

Significant events for the month of May, 2015.

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

1. Fieldwork is being conducted in (i) Jambur village of Gir Somnath district of Gujrat, (ii) Two researchers completed 2nd phase fieldwork at Chowra of Central Nicobar, (iii) some researchers completed 1st phase fieldwork in Madagada village of Andhra Pradesh and 2nd phase fieldwork is continued in the same village (iv) 1st phase fieldwork completed in Hebbale of Karnataka and 2nd phase fieldwork is in progress in the same village, (v) 1st phase fieldwork is going on in Champakad village of Kerala and Chetlat Island of Lakshadweep, (vi) Fieldwork conducted at Shella and Tyrna villages of East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya, (vii) Fieldwork has been conducted in Birshingha village of West Medinipur of West Bengal, (viii) Fieldwork is being conducted at Kalamati village of Dinhata Block-II of Cooch Behar district of West Bengal.
2. One senior scientific officer visited the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur of this Survey for supervising the fieldwork at Sultana village of Rajasthan under the aforesaid project.

B) Under the project 'Documentation & Dissemination' the following activities were undertaken

1. International Museum day was organised along with various cultural programme on 18th May, 2015 at (i) Udaipur, (ii) Mysore, (iii) Nagpur, (iv) Jagdalpur,
2. A team of Anthropologists of Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata conducted successful visit to Ramnagar, Birbhum for campaigning on Sawachh Bharat Abhiyan among the Santal of Ramnagar.
3. The Survey organized audio-visual documentation on 'Karam Puja – A Santal Festival' at Santiniketan, Birbhum District of West Bengal during this month.

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

1. One officer attended the Inter-Ministerial meeting in respect of US JPAC held on 7th May, 2015 at South Block of New Delhi.
2. Some researchers were deputed to participate in the National Seminar on 'PVTGs of Central India : Development Status, Challenges and Possibilities' organized by Barkatullah University, Bhopal on 29th & 30th May, 2015.
3. Some researchers were deputed to participate in the 45th Annual Conference on a theme, 'Anthropology and Human Welfare' held from 23rd to 25th May, 2015 at the University of Calcutta, Kolkata

4. Permission was given to two students of Gitam University for obtaining training in the DNA Lab. of Head Office, Kolkata under the supervision of a Suptdg. Anthropologist(Phy).
5. Permission was given to one student of Amity University of U.P. for obtaining training in the Palaeoanthropology Lab. of Head Office, Kolkata under the supervision of a Suptdg. Anthropologist(Phy).

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

1. PCR work is in progress for the mt-DNA analysis for the communities of Konda Reddy of Mysore.

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

1) One senior officer attended the meeting held on 22nd May, 2015 in the office of the Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi to discuss the amendment of Recruitment Rules of Group 'A' posts of the Survey.

2) One officer attended the meeting of the Board of Management of National Museum Institute held on 7th May, 2015 at New Delhi.

3) Some scientific officials of Southern Regional Centre, Mysore attended the National Seminar on 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of South India' organized by Folkland, International Centre for Folklore and Culture, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya & Kannur University at Nileshtar, Kerala on 11th & 12th May, 2015. One official of Mysore centre also delivered a lecture on 'Social-Cultural Anthropology' to the P.G. students of Mandya Medical College at Mandya, Karnataka on 23rd May, 2015

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

1. In the Southern Regional Centre, Mysore editing of sequenced data is in progress.

G) One Visiting Fellow of this Survey undertook research work under the Plan project, 'Siwalik Excavation of this Survey' for the period from 29th March, 2015 to 13th May, 2015.