

Anthropological Survey of India

Projects with Objective & Area of Study

A.	Name of the On-going Projects/Schemes	Brief Objective	Area of Study	Present status
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1.	<p><i>Documentation & Dissemination</i></p> <p>a) National Repository for Intangible Cultural Heritage</p> <p>b) HRIDAY & PRASAD</p>	<p>This is one of the important programmes of Survey in terms of documentation and maintenance of cultural heritage in the form of Zonal Anthropological Museums. The Survey is keen to maintain all the ZAMs and Libraries and maintenance of digital cartographic facilities and visual documentation activities. Survey organizes anthropological oriented theme based exhibition of its own as well as take part in outside programme as per invitation from various institutions in the country.</p> <p>a) Located at Udaipur this repository is being enriched by Head Office and Regional Centres, Sub Regional Centre with data which being digitized by Head Office and different Centres (Digitization of data on 4635 Indian communities studied by An.S.I. and published in 43 volumes under POI and other documents. Films and photographs are part of this project).</p> <p>b) Under the Ministry of Urban Development launched Programme HRIDAY (Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojna) and Ministry of Tourism launched Programme PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) the Survey has initiated the study of seven heritage cities namely Varanasi, Ajmer, Mathura, Amritsar, Gaya, Kanchipuram and Velankhani. It includes mapping of tangible/intangible cultural heritage also.</p>	<p><i>All the Plan Projects/Schemes along with all its components are framed and formulated nationally, to be carried out throughout the India in different locations and not any particular State/City-centric.</i></p>	On-going Project

	c) Project MAUSAM	c) The Survey will participate in this project by way of providing its process of eco-cultural zones mapping and socio-cultural mapping for coastal regions and documentation on fishing communities and boat building and navigational patterns and also be involved in organizing an exhibition on boat building for the Festivals of India in Indonesia and Australia.		
2.	DNA Polymorphism of the Contemporary Indian Populations & ancient skeletal materials	The Survey has initiated the collection of DNA samples from 36 most primitive tribes of the country. Analysis for 24 tribes has been initiated. It is anticipated that the preserved DNA samples will be of immense use in terms of understanding some of the disease gene expressions besides contribution to the knowledge on human evolution. The Survey has also undertaken ancient DNA analysis of skeletal materials belonging to 1000-500 BC (Rupkund). In order to accomplish the task mentioned above, the project needs support in terms of running the facilities established in an optimum level.	Anthropologically significant communities of India	On-going Project
3.	Physical Growth & Development of Children in Northeast India – A Public Health Issue	At present the project is implemented with research fellows. It is necessary to enhance coverage of area in North-East with teams in each state. More manpower needs to be inducted.	Tribal Communities of North East India	On-going Project
4.	Siwalik Excavation	Activity-1 Field explorations will be continued in Siwalik Region, as well, with the possibility of undertaking excavations as a collaborative program with ASI. Activity-2 Similar sites in the other parts of the country will be explored.	Upper Siwalik Region	On-going Project
5.	Man & Environment	Anthropological Survey of India intends to study all the eighteen Biosphere Reserves in India, to understand the biological and cultural diversity as they exist in each of the biosphere reserve together with socio-economic practices as pursued by the people and their impact on the health of the biosphere reserve.	18 Biospheres Reserves of India	On-going Project

6.	<p>Community Genetics & Health : Bio-cultural Adaptation (Two components) (Merged Scheme)</p> <p>a) <u>Community Genetics at High Risk Zones for Thalassaemia, sickle cell anemia and G6PD deficiency:</u></p> <p>b) <u>Community Health & Lifestyle Diseases like Diabetes, Obesity & Hypertension:</u></p>	<p>a) The new development in Human Genetics and its implications need to be brought to the notice of common man and school children specially with respect to human molecular evolution and its adaptation The scientific inputs on certain diseases like sickle cell anemia and thalassemia are to be continued in this programme.</p> <p>b) Community Health & Lifestyle Diseases like Diabetes, Obesity & Hypertension to be studied</p>	High risk zone and population of India	On-going Project
7.	<p>Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment & Sustainable Development</p> <p>*Village Studies * Border Area Studies</p>	<p>Village Studies:</p> <p>The Anthropological Survey of India has undertaken a research project titled 'Bio-Cultural Diversity, Environment and Sustainable Development'. Rural India is not homogeneous either physically or culturally; the rural population of India are exposed to diverse eco-cultural situations and has been undergoing changes. The project intends to study the changes in terms of livelihood practices, health and health care system, education and sustainable development.</p>	All India	Studies to be completed within XII Five-Year Plan Period by March 2017.