

### **Significant Events for the Month of January, 2019**

**(i) Project: ‘Anthropological Study on Nomadic, Semi-Nomadic & Denotified Communities’:**

Three teams of this regional centre are engaged in report writing on the basis of the data collected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of fieldwork on Vadar/Wadar, Raj Bhamta/Raj Bhamti and Kaikadi communities of Maharashtra respectively.

**(ii) Project: Community Genetics and Health (Human Genetic Extension Programme): - Sickle Cell Anaemia and**

**Thalassemia in Central India, Nagpur city, Maharashtra**

A **Health Screening Programme** for detection of sickle cell and thalassemia was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January, during the 8<sup>th</sup> Science Expo - 2019 organized by the Raman Science Center & Planetarium, Nagpur. In two days period 40 heterogeneous individuals participated and voluntarily donated blood samples. Of every blood sample, lysates were prepared and subjected them to capillary electrophoresis for detecting the status of sickle cell anaemia and thalassaemia.

**(iii) Documentation and Dissemination’:-**

**(a) Zonal Anthropological Museum:**

(i) The first phase of Audio-Visual Documentation for “**Kumbh Mahaparv -2019**” at Prayagraj, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh was done by research officers from 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. Lakhs of people and religious organizations from different parts of country visited the place to have the first holy bath, “**Shahi Snan**” on 15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. It is a great opportunity to study and document audio-visually the socio-religious congregation which took place as a mega event. The second phase of study will begin from 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

(ii) The Central Regional Center (CRC) has organized an exhibition ‘**Human Evolution and Cultural Diversity of Central India**’ during the 8<sup>th</sup> **Science Expo - 2019** organized by the Raman Science Center & Planetarium, Nagpur from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>nd</sup> January, 2019. The 5 days event was conceptualized to bridge the gap between the science and society by bringing the Institutes of repute in and around Nagpur to showcase their research activities and contributions to society. The exhibition was well received and attended by more than **55,000** visitors including the students from schools and colleges and had been covered extensively in the local news papers. As a part of the Science Expo, a popular lecture on “Application of Molecular Anthropology in disease Prognosis” was delivered by Dr. Abhishikta Ghosh Roy, Anthropologist (Physical).

(iii) Exhibit of the month “**Dev Jhula**” is displayed in the gallery for the visitors. Film shows and Power Point display were arranged for visitors and also for school and college students. 2560 visitors visited the Zonal Anthropological Museum including School Students (590 Nos.) & College Students (270) and General Visitors (1700) during the month of January, 2019.

**(b) Library:**

1 book and 43 journals were added to the stock of the library during the month of Jan, 2019. 25 scholars including outside readers and researchers of this regional centre visited the library for consultation. Library services were provided to the readers/users through internet also. Data entry of books and journals through Libsys were carried out..

**(iv) Seminar/Workshop attended by the staff of CRC, Nagpur**

(i) Dr. Ratna Dhar, Suptdg. 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 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

(ii) Dr. Abhishikta Ghosh Roy, Anthropologist (Physical) attended 106 Indian Science Congress from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Lovely Professional University, Jalandar, Punjab. for a period of five days.

(iii) Dr. Abhishikta Ghosh Roy, Anthropologist (Physical) delivered a popular lecture on “Application of Molecular Anthropology in disease Prognosis” during the 8<sup>th</sup> Science Expo - 2019 organized by the Raman Science Center & Planetarium, Nagpur from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>nd</sup> January, 2019.

(iv) Two staff including DDO from administrative section of this regional centre went on tour to PAO, Kolkata for reconciliation work from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

**(v) Other Activities:**

**70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day** was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Zonal Anthropological Museum premises of this regional centre. Dr. Ratna Dhar, Head of Office hoisted the Tri-colour National Flag. All the staff of this regional centre attended the said function enthusiastically.