

Significant events for the month of January, 2016

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

3rd phase fieldwork to Sardi village was conducted during this period. A team of research personnel is conducting 2nd phase fieldwork to Rampura village at Mysore District of Karnataka for two months. Fieldwork is being conducted by a team of research personnel to village Rajat Jubilee II in the Satjelia islands under Gosaba Block of Sundarban Eco Cultural Zone of West Bengal for 15 days during this month. Report writing on Madagada village of Andhra Pradesh and Hebbale village of Karnataka are in progress. Second phase fieldwork in Chetlat Island and Champakad village of Kerala are in progress. Report writing on Nicobarese of Chowra Island is in progress. Final report of Birshingha village of West Medinipur, West Bengal has been submitted during this month.

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

1. One Sr. Officer of this Survey delivered a lecture on 12th January, 2016 in the 5th Science Expo organized by Raman Science Centre at Nagpur from 9th to 13th January, 2016.
2. One officer participated in the 6th National Conference of CGLA : ECO-CGL 2016 on the theme 'Emerging Challenges and Opportunities of Central Govt. Libraries in the Digital Era' held on 22nd & 23rd January, 2016 at the A.B.C. Hall of Indian Museum Campus of India Museum, Kolkata.
3. One officer participated in the 131st Orientation Course in Record Management held in Bhubaneswar from 6th to 9th January, 2016 under National Achieves of India, Record Section (Eastern Zone) Bhubaneswar.
4. Scholars from the Anthropological Survey of India attended the 103rd Indian Science Congress 2016 and presented their research papers.

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

1. The Survey participated in the 103rd Indian Science Congress held at the University of Mysore from 3rd to 7th January, 2016 for organizing an exhibition during that period and one officer delivered lecture in the above programme.
2. The Survey organized an exhibition on 'Santal Life & Culture' held from 23rd to 29th January, 2016 in the 12th Year Subhas Mela-2016 at Canning of South 24 Parganas of West Bengal.
3. The Survey organized one day Sabar Festival during this month at Sarenga, District Bankura of West Bengal in collaboration with the Sarenga Global Education Centre, Sarenga on the eve of 'Vivekananda Utsav'.
4. The Survey organized documentation of the Tusu Puja among the Sabars of Sarasbedia village at the District Bankura of West Bengal during this month.
5. The Survey organized a workshop cum training programme on 'Making of Huka Banam of Santals' at Bhurkundabari village, District Purulia of West Bengal during the period from 28th January, 2016 to 3rd February, 2016.
6. The Survey organized an exhibition on 'Bio-cultural Evolution of Man' in the 5th Science Expo organized by Raman Science Centre at Nagpur from 9th to 13th January, 2016.
7. The Survey organized an exhibition on 'Panorama of People of India at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal in the last week of January, 2016.

8. The Survey participated in the 'National Level Jamboori' and organized an exhibition on 'Bastar Sanskriti ki Jhalak' which was organized by the Bhart Scout Guide from 4th to 8th January, 2016.
9. A team of research personnel visited Velankanni, Tamil Nadu for study under the 'Prasad and Hriday : Heritage Cities' for two weeks from 3rd week of January, 2016.
10. A team of research personnel completed 1st phase documentation work at Bishnupur in Bankura District of West Bengal from 15th to 19th January, 2016 in connection with a documentary film on 'Bishnupur'.

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

1. The Survey organized Health Screening Programme for Detection of Sickle Cell and Thalassemia in the 5th Science Expo organized by Raman Science Centre at Nagpur from 9th to 13th January, 2016.
2. The following works are in progress.
 - I. Editing of sequenced data is in progress.
 - II. Family data analysis under MYFADS project is in progress.
 - III. Analysis of ten family data for the association of various phenotypes is done
 - IV. Data analysis and report writing on the project 'Genetics and Biochemical Markers of Type 2 Diabetes.
 - V. Genetic screening of 120 blood samples collected from Ramnagar, Diglipur, Andaman Islands were analyzed for Sickle Cell Trait and other haemoglobin abnormalities among the migrant communities from Chhotanagpur. As collaborative efforts 124 blood samples among the Santal of Purulia, West Bengal were collected and analyzed for abnormal haemoglobins.

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

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1. Collected 100 blood samples of Urali Kurumban/Vetta Kurumban from Wynad district of Kerala and DNA and extracted DNA.
2. Editing of mt-DNA Sequences and Analysis of Y-Chromosome data have been done.
3. Completed sequencing of 12 Rabha DNA samples through Ion Torrent PGM.
4. Analysis of SNP data of NRY – Chromosome through MDS Plot have been done.

F) Under Hindi Teaching Scheme :

Hindi Karyashala was organized at Southern Regional Centre, Mysore, Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata and Western Regional Centre, Udaipur during this month.

- G)** Like every year the Republic Day of India was celebrated by this Survey by hoisting National Flag of India on 26th January, 2016.

H) Activities of Zonal Anthropological Museum:

A special visit for 150 school going students with their teachers of HUM Academy of Jagdalpur was organized at the ZAM of Jagdalpur during this month.