Significant events for the month of March, 2017.

- A) Under the project 'Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment & Sustainable Development', the following activities/ fieldworks were undertaken during this month.
- (i) Final report on 'Biroti village of Khargone District of M.P. has been submitted to the supervisor. (ii) Data collected from field in two phases for Jarud village of Beed District of Maharashta is under analysis. (iii) Language editing of village study reports on Gaon, Gunwadi village, Pune and Sahajapur village of Birbhum of West Bengal are in progress. (iv) Reports on Champkad & Kamalghat has been finalized. (v) Report on Madagada has been submitted. (vi) Report on Chetland Island: A village in Kakshadweep U.T has been submitted. (vii) Final report on the 'Nicobarese of Chowra island is under progress.
- B) Under the project 'Manpower Training', the following activities were undertaken during this month.
- 1. One officer of this Survey participated in the '33rd Inter Governmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resource, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore' held at Geneva from 27th February, 2017 to 3rd March, 2017.
- 2. One officer of this Survey delivered lecture on 'Literature in the Tribal Art and its Form' organized by the National School of Drama, New Delhi at Hyderabad on 4th & 5th March, 2017.
- 3. Some officers of North East Regional Centres, Shillong of this Survey participated in different programme held during this month i.e. (i) Rajbhasha Technical Seminar held at Central Glass Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, (ii) Orientation cum Refresher Course held at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, (iii) ICSSR Sponsored Refresher Course for Ph.D Scholars held at Kalyani University, West Bengal.
 - C) Under the project, 'Biosphere Reserve Study, the following activities were undertaken during this month.
 - The Survey organized the seminar on 'Biosphere Reserves and Protected Areas: Man Nature Interface' under the project, 'Man & Environment: Biosphere Reserve on 9th & 10th March, 2017 at the Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata of this Survey in presence of outside experts and involved research personnel of this Survey participated and presented their research papers.
 - 2. Data analysis of the project Biosphere Reserve Study of Great Nicobar is under progress.
 - D) Under the project 'People of India: Bio-Cultural Adaptation' the following activities were undertaken during this month.

The Survey organized Thalassaemia Awareness and Screening Camp on 1st March, 2017 at Barisha Sashibhushan Janakalyan Boy's High School in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Old City.

- E) Under the project 'Documentation & Dissemination', the following activities were undertaken during this month.
- 1. 2nd phase of fieldwork in connection with the documentary film on 'Applique Handicrafts of Pipli, Odisha was conducted for a period of ten days during this month.
- 2. The Survey arranged a programme of demonstration on SPSS Statistics Software Version 24.0 & SPSS online training provided by SPSS South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore at its Head Office, Kolkata on 3rd March, 2017.
 - F) Under the Collaborative Scheme the following activities were done during this month
- 1. Two officers of this Survey participated in the National Seminar on 'Anthropology in the Present Era' organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal in collaboration with the Anthropological Survey of India on 23rd & 24th March, 2017.
- 2. One scientific officer of this Survey supervised the M.A.(Anthropology) MAAN Programme of IGNOU, New Delhi Dissertation work of the registered students as per the MOU between the Anthropological Survey of India & IGNOU, New Delhi.
 - G) Under the DNA Polymorphism on Contemporary Indian Population the following activities were done during this month.
- 1. DNA extraction of Male Kudiyas 114 sample, quality check and PCR works of repeat samples of Kota has been done;
- 2. Net work analysis of mt DNA sequences, Tabulation and MDS of Y-chromosome SNP data of 73 groups has been done.
 - H) Under the project 'Community Genetics and Health (Human Genetics Extension Programme): Human Genetics Extension Programme Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassemia the following activities were done during this month.

Analysis of Sickle Cell Anaemia for the samples collected from the Raman Science Centre, Nagpur is in progress.

I) The following activities were done during this month under 'Zonal Anthropological Museum (ZAM)'.

Exhibit of the month 'Elephant Terracotta' has been displayed in the gallery of ZAM, Nagpur for the visitors. About 16,719 tourists visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum of Port Blair during this month.

J) Under Hindi Teaching Scheme:

The Survey organized a Hindi Workshop at its Western Regional Centre Udaipur on 6^{th} & 7^{th} March, 2017 in presence of some outside high officials. Another Hindi Workshop was organized at the Survey's North East Regional Centre, Shillong on 28^{th} March, 2017.

K) Publication:

A paper on 'Haemoglobinopathies in Saharia: A Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group of Shivpur District of Madhya Pradesh' has been published by a scientific officer of this Survey in the Indian Journal of Applied Research.