

Significant events of this Survey for the month of July, 2015.

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

Fieldwork was conducted in Tyrna village of Meghalaya during this month. Fieldwork was conducted to Kapileswar Village of Bhubaneswar. 2nd & last phase fieldwork was conducted in Chowra village of Central Nicobar. 2nd phase fieldwork is being conducted in Sardi village of Chhattisgarh. 2nd phase fieldwork is being conducted to Radhvanaj village of Kheda district of Gujarat. 2nd phase fieldwork has been completed to Sultana village of Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan. After completion of 2nd phase fieldwork some researchers are engaged in analyzing the data collected from the field of Kasindra village of Rajasthan. Fieldwork is being conducted at Ghagara village of Khunti, Jharkhand. Fieldwork is being conducted to Matai village and its adjoining areas in South Tripura district of Tripura. The Survey organised a meeting from 28th to 30th July, 2015 at its Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata to review 19 reports based on 1st phase of village study.

B) Under the project ‘Documentation & Dissemination’, the following activities were undertaken.

1. Fieldwork was conducted from 15th July, 2015 in Sikkim & Arunachal Pradesh for collection of information regarding ‘Thanka and Mural Painters in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh under the Audio Visual Mapping of Culture of North East India.
2. Fieldwork was conducted during 3rd to 7th July, 2015 in Assam to understand the Syncretic Traditions of Hajo Temple in Assam under the Audio Visual Mapping of Culture of North East India.
3. Fieldwork was conducted from 3rd to 5th July, 2015 to Konta, District Sukma in connection with collection of museum specimen and photography documentation of Dorla community.
4. The Survey conducted ‘Audio-Visual Documentation of the RathYatra Festival of Puri in connection with Nabakalebar Festival of Lord Jagannath.
5. One researcher proceeded on tour to Karnataka to carry out photographic documentation of PVTGs of Karnataka from 9th July, 2015.
6. The Survey organized the Book Exhibition at Udaipur from 6th to 8th July, 2015 by inviting local publishers to procure the books for the library as well as to procure the Hindi books to promote the Raj Bhasa Hindi language.
7. Some research personnel of this Survey participated in the seminar under Vivekananda Memorial Programme for Museum Excellence (VMPME) organized by the National Council of Science Museum, Kolkata from 15th to 18th July, 2015.
8. The Survey organized a meeting of the Visual Anthropology Technical Committee on 17th July, 2015 at its Head Office, Kolkata for discussion on various related matters.

C) Under the project ‘Manpower Training’, the following activities were undertaken.

1. One senior officer attended the 48th Meeting of Finance Committee of Executive Council of RashtriyaManavSangrahalayaSamiti held on 1st July, 2015 at KrishiBhawan, New Delhi
2. One officer attended the meeting held on 9th July, 2015 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (TA) ShastriBhawan, New Delhi to discuss the Action Plan of TRIs and CoE.
3. One senior officer attended as resource person on one day Training cum Workshop on Sickle Cell Anaemia among Tribal Population and Water Bodies organized jointly by the SC & ST Welfare Department, Govt. of Bihar and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India at Patna on 4th July, 2015.

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

1. The Survey organised Screening cum Health Awareness Camp for Genetic Disorder among Kinnaura Tribal Community of Kinnaura District of Himachal Pradesh from 4th to 14th July, 2015.
2. Analysed 236 blood samples among the Dorla Tribes of Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh for genetic screening of sickle cell carrier and other abnormal haemoglobins during this month at DNA Lab. of Head Office, Kolkata.
3. Under the project ‘Study of Heritage City’ two research personnel completed recoinnter tour for Amritsar from 6th to 15th July, 2015.

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

1. Analyzed the ALU insertion/deletion polymorphism through PCR techniques.
2. Collected 228 blood samples of Kinnaura schedule tribe.
3. DNA isolation & blood grouping of Kinnaura blood samples were carried out in the Lab.
4. Fourteen Postgraduate students of the University of Calcutta specialized in Biological Anthropology visited the DNA Laboratory of Head Office, Kolkata of this Survey for orientation of modern tools & techniques in advance anthropological research.