Significant events for the month of August, 2016

A) Under the project ‘Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment & Sustainable Development’, the following activities/fieldworks were undertaken during this month.

Final phase of fieldwork at Kapileswar village have been completed. Language editing of village study reports on (i) Gaon/Gunwadi village, Pune, (ii) Jaurasi village, Gwalior Dist. of M.P., (iii) Jamgod village, Dewas Dist. of M.P., (iv) Sahajapur village, Birbhum Dist. of West Bengal are in progress. Subject editing and writing of introduction etc. for volume on four Border villages are in progress. Fieldworks have been undertaken in the villages of (i) Jarud village of Beed Dist. of Maharashtra and Biroti village of Khargone Dist. of M.P.

B) Under the project ‘Manpower Training’, the following activities were undertaken during this month.

1. One senior scientific officer of this Survey participated in the two meetings (i) one in the Ministry of Culture, New Delhi held on 26th August, 2016 and (ii) other i.e. 49th Meeting of the Environment Sub-Group of Narmada Control Authority (NCA) held on 31st August, 2016 at Indira Paryavaran, Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. The Survey organized its 23rd Executive Committee Meeting at Head Office, Kolkata on 19th August, 2016 to evaluate plan programme of various activities/achievements etc. of this Survey during the financial year 2016-2017.

3. The Central Regional Centre, Nagpur of this Survey organized ‘Inaugural Function of their Diamond Jubilee Celebration’ including the programmes of (i) ‘International Day of World’s Indigenous People’ during the period from 9th to 18th August, 2016 and (ii) lecture on ‘Frontier of Anthropological Research in Central India’ and (iii) A ten-day ‘Tribal Crafts and Craftsmanship’ workshop in presence of invited distinguished guests & officials of this Survey in a befitting manner. Director of this Survey presided over the inaugural function and the Vice-chancellor of Nagpur University graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

4. The permanent Field Station of this Survey organized ‘Inaugural Function of their Silver Jubilee Celebration’ on 27th August, 2016 at Ranchi in presence of invited guests & officials of this Survey in a befitting manner.

C) Under the project ‘Documentation & Dissemination’, the following activities were undertaken during this month.

1. Like every year this year also the Survey observed & organized the programme of ‘International Day of World’s Indigenous People’ on 9th August, 2016 in presence of invited guests & officials of this Survey in a befitting manner.

2. A team of research personnel of this Survey organized an exhibition on ‘Bio-Cultural Diversity of Tribal India’ from 10th to 14th August, 2016 in the 20th National Exhibition at Dum Dum of Kolkata.
3. The Survey organized a meeting in presence of outside experts and the officials of this Survey in connection with the scheme ‘Assistance to State Governments Institutions & Organizations for Documentation of Research Result in the field of Anthropology’ on 19th August, 2016 at the Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey.

4. Like every year the Survey observed the ‘Sadbhavana Diwas’ at its all centres on 19th August, 2016 and most of the staff members of this Survey took pledge on this occasion.

D) Under the project, 'Biosphere Reserve Study, the following activities were undertaken during this month.

1. 1st phase of fieldwork has been completed in Panna Biosphere Reserve in the areas of Panna & Chhatarpur districts of Madhya Pradesh ;

2. Other two teams of research personnel of this Survey are conducting fieldworks in the following areas :
   I. Seshachalm Biosphere Reserve in Andhra Pradesh &
   II. Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve in Himachal Pradesh

3. Data analysis of the Biosphere Reserve Study of Great Nicobar is in progress.

E) Under the project, 'Bio-Cultural Adaptations, Genetics & Health : Family Study' the following activities were done during this month.

One researcher of this Survey from Port Blair proceeded on tour to Mysore for the purpose of finalization of the report on MYFADS in consultation with other involved researchers there at Mysore.

F) Under the project, 'Community Genetics and Health (Human Genetics Extension Programme) : Scheme – Human Genetics Extension Programme – Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassemia' the following activities were done during this month in the DNA Laboratory of Nagpur.

(i) Quality of DNA stock check of tribal community by dilution and gel check (2) PCR of sickle cell carrier samples.

G) Under Outreach programme :

The Survey observed the 70th Independence Day of India on 15th August in its all the centres by hoisting National Flag of India in a befitting manner.

H) Zonal Anthropological Museum :

A programme of 'Tribal Painting' was displayed in the gallery of Zonal Anthropological Museum of Central Regional Centre, Nagpur of this Survey for the visitors of school/college students and general people.