cultural Zone, Marathwada of Maharashtra are being conducted separately by two teams of research personnel. Final report on 'An Ethnographic Study of Shompen' has been submitted.

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

1. One sr. officer of this Survey delivered a lecture on 'Genetic Landscape and Peopling of North East India : An Overview' in the International Conference on 'Oral Tradition and Transformations : North East India and South Asia' organized by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and Ambedkar University on 2nd February, 2016 at Shillong. He also attended in the panel discussions on 'Integration of Traditional Tribal Healing Practices and Modern Medicine for Holistic Management of Tribal Health and Nutrition' organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi on 15th February, 2016.
2. One sr. officer of this Survey participated in the meeting of the Union Public Service Commission held at New Delhi on 15th & 16th February, 2016 for discussion of the matters related to recruitment of Group-B Posts of this Survey. He also attended the meeting held on 18th February, 2016 at Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey during the visit of the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi for reviewing the implementation of official language.
3. One officer of this Survey delivered a lecture on 'Tribal Culture : Survival in the Contemporary World' in the workshop for the In-service Government Tribal Teachers on 'Enhancing Understanding of Indigenous Tradition' held on 8th February, 2016 at the Centre for Cultural Resources & Training (CCRT), Udaipur.
4. Some research personnel of this Survey participated for oral presentation of their research papers in the 10th Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress 2015-16 held at Jharia of Dehra Dun from 10th to 12th February, 2016.
5. The Survey organised its Executive Committee Meeting at Kolkata on 22nd February, 2016 for discussion on Action Taken Report on the minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting and for other future activities in presence of all the Heads of Regional/Sub-Regional Centres of this Survey.
6. The Survey organized an orientation course/programme and also hands-on-training held from 23rd February, 2016 to 1st March-2016 at its Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata to train all the newly selected research fellows of this Survey about the methods of field investigation, analysis of data/information and report writing etc. where some external experts were invited to elegant the programme.

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

1. The Survey organized a unique programme like Round Table on, 'Dialogic of Adda as Urban Intangible Heritage at its Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata on 9th February, 2016 in presence of some dignitaries.
2. The Survey organized 'Parampara : Indigenous and Folk Festival 2016 in collaboration with the NGO 'Daricha Foundation' at Satyajit Roy Auditorium Hall & Bengal Gallery, Kolkata on 19th & 20th February, 2016 and also an Exhibition cum Indigenous Crafts & Arts Fair.
3. The Survey organized photographic documentation in the Desert Festival of Jaisalmer & Baneshwar Mela of Durgapur during the end of this month.

D) Under the project, 'People of India: Bio-cultural Adaptations, Genetics, Health and Family Study', the following activities were undertaken.

The Survey organized Genetic Screening-cum-Awareness Camp of Sickle Cell Anaemia/Thalassaemia and other abnormal hemoglobin variants among the Lodhas of Pashcim Medinipur of West Bengal at Narayangarh, Dist. Pashcim Medinipur of West Bengal during the middle of February, 2016.

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

A good number of scientific officials of this Survey were nominated to participate in the following programme:

1. In the International Seminar on 'Anthropology and Global Climate Change: Local Knowledge, Cultural Adaptation and Resilience among the Indigenous People' organized by the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad on 15th & 16th February, 2016.
2. In the National Workshop on 'Participatory Natural Resource Conservation for Integrated Tribal Development' held on 19th & 20th February, 2016 at the Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research & Development, Kolkata.
3. In the seminar on '8th Science Communicator's Meet : Theme : COP 21 : Issues and Action' held on 27th February, 2016 at the Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management, Kolkata.
4. In the National Seminar on 'Livelihood and Food Culture of Tribals in India' organized by the Ranchi University, Ranchi on 27th & 28th February, 2016. (H.O., ERC, Kolkata was requested to nominate scholars)

H) Activities of Zonal Anthropological Museum:

The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi along with other dignitaries visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum of Udaipur of this Survey. Some VIPs have also visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum of Port Blair.