

## **Significant events of this Survey for the Month of July, 2014.**

### **1) Under the project, 'Bio-cultural Diversity, Environment and Sustainable Development'.**

Fieldworks are continued in the villages of (i) Parsa village in Madhubani district of Bihar, (ii) Kuotala of Birbhum district of West Bengal.(iii) Birsingha village in West Medinipur district of West Bengal, (iv) Village Sultanpur of Dist. Karnal, Haryana, (v) Village Lakhmandal of Dehra Dun, (vi) Gaon and Gunwadi villages of Pune District, Maharashtra (vii) Madagada Village of Andhra Pradesh, (viii) Rampura village of Karnataka.

### **2) Under the 'Collaborative Scheme' the following actions were undertaken:**

i) The Survey permitted one research scholar of VSS Medical College, Burla for using the DNA Lab of Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey in respect of editing DNA sequencing data generated for DNA samples.

ii) One scholar from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur and other two scholars from KIIT University Bhubaneswar were permitted to receive training in the DNA Lab of Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey

### **3) Under the project, 'Manpower Training' the following programmes were undertaken:**

i) One senior officer attended a meeting with the Joint Secretary(A) held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 in New Delhi in connection with his participation in the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 at Geneva, Switzerland where the above officer participated as representative of the Ministry of Culture, New Delhi. The above officer also organised a meeting of the Committee of Experts to deliberate on legal instruments/policy measures relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) etc, of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on 4<sup>th</sup> July, at the Camp Office, New Delhi of this Survey.

ii) One scientific officer of this Survey was nominated to attend the meeting of the Board of Management of National Museum Institute, New Delhi and in the 78<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting of the Indian Council of Historical Research held in New Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

iii) One research scholar of this Survey was deputed to participate in a three weeks' Induction Training Programme commencing from 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 at National Academy of Statistical Administration (NASA), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Greater Noida, Goutam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

iv) On behalf of the Director of this Survey one scientific officer participated in the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee of RMSS held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal.

(v) Two scientific personnel of this Survey attended the meeting of Nagpur Nagar Rajbhasha Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 to select the editorial committee members for publication of Hindi Magazine 'Rajbhasha Darpan' at Powergrid Corporation of India, Nagpur.

**4) Under the project, ‘DNA Polymorphism of the Contemporary Indian Populations and Ancient Skeletal Materials’** the Survey organised an Expert Committee Meeting of Ancient Bio-molecular Study Facility (ABMSF) of this Survey on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 at its Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata in presence of academic scholars participated from different outside organisations.

**5) Under the project, ‘Community Genetics & Health : Bio-cultural Adaptation’** the following activities were performed.

i) A team of research personnel organised a Genetic Screening and Health Awareness Camp among the Muria and Maria community of District Narayanpur, Chattisgarh on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2014, in view of high risk zone of sickle cell disease in the area.

ii) For ‘Community Genetics at High Risk Zones for Thalassaemia, Sickle Cell Anaemia and G6PD Deficiency’ the Survey organised screening camp for Genetic Disorder among Bhotia Scheduled Tribe of Munisiyari Tehsil of Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

iii) The Health Awareness and Screening Camp among the Garasia Tribe of Rajasthan was organised at Sirohi district of Rajasthan during this month.

iv) The Health Awareness and Screening Camp among Gujjar Scheduled Tribe of Sirmore district of Himachal Pradesh was organised during the period from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

**6) Under the project, ‘Documentation & Dissemination’ the following programmes were organised :**

i) The Survey organised a Training Programme cum Workshop on Traditional Music and Dance among the Santals in Pearson Pally, Kuotala village of Birbhum district, West Bengal from 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

ii) The Survey of organised a Training Programme cum Workshop on preparation of Mat, Mattress etc. from Date Palm leaves among the Santals in Ramnagar village of Birbhum district, West Bengal from 7<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

7) Under the project, ‘Visual Anthropology’ the Survey arranged a meeting of the Visual Anthropology Technical Committee at its Head Office, Kolkata on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 which was attended by two external Experts.

1) A team of research personnel has completed 15 days reconnoitre tour at villages of Rann of Katchhh, Gujarat and is engaged in writing of report under the project, ‘Man & Biosphere : Rann of Kutch Biosphere Reserve Study’

2) A team of research personnel completed fieldwork among the Toto of North Bengal and is engaged in analysing the report under the project, ‘Study of Endangered Language’

3) The Survey has collected an exceptional instrument named ‘GHARAT’ (water flour mill) – an important feature of the Himalayan villages and also an example of our traditional knowledge system.

4) A programme of ‘First Aid and Road Safety : Life Skills Education to Students’ under the Outreach programme of the Southern Regional Centre, Mysore of this Survey and B.M. Institute of Nursing, B.M. Hospital, Mysore was organised at Mysore on 31.07.2014 for the students of Pragathi Vidya Kendra, Mysore.