

## **Significant events for the month of March, 2016**

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

Fieldwork (Reconnoiter tour) 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 reports on the villages of Madagada and Hebbale are nearing completion. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork in Champakad village is being conducted. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase fieldwork in Chetlat Island has been completed and data analysis work is in progress.

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

1. One scientific officer of this Survey participated in the All India Radio out-reach live broadcast programme 'inse miliye' held at Udaipur on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 and interacted on the theme relevance of Anthropology and the Anthropological Survey of India for the betterment of humanity.
2. One scientific officer of this Survey participated in a meeting of the PG Board of Studies in Anthropology on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 held at the Vidyasagar University, Medinipur as an External Member.
3. A team of research personnel of this Survey participated in a seminar on 'Livelihood & Food Culture of Tribes in India' organised by the Ranchi University in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India during this month.
4. A Scientific Officer of this Survey along with other research personnel participated and delivered the Key note in a National Seminar on 'Diminishing Farm Returns and Issues of Wayanand Tribes' organized by the Kannur University on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
5. One Scientific Officer of this Survey participated and presented paper in a Tribal Festival organized by the National School of Drama, New Delhi from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
6. One Scientific Officer of this Survey presented paper on 'Health and Health Care Issues of a Tribal Village in Araku Valley' to the Andhra University for publication as a volume.
7. One research personnel of this Survey participated and presented his paper in the workshop on 'Folk Architecture of Asian Villages and Town – A Comparative Study' organized by the Kolkata Society for Asian Studies on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Kolkata.
8. One Junior Research Fellow of this Survey participated and presented paper in a national seminar on 'Anthropology & Human Welfare : Bio-cultural Perspective' organized by the Panjab University, Chandigarh on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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

1. 1<sup>st</sup> phase fieldwork for 'Documentation of Memorial Tradition of Bastar' was conducted from 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 for a period of ten days.
2. The Survey organized an exhibition on 'Panorama of People of India at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal for a period of one month w.e.f. 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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

1. The Survey organized Thalassaemia Screening cum-Awareness Camp on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Old City, Kolkata as an outreach programme.
2. Editing of sequenced data for case/control study is being done. Ten family data analysis with PLINK software is in progress for looking association with biochemical markers and interpretation of the data is in progress.

**E) Under the project, 'Biosphere Reserve Study, the following activities were undertaken.**

A team of research personnel conducted fieldwork to Great Nicobar in the last week of March, 2016 and in this connection two scientific officers of Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey had oriented and imparted a 2 days training on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**F) Under the project 'DNA Polymorphism of Contemporary Indian Population :**

1. Shri Charles Sylvester, JRF made a pilot study on Malaikudi tribe during this month as part of sample collection under the project.
2. PCR work is in progress for the mt-DNA primers for repeat samples of Kurumban/Vetta Kurumban (10 samples). Wynad district of Kerala samples.
3. The mt-DNA analysis of Vetta Kurumban samples are falling in M2b and M36 haplogroups under major haplogroup M and R30a1 and Ula haplogroups are falling under major haplogroup N.
4. PCR and sequence work is in progress for the Y-SNP's primers of Kurumban/Vetta Kurumban samples.
5. Analysis of Y-haplogroup among 73 tribal populations is in progress.

**G) Under the 'Collaborative Scheme' the following activities were undertaken.**

1. Few students (4<sup>th</sup> Semester) of Vidyasagar University, West Bengal have been providing necessary guidance in the DNA Lab of Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey for a period of three months w.e.f. middle of March, 2016 for academic purpose.
2. The Survey organized National Workshop on 'Participatory Natural Resource Conservation for Integrated Tribal Development' in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research & Development, at Kolkata on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**H) Hindi Teaching Scheme :**

1. The Survey organised Hindi Workshops at its Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, A&NRC, Port Blair, Southern Regional Centre, Mysore during this month to review and implement the usage of official language on the day to day administrative work as well on research activities.
2. The Survey organized a Hindi Workshop at its North East Regional Centre, Shillong on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 wherein all staff participated.

**I) Activities of Zonal Anthropological Museum:**

Number of students from different education centres visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum at Southern Regional Centre, Mysore.