

Significant events for the month of February, 2017

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

Final reports on studies on following villages viz. Madagada, Champakad, Chetlat Island and Rampura is in progress. Analysis and data on the Study on Velankanni Heritage City is in progress. Some research scholars of this Survey conducted reconnoiter study to Dugong Creek of Little Andaman in the last week of February, 2017 among the Onge tribe for assessment of present socio-cultural demographic and nutrition status and visual coverage of Onge settlement and people.

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

24th Executive Committee Meeting of this Survey held on 6th & 7th February 2017 at the Head Office, Kolkata. All the Heads of Offices of all Regional & Sub Regional Centres and Sr. officers attended the Meeting chaired by the Director, AnSI for discussion and evaluation on the progress of research activities as well as administrative matters.

In accordance with the approval of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi, Dr. M. Sasikumar, Deputy Director (cultural) & Head of Office of the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata, attended in the 33rd Session of Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) from 27th February to 3rd March 2017 (excluding journey time) at Geneva, Switzerland, as a representative of the Government of India.

One officer of this Survey was permitted to proceed on tour to New Delhi from 8th to 10th February, 2017 to discuss the official court cases pertaining to the Anthropological Survey of India at the Ministry of Culture and other concerned offices/ministries.

One Sr. Officer of this Survey participated in the Workshop of NVLI, National Mission on Libraries, MoC, New Delhi held on 28th February 2017 in New Delhi, in connection with providing data on digitization of contents, objects etc. for inclusion in NVLI.

One Sr. Officer of this Survey attended in a National Seminar held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati held on 23rd & 24th February 2017 and presented a research paper “demographic Atlas of ST in Andhra Pradesh”.

One Sr. Officer of this Survey delivered a lecture on “Anthropological Surveys and studies” on 13th February 2017 for the participants of the ‘Refresher Course in Research Methodology in Social Sciences and Arts’ at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

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

Preparatory work is in progress to organize the Survey’s National Seminar on **Biosphere Reserve and Protected Areas of India: Man-Nature Interface** scheduled to be held on 9th & 10th March 2017 in Kolkata.

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

A Report on the MYFADS project has been submitted by the Research Scholar Dr. D. Xaviour, RA (P) of the Southern regional Centre, Mysore of this Survey.

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

Parampara: Indigenous & Folk Festival, 2017: A cultural programme and exhibition by the indigenous people was organised on 16th & 17th February, 2017 in Kolkata by the Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata of this Survey as an *Out-reach programme*. The programme was inaugurated by renowned theatre personality Shri Bibhas Chakrabarty followed by two-day long performances of various cultural groups with participants from Naga, Mech, Santals, Mizo, Khambu Rais, Jhumur, Manipuri and fair displaying tribal art-works and food items.

This Survey organized an Exhibition on the theme ‘Community Genetics & Health’ and arranged for screening/ projecting documentary films viz 1) Where Life is a Symphony, 2) Tryst with Time, 3) Mayel Lyang: The Hidden Paradise and 4) Vanishing Colours: Shrinking Threads of the Anthropological Survey of India at the Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal from 21st to 23rd February, 2017.

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

A National Workshop-cum-Exhibition on Tribal Healers and Tribal Medicine was organized by the IGRMS in collaboration with the Southern Regional Centre, Mysore of this Survey from 4th to 8th February 2017.

One officer of this Survey was deputed to participate and present paper in the National Seminar on ‘Forensic Science at the Service of Mankind’ held at the University of Lucknow, U.P. on 27th & 28th February, 2017.

Two officers of this Survey were deputed to participate in the National Workshop on ‘Sustainable Livelihood and Integrated Tribal Development’ organized by the IBRAD, Kolkata in collaboration with the Anthropological Survey of India on 20th & 21st February, 2017.

Some officers of this Survey were deputed to participate in the National Conference on ‘Borders and Borderlands: Negotiating the Margins under Globalization’ held at the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata on 7th & 8th February, 2017.

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

- Mt DNA PCR product preparation of repeat samples of Irula, Urali Kuruman and Kota samples.
- Y-Chromosome PCR product preparation of repeat samples of urali Kuruman samples.
- Drafting of paper on Y-Chromosome analysis is in progress
- Research scholars of this Survey visited Virajpet/Madikeri Taluk, Coorg Dist. Of Karnataka from 7th to 11th February 2017 for collection of blood sample from Male Kudiyas tribe.

H) Other Activities:

- Central Regional Centre, Nagpur received the Consolation prize for Rashtrabhasha Karyanvayan (Official works in Hindi) for the year 2015-16 among 40 Central Government offices of Nagpur which was organised by Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti, Nagpur on 27th February, 2017 at Nagpur. Central Regional Centre, Nagpur also organised a competition on Tatkalik Swarachit Kabya Lekhan during 2016-17 on behalf of NARAKAS. Staff members

of the Central Regional Centre, Nagpur participated in different inter-office competitions during the year 2016-17 and some of them received awards.

- **Status of Public grievances:**

- a) No. of Public grievances redressed during the month: **Nil**
- b) No. of Public grievances pending at the end of the month: **Nil**