Significant Events for the month of February, 2016

1. CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY:
   PROJECT: BIO-CULTURAL DIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (VILLAGE STUDIES):
   (a) The following modified reports in publishable form as per comments and observation offered by the Screening Committee submitted by the research personnel deployed with this project have been sent to Head Office, Kolkata – (i) Jamgod Village, Dewas District, Madhya Pradesh (ii) Jaurasi, Gwalior District, Madhya Pradesh (iii) ‘Sahajapur, Birbhum District, West Bengal.

   (b) ‘Kunkeri Village of Sawantwadi Tehsil, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra’ (earlier study) - Shri Anupam Datta, Research Associate (Cultural) one of the team members is requested to incorporate the cultural part as per comments and observation offered by the Screening Committee accordingly and requested to send back the above report after incorporation to Dr. Shampa Gangopadhyay, Assistant Anthropologist (Physical) and Senior Team Member of the study.

   (c) Two study teams have been formed to conduct studies on two selected villages in (i) Eco-cultural Zone, Nimar, Madhya Pradesh and (ii) Eco-cultural Zone, Marathwada, Maharashtra for the period (2015-2017). Office Order have been issued in respect of the study team to proceed on reconnoiter tour for a period of 10 days in the month of March, 2016 to select a village and collect basic informations as per guidelines.

2. PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY:
   PROJECT: COMMUNITY GENETICS AND HEALTH (HUMAN GENETIC EXTENSION PROGRAMME): SCHEME – HUMAN GENETICS EXTENSION PROGRAMME – SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA AND THALASSEMA IN CENTRAL INDIA, NAGPUR CITY, MAHARASHTRA:
   In DNA laboratory of Physical Anthropological Section, the work on the following topics has been done successfully. Intravenous blood collection from the suspected individuals for sickle cell anaemia and thalassaemia was carried out, coulter for CBC, capillary electrophoresis followed by DNA extraction, optical density for DNA concentration, dilution and counseling of families of positive individuals for sickle cell anaemia and thalassaemia. A brief report on the Sahariya a PVTG and Health Screening Programme at Raman Science Centre highlighting the results of the sample was submitted to office and also sent to Head Office, Kolkata. A plan for 2016–2017 to carry out Health Camps and Screening Programme along with financial proposal was submitted to Head Office, Kolkata for its approval and sanction.

3. ZONAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUM:
   Exhibit of the week “Wooden Pestle” is displayed in the gallery for the visitors. 1146 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum including School Students (550 Nos.) & College Students (185 Nos.), General Visitors (407 Nos.) and 4 VIP/Govt. Officials/Foreigners during the month of February 2016 (Photographs enclosed). Film shows and Power Point display were arranged for visitors as well as for school and college students. 4 museum specimens have been chemically treated. Documentation and Digitization of museum specimens are in progress.
4. LIBRARY:

Total number of 1 book and 19 journals were added into the stock of the library during the month of February, 2016. 10 scholars and researchers visited the library for consultation. Library services were provided to the readers/users through internet. Data entry of books and journals through Libsys were carried out.

5. हिन्दी (राजमार्ग) की गतिविधियाँ (1 फरवरी, 2016 से 29 फरवरी, 2016)

नगर राजमार्ग कार्यालय समिति, (नागपुर) नागपुर द्वारा कार्यालय को राजमार्ग कार्यालय हेतु पुरस्कार में प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुआ। कार्यालय के डॉ. शंकर गंगोपाध्याय, डॉ. नंदिता साहू, एवं श्री गुणवंत घटवाई को विभिन्न कार्यालयों द्वारा आयोजित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिताओं में पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुए। यह पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह पावरड्रिल कार्यालय ऑफ इंडिया लि., नागपुर के कार्यालय में दिनांक 26 फरवरी, 2016 को आयोजित किया गया। (छवियाँ संलग्न)

5. ATTENDED SEMINAR / WORKSHOP / TRAINING / MEETING ETC. FROM CRC, NAGPUR:

Dr. Ratna Dhar, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) and Head of Office of this regional centre attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Survey held at Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata on 22nd February, 2016.