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Shri Raghav Chandra, IAS, Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Govt. of India, New Delhi addressing the inaugural session

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,



Perhaps the best library in India for books, journals, and unpublished manuscripts on anthropology is located in the Headquarter of the Anthropological Survey of India. Built up by a caring staff over years, not only is

it well-equipped with recent publications, but also those going back in time to the eighteenth century are meticulously kept and preserved. The collections in the libraries of the regional centres, sub-regional centre, and the research and publication division (in Delhi, what was earlier called the 'camp office') of the Survey are impressive, but one looking for a library well-stocked in all respects, where, along with other studies, a piece of research on the history of anthropology can be majestically carried out, will be expected to spend time in the Kolkata library of

the Survey. Since we are a research and academic organization, for us the task of publishing our works and keeping the findings of other researches well-stacked for future, is central. For organizations like us, library is one of the core institutions; therefore, it deserves to be strengthened, technically modernized, and its importance inculcated in young generations who may think that the web resources are a substitute to the library. A positive view is that the Internet should be seen as an aid, rather than as an institution which the library is. Comprising of the literary treasure trove, it allows us to consult hundreds of pages at one time, from different books and journals, some of which may not be available as a soft copy. A daily visit to the library is refreshing, intellectually stimulating and inspiring, and humbling, encouraging one to study, think, and write. For me, the library is a temple, which I must visit every day to seek its blessings. Each day for me is a library day!

Vinay Kumar Srivastava
 Director

RESEARCH UPDATE

Development and Sustainability

Under this Research Programme, the study was carried out in sixteen different eco-cultural settings of the country. Here we present some of our studied cases:

Abujh-Marias of Chattisgarh

The Abujh-Marias, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) of the Chhattisgarh, was once self-sufficient with *dahi* (shifting cultivation) and led a sustainable life in and around the hill and forest of Abujhmar region. Later, the ban imposed on the forest felling for pursuing *dahi* for livelihood purpose, gradually pushed them towards uncertainty. Besides the forest policy, persistent incidence of insurgency for more than a decade and so, has displaced the Abujh-Marias from their traditional habitat to find various locations of settling down in the Narayanpur Municipality, particularly at Santinagar and Gudari. The new locale (and that too in the cultural milieu of a township) has also proved further suffocative to those uprooted tribal families in terms of continuing their accustomed economic

practices within a more 'advanced' social context. Plausible support has extended to these up-rooted Abujh-Maria families through comprehensive welfare measures under the state-sponsored rehabilitation programmes. However the life of these families in post-resettlement situation is full of stresses as everyone among the host society is passing through conflicting situations for competing interest with more complexity. Poor formal educational background and hardly any exposure to 'skilled work' has turned most of them into cheap labour force in operating local economic affairs on daily wage basis. In addition, involuntarily shifting of habitat under pressure on some occasions causes discontentment among them as they have to struggle for the collection of free provisions from government run outlets at the new habitat, applying electoral right and accessing other genuine beneficial schemes which demand authentication of identity with the mandatory requirement of their address. However, some functional SHGs, school and accessibility to some other basic amenities in those areas make their lives a little convenient in tune with the urbanized economic pursuits.



Rehabilitated Abujhmaria family at Santinagar, Chattisgarh

Nehari (Rajasthan)

The present study was carried out at Nehrai village of Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan in connection with understanding the impact of India's largest canal on the village. Construction of that canal in such an inhospitable and hazardous area had been a herculean task in transforming the landscape from desert to agricultural land. Idea of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project was conceived by Shri Kanwar Sain, Chief Engineer of the erstwhile Bikaner state on 20th October, 1948. He suggested that arid land of Rajasthan particularly in the western parts of Bikaner and Jaisalmer districts could be converted into one of the potential areas for crop production, if proper water resources could be arranged through construction of a canal and taking water from the Harrike barrage (Punjab), below the junction of the Sutlej and the Beas in Punjab. The Indira Gandhi Canal project comprised of two different phases: Phase- I was commissioned between Harrike barrage and Masetawali head (Hanumangarh) and completed in 1992;

and in continuation Phase- II was connected from Masetawali head to Mohangarh (Jaisalmer), later that was extended to the Gadra Road (Barmer) or Zero Point. With its 649 Km. length, this canal covers the main districts of Hanumangarh, Ganganagar, Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Barmer. The present study is exploratory in nature. The livelihood is primarily dependent on agriculture and animal husbandry. The irrigation facilities through this canal have not only transformed this arid land into a highly potential cultivable land but also that has immensely contributed to raising the ground water table, has brought economic stability through intense agricultural practices, improvement in household income, changes in lifestyle and attitudes of people towards modernity, boosted-up educational qualification and local area development programmes. However, water logging and salinity (*sem*) is a major problem that often occurs due to the presence of hard pan of Gypsum below the surface. Simultaneously overgrazing and continuous human interferences cause gradual disappearing of pastures.



Hill-Korwa habitat in the highland of Ghatgaon, Chattisgarh

Hill-Korwa

The Hill-Korwa is another forest dwelling tribe of Chattisgarh. They also come under the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) of the State. Being an inhabitant of the forested hilly terrain of Ambikapur, Sarguja and Raigarh districts of Chattisgarh, the Hill-Korwa have developed symbiotic relationship with the surrounding nature and natural resources as livelihood support for centuries. Hunting-gathering and *dahi* (shifting cultivation) was a primary support system to their economic pursuits. Akin to the Abujh-Mars, imposition of ban on 'slash and burn' cultivation made them shift to the settled agricultural practices. Besides that earning wages as daily labourers and selling of collected minor forest products do suffice livelihood to some extent. A total of 718 Hill-Korwa families are inhabitants of the highland of the Ghatgaon. They maintain their own cultural niche but with reciprocal economic relationship with neighbouring communities of the village. Over a passage of time, various developmental initiatives came in force for further improvement, but could not yield any overwhelming scenario in their life. Poor health status, malnourishment, disease susceptibility, unimpressive educational progress, unemployment, lack of proper irrigation facility are the major issues which keep them away from continuing life substantially. The empowerment of women through SHGs is a recent phenomenon for Hill Korwa women. Children are sent to schools only for the mid-day meal and take the advantage of medical facilities through the school. Most of them have a bank account but due to their poor economy these are mostly namesake practices. A handful of individual succeed in government services, which are not free from absence in discharging duties for a long period due to various reasons. At the end of the day, poverty continues under influences of middlemen, money lenders, contractors, or any other form of exploiters.

DNA Polymorphism in Contemporary India Population

A team of scholars of the various Regional Centres had carried out the remaining part of the primer sequencing of this project, in batches on collected samples in order to finalize this project with a target to bring out a compilation work in a publishable form.

Community Genetics and Health (Human Genetics Extension Programme)

During the reported year, individuals, irrespective of their gender, were studied among the War Khasis, Khyntiam Khasis,

Pnars, Garos and Lyngngam Khasis of the Meghalaya. Percentage distribution in Hb level among the Khasis and Garo indicates that the Hb level of 11.1 to 13.0 among the Bhoi, and Lyngngam Khasis, which reveals higher value as compared to other individuals of the Garo and the Khasi. Hb level 13.1 and above was determined among 54.95% Khyntiam Khasis, followed by the War Khasis (50.59%) and Pnar (50.33%). Lower Hb content (9.1-11.0) was estimated maximum (49.2%) among the Garos, followed by Lyngngam Khasis (38.74%).

Underweight or severe to mild thinness was higher among the War Khasi, followed by Pnars, Khyntiam Khasis, Garos and Lyngngam. Cases of overweight were much higher among the Pnars and Garos. It is found that there are some individuals who have some genetic diseases like Hemoglobin-E, fetal Hb and others. It was found that the present study population has Hb-E heterozygous as well as few homozygous conditions which may be either due to mutation or selection.

Growth and Physical Growth and Development of Children in North-East India- a Public Health Issue

A team of physical anthropologists carried out almost a month long field work at six villages namely Boldakading, Nawalgre, Chunmatti, Sangsanggre, Chungere, and Dobasipara of the Garo Hill District, Meghalaya. In continuation with the current status of this project, a review meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Dr. Harashwaradhana, Superintending Anthropologist (Physical), with the research personnel of the Physical Anthropology Division attached to the North-Eastern Regional Centre of this Survey on 23rd April, 2018 at Shillong. Tabulation, analysis and report writing are in progress.



Physical Anthropological survey in a Garo village

EVENTS

Health Awareness programme

The North-Eastern Regional Centre organised a series of Health Awareness-cum-Screening Camps among the War Khasis, Khyntiam Khasis, Pnars, Garos and Lyngngam Khasis of Meghalaya in order to assess the nutritional health as well as screening of abnormal haemoglobin disorders among these communities.

Documentation and Dissemination

Pam-Lai-Iaw

The monolith festival, Pam-Lai-law, is a traditional religious practice of the Jaintias of the Nartiang village (Meghalaya) to symbolise the spiritual union between the villagers and the departed soul through intense practice of rituals with animal



Goat sacrifice during Pam-Lai-law

sacrifices as obligatory offering to the sacred stones. This ritual correlates unity of the kin and lineage members together at the monolith garden (Kper Mawbyinna). It is believed that the spirit of the ancestors has affection and sentimental attachment, which should be honoured and protected for benevolent purposes of the villagers. Accordingly, animal sacrifice takes place during this festival at different locations of the village. This time the Pam-Lai law was observed after twenty years of interval. On this occasion, goats, fowls and pigeons were sacrificed followed by worship in Niem-tre religious faith along with observation of some practices of the Hindu religion. On this occasion, a team of anthropologists carried out intensive anthropological

documentation of the festival at the Nartiang village of the Thadlaskein Block of the West Jaintia Hills district, Meghalaya from 19th April to 23rd April, 2018.

Exhibition

- The Central Regional Centre of this Survey organized an exhibition on the "Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" from 27th to 28th June, 2018 at the Kamaladevi Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi, in collaboration with the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Two days' long photographic exhibition was focused on the unknown cultural glory of the tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Archipelagos.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Admiral D.K. Joshi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor and Chief Patron of the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity, Port Blair. Shri Raghav Chandra, Secretary, National Commission of Scheduled Tribe, Dr. Nand Kumar Sai, Hon'ble Chairperson and Ms. Anusuiya Uikey, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson of the Commission were the other dignitaries in the inaugural function. Two days' long exhibition was visited by hundreds of students, scholars, social activists, administrators and media personnel of the Capital city.



His Excellence Admiral D.K. Joshi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Island on visiting exhibition "Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands"

- In accordance with dissemination of the lesser known cultural heritage of the Central India, the Zonal Anthropological Museum of the Central Regional Centre, Nagpur, arranged exhibitions on "Kankalin Mata (Bel Metal)", "Elephant made of Terracotta" and "Kankalin Mata Made of Brass" for the visitors.
- The Zonal Anthropological Museum of the Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair, appeared to the visitors with a grandeur presence of 'Incessant Voyage', the visual documentary of this Regional Centre with the interactive Kiosks in the museum galleries. The interaction of the exhibits now became user friendly to the visitors with digital engagements of Kiosks.

Seminar

- In commemoration of the substantial services to this organization for more than a period of three decades, the Headquarter of this Survey organized one day Guest Lecture series on "Anthropology Today" on 27th April, 2018 at the Conference Hall of the Head Quarter, Kolkata on felicitation of superannuation of Dr. Prabir Kumar Chowdhury, Assistant Anthropologist (Physical). Prof. Subho Roy, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Kolkata and former colleagues Dr. Kakali Chakrabarty, Deputy Director (Culture) and Dr. B.N. Sarkar, Superintending Anthropologist (Physical) were the guest speakers on the occasion.
- The North-East Regional Centre, Shillong, of the Anthropological Survey of India organized a two-days' National Seminar on "Verrier Elwin: Field Work Tradition and Indian Anthropology" from 21st May to 22nd May, 2018. Welcome address was delivered by Dr. R.R. Gowloog, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) and Head of Office, N.E.R.C. Shillong. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India, delivered the Inaugural Address. Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, General Secretary of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, delivered the Keynote Address in the inaugural session. Prof. Henry Lamin, Pro-Vice Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong delivered speech as the Chief Guest. Vice Chancellor of North-Eastern Hill

University, Shillong, also graced as the Special Guest. Prof. T. B. Subba, Former Head, Department of Anthropology, North-East Hill University, Shillong and Former Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University, delivered the "Verrier Elwin Memorial lecture".

The Seminar was enriched with a series of guest lectures and scholarly deliberations by Prof. Sheikh Rahim Mandal, Dr. Jayanta Kumar Sarkar, Prof. Rajat Kanti Das, Prof. Kedilezo Kikhi, Mr. Ashok Elwin, Dr. R.P. Athparia, Prof. Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Dr. Charisma Lepcha and Ms. Faith Elwin. On the final day, the seminar was concluded with the Valedictory session. Dr. Jayanta Kumar Sarkar, Former Deputy Director (Cultural), chaired the session and it was delivered by Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India.



Homage to Verrier Elwin

- The Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, organised a One-day National Seminar entitled, "Dialogue on Cultural Diversity and Development" on 21st May, 2018. The inaugural session of the Seminar was graced by Dr. B.P. Bhatnagar, Former Vice Chancellor; Rajasthan Vidyapeeth as the Chief Guest and Prof. P.C. Joshi, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University as the Guest of Honour. The Keynote address was delivered by Prof. M.A. Kalam, Dept. of Applied Social Sciences, C. K. Prahlad Centre for Emerging India, LIBA, Chennai. Technical session of the said seminar contained two sessions, where the eminent scholars and anthropologists like Prof. Jagannath Dash, Prof. Lalit Pandey, Prof. A. Chellaperumal, Dr. A.V. Arkari, Dr. Ratna Dhar and others participated.

Prof. Jagannath Dash, Former Head, Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, delivered the Valedictory address.



Exchanging views: Eminent Scholars discussing "Dialogue on Cultural Diversity and Development"

- Before the Andaman and Nicobar Islands was occupied by the colonial power and turned those into a permanent human settlement of exotic cultures, it had been the homeland of six tribal communities only. Establishment of the British Penal Settlement in and around Port Blair in later phases of the nineteenth century and later in continuation annexing of the entire archipelagos under true administrative control of the Colonial Government brought severe changes in life and culture of those



Prof. K.B. Saxena, IAS (Rtd.), Former Principal Advisor to the Planning Commission addressing the Seminar on Andaman and Nicobar Tribes.

autochthonous self-sufficient tribal communities. However the tribal scenario of the islands could not be restored into the pre-colonial state of autonomy because of the continuous influx of people from different parts

of the independent mainland-India. Meanwhile several steps have been initiated by the Union Territory administration in framing sensible tribal welfare policies, in parallel to implementing various islands' development initiatives mandatory to citizen charter. Considering the ever changing societal perspectives, that island territory has ever been considered as one of the academic 'hot-spots' of the country for anthropologists, ecologists, historians and administrators in understanding cultural diversity of the tribes and the settler communities as well as adaptive behaviour in the island situation on the backdrop of the post-colonial 'welfare' and 'development' policies.

In view of the above, in association with the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, the Anthropological Survey of India organized a two-days, long academic-cum-discussion convention on "Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" in Calcutta on 24th and 25th May, 2018. On this occasion Shri Raghav Chandra, IAS, Secretary, National Commission for Schedule Tribes, New Delhi, graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. In welcome address, Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India,



Dr. Amitava Dinda in an academic session

introduced the Seminar. Shri S.A. Awaradi, Director, Andaman & Nicobar Tribal Research Institute (ANTRI) delivered his speech as Special Guest. Dr. M. Sasikumar, Deputy Director (Culture) and Head of Office, Kolkata conveyed vote of thanks to the guests, delegates and scholars of the Seminar.

Academic sessions of that seminar comprised the deliberations of Mr. T.N. Pandit, Former Director-In-Charge of this Survey, Prof. K.B. Saxena, IAS (Rtd.), Former Principal Advisor to the Planning Commission,

Prof. Visvajit Pandya, Prof. Madhumita Mazumdar and scholars of this organizations. Before it concluded the delegates were enlightened with a thought provoking panel discussion on "Further Research and Policy Initiatives", under Chairpersonship of Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava.

A step ahead to the objective of the aforesaid Seminar on the tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, that was held in Kolkata in May; the Anthropological Survey of India participated in a two-day long National Seminar on "Conservation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands: The Way Forward" which was organized by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Government of India, New Delhi at the Kamladevi Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre from 27th June to 28th June, 2018.



Dr. Sasikumar at the India International Centre, New Dehli.

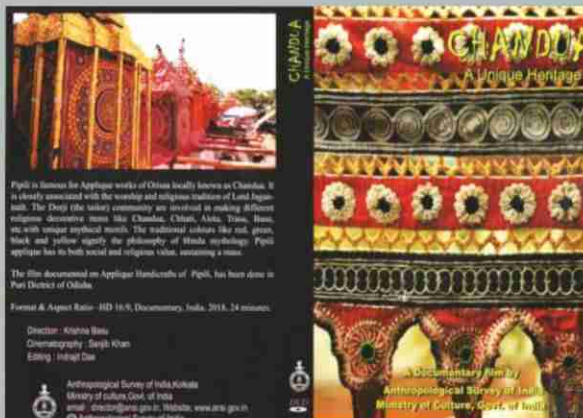


Survey's inputs in "Conservation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands: the way forward"

NEWS

Audio-visual Mapping of Culture of India

- The Visual Anthropology Division of the Survey just released a documentary film "Chandua- A Unique Heritage" under the directional art of Dr. Krishna Basu, Research Associate (Cultural). This film (HD 16:9 format, duration: 24 minutes) is a vivid ethnographical documentation of the cultural significance of age-old appliqué tradition of Pipli, Puri District, Odisha.



*Dr. Krishna Basu in direction of
"Chandua- A Unique Heritage"*

- In commemoration of the International Museum Day, the Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru, undertook visual documentation on the "Totems of the native communities of Kodagu district in Karnataka" in association with the Visual Anthropology Research Foundation, Mysuru.

International Museum Day

International Museum Day was observed on the theme, "Hyper-connected Museums: New Approaches, New Public" in a befitting manner in the various Regional Centres of this Survey on 18th May.



Visitors at Zonal Anthropological Museum, Port Blair

- The Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, organized a workshop on traditional drawing and painting among the Bhil students of the city. In addition a seminar on the museum was organized in collaboration with INTACH, Udaipur Regional Chapter.
- The Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur, celebrated the occasion with organizing drawing competition among the students of the local schools. Thereafter a theme based lecture was delivered by Shri Sarabjeet Singh, Assistant Keeper of this Centre, on 'Museums in the Digital Age' to the august gathering. The lecture was followed by a symposium on 'Art and Craft of the Bastar.'
- The Central Regional Centre, Nagpur, organized sit and draw competition among the students on the theme "Tribal Life and Culture" and "Swachhhta Abhiyan". On that occasion in order to generate mass-awareness programme Dr. Ratna Dhar, Superintending Anthropologist (Culture) and Head of Office and Dr. Sanjay Shukla, Assistant Keeper of the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Nagpur delivered a talk in 92.7 Big FM Radio.
- Under supervision of Ms. Banita Behera, Assistant Keeper, the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Port Blair, distributed Museum Day greeting cards, chocolates and disposable paper caps to the visitors who responded to this year theme 'Hyper connected museums New approaches, new publics'. In this occasion documentary films were screened to the visitors.

Visit to Kerala

In continuation with the visit of the two ministers of the Government of Kerala to the Survey office in Kolkata on 19th January, 2018, three officials (the Director along with Dr. M. Sasikumar, Deputy Director (Cultural) and Head of Office, Kolkata and Dr. Umesh Kumar, Senior Ecologist, Kolkata) visited Kerala on invitation of the Government of Kerala. The objective



Media coverage of discussion between the Director and Govt. of Kerala

of this visit was to explore the possibility of setting up a field station closer to a tribal area for understanding studies on socio-cultural and biological parameters. On 16th May 2018, the team of the three officials met the Hon'ble Minister, Shri A.K. Balan,



Anthropologists with Kanikkar Tribal families at Thiruvananthapuram

and discussed the academic programmes they would carry out in future. During this visit, the team also interacted with the medical staff of the Calicut Medical College and Hospital. Wynad was chosen for setting up the Survey's field station, in the vicinity



Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director on delivering Lecture at the Sociology Department

of a college, where the Director also delivered a lecture to the students of sociology. The team also visited tribal habitats and interacted with the people.

The World Environment Day

On 5th June, 2018 the World Environment Day was observed on the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution" in a befitting manner at various research centers in different parts of the nation.



Celebration of the World Environment Day with the Toda at Pagalkodmund, Nilgiri

- On this occasion, the Sub-Regional Centre, Jagdalpur, screened a documentary film to the students followed by awareness lectures on plastic pollution and environmental degradation, which were delivered by eminent local resource persons of the town.
- The Eastern Regional Centre of Anthropological Survey of India visited Bidisha in the Medinipur District of West Bengal, distributed saplings to the Ashramik of the Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology and villagers. In accordance with the objective of

conservation and protection of the environment Dr. K.M. Sinha Roy, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) and Head of Office of this Regional Centre and Dr. Umesh Kumar, Senior Ecologist, Head Office, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata, addressed the villagers. Dr. Pradip Kumar Bhowmick, Associate Professor, Rural Development Centre, IIT, Kharagpur and Secretary, Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Bidisha, Medinipur, graced the occasion as Chief-guest.

- On this occasion Dr. Ratna Dhar, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) and Head of Office, Central Regional Centre, Nagpur, delivered a lecture on the relevance of World Environment Day. All the staff members attended the function and participated in plantation of saplings in and around the premises of the Zonal Anthropological Museum.
- Dr. C. R. Sathyanarayanan, Deputy Director (Cultural) and Head of Office of the Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru, was invited as guest in the World Environment Day Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department at Pagalkodmund, Nilgiri, Tamil Nadu.

International Yoga Day

3rd International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2018 in the Headquarter, Kolkata, along with all Regional Centres across the country in a befitting matter.



Anthropologists and Administrators on International Yoga Day

Collaborative Programme

- The Survey extended collaborative academic assistance to the Delhi University in organizing National Seminar on "Climate Actions for India's commitment to combat climatic change". The programme was organized by

Department of Geography, Bhagat Singh College. The Director of the Anthropological Survey of India delivered the Keynote address.

- We extended financial support to the Department of Anthropology, Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag, Jharkhand for holding a workshop on "New Dimension of Research Methodology: An Interdisciplinary Approach".
- In collaboration with the Jadavpur University, Kolkata, the Anthropological Survey convened the "46th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistic and International Symposium on Linguistic Ecology and Technology" from 21st June to 23rd June, 2018 in Kolkata.

Man-power Training

- In order to finalize the communities under the current National Project on "Anthropological Study on the Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and De-notified Communities in India" the Survey organized a day-long workshop in Kolkata on 10th May, 2018. Research personnel from the Cultural Anthropology and Allied Divisions of Regional Centres and Headquarter participated in the day-long workshop.
- In view of implementation of digital operation of day-to-day general administration and accounts in all Regional Centre, a three days' 'Workshop-cum Training Programme' on "CDDO Module and Use of Digital Key" was held on and from 20th to 22nd June, 2018 at Head Office, Kolkata.



Training programme on CDDO Module at Kolkata

- A contingent of officers of this Survey was nominated for a training programme on the "Implementation of GeM", organized by INGAF, New Delhi on 21st May, 2018.

Rajbhasha

In view of implementation of Rajbhasha in office work, Hindi Timahi Karyashala was organized in all Regional Centres. As a part of the programme, the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, organized a day-long Karyashala in association with the Nagar Rajbhasha Karnyayan Samiti, Udaipur on 4th June, 2018. Mr. Ved Prakash Goud, Director, Ministry of Culture graced the occasion as chief guest of the occasion. In continuation on 5th June, 2018, a day-long seminar on "Vivid Manavbaigyanik Ayam aut Hindi" was organized by the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur.



Hindi Sangosthi at Udaipur

Swachha Bharat Programme

Under scholastic leadership of Dr. K.M. Sinha Roy, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) and Head of Office of the Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata, an awareness programme related to basic cleanliness, health and hygiene was



Swachha Bharat Aviyon at Bidisha, Medinipur

carried out among the Ashramik of Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Bidisha, Medinipur under Swachha Bharat Programme on 5th June, 2018. Dr. Umesh Kumar, Senior Ecologist, Head Office, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata and Dr. Pradip Kumar Bhowmick, Associate Professor, Rural Development Centre, IIT, Kharagpur and Secretary, Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology and Shri S. Mondal, Teacher of Science in Beldah School were among guests of the programme and lucidly highlighted the significance of cleanliness and practices of hygiene in day-to-day life.

National / International Seminar / Workshop

- Dr. Arsi Prasad Jha, Research Associate (Psychology) presented a paper "A Study on Mental Health Status of Rural Girls in Southern Rajasthan" in an International Conference organized by I.M.R.F., Vijayawada from 13th April to 14th April, 2018 at Shri Ram College of Commerce and Science, Mumbai.
- Dr. Arsi Prasad Jha, Research Associate (Psychology) presented a paper "Challenging Issues for Educating the Disabled Children in Inclusive Education System" in an International Conference on "Re-Envisioning Education: Challenges and Opportunities" organized by the Dept. of Education, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab from 27th April to 28th April, 2018.
- Dr. Arsi Prasad Jha, Research Associate (Psychology) presented a paper "A Study on Health Status and Health Adjustment of School Age's Boys and Girls (11-19 Years) among Tribal Community" in an International Conference on "Science and Arts of Holistic Health: Issues, Challenges, Opportunities, Prevention, Awareness (Holistic Health: 2018)" organized by the Krishi Sanskriti at the Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 28th April.
- Dr. B.K Mohanty, Anthropologist (Cultural) delivered Prof. S.L Joshi Memorial Lecture (9th May 2018) on the theme "Tribal Scenario of Odisha" at Udaipur.
- Dr. B.K Mohanty, Anthropologist (Cultural) delivered Keynote address in the Seminar on Museum organized by Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur in occasion with celebration of International Museum Day on 18th May, 2018.
- Dr. Tilak Bagchi, Assistant Keeper, Zonal Anthropological Museum, Udaipur presented a paper "On Types of Museums in India" in the Seminar organized by Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre on the International Museum Day.

- Dr. Ratna Dhar, Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) and Head of Office attended a National Seminar on "Dialogue on Cultural Diversity and Development" held on 21st May, 2018 at the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur and presented a paper on "At the Threshold of Livelihood: The Manganiyar and their Identities".
- Dr. Tilak Bagchi, Assistant Keeper, Zonal Anthropological Museum, Udaipur presented a paper "Celebrations of the Dewali in some Bhil tribal villages of Rajasthan" in the Seminar "Dialogue on Cultural Diversity and Development" organized by Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur on 21st May, 2018.
- Dr. Arsi Prasad Jha, Research Associate (Psychology) presented a paper "Gujarat Ke Siddi Janjati Ke Abhibvyakti Ke Madhyam : Lok Nritya, Sangit Avam Wadya-Yantra ke Sandharbh Men" in a seminar "Vividh Manav Vaigyanik Aayam Aur Hindi Par Rajbhasha Sangoshthi" organized by Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur on 5th June, 2018.
- Dr. Raj Kumar, Research Associate (Cultural) presented a paper "Wiwidh Manaw Waigyanik Aayam Aur Bhasha" in the seminar "Vividh Manav Vaigyanik Aayam Aur Hindi Par Rajbhasha Sangoshthi" organized by Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur on 5th June, 2018.
- Dr. Bhaskar Urade, Superintending Anthropologist (Physical) delivered a lecture on 'Quality Assurance in Official Statistics', in commemoration with National Statistical Day on 29th June, 2018, observed by the National Sample Survey Organization, Data Processing Centre, Nagpur.

Representation of Survey/Government of India, in India / Abroad

- Dr. Shiv Kumar Patel, Assistant Anthropologist (Physical) and Dr. P.N. Venugopal, Assistant Anthropologist (Physical) of the Survey attended an Inter-Ministerial Meeting held at the Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi on 7th May, 2018 in connection with recovery mission on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defence Prisoners of War/ Mission in Action Accounting Agency (DPAA).
- Dr. Sanjay Kumar Shukla, Assistant Keeper and Dr. Rajkishor Mahto, Research Associate (Cultural) visited

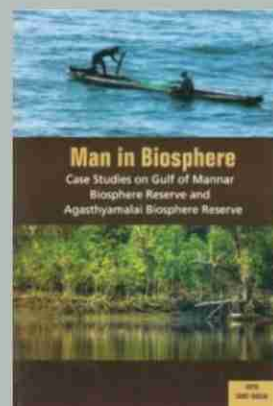
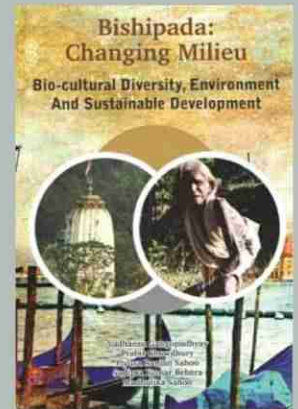
New Delhi for organizing the exhibition on "People of India and Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" at India International Centre (IIC), Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Other activities

- The 29th Executive Committee Meeting of this Survey held on 26th April, 2018 at Headquarter, Kolkata.
- In accordance with the MoU between this Survey and the IGNOU, New Delhi, the Southern Regional Centre of the Survey organized the Counseling/ Contact Classes for the M.A. in Anthropology (MAAN) programme of IGNOU, Mysuru from 16th April to 27th April, 2018.
- In connection with reviewing of the on-going research activities and finalization of research projects under Physical Anthropology Division of the Survey, an all-India level meeting was held in the Headquarter, Kolkata on 27th April, 2018.

Publication

- This is an outcome of an extensive anthropological field study focusing on the certain basic issues of the community development programmes, like livelihood pattern, education, health and health care practices, development initiatives including poverty alleviation schemes as well as understand the process of sustainable development and its impact on rural landscape and on the villagers of Bishipada.



- This book combines two empirical studies of two important Biosphere Reserves of South India with contrast biodiversity characteristics. Both the studies aim to understand the dimensions of human interactions with nature in terms of sustenance of life as well as anthropogenic impact on the nature immediate to human habitat.

New joining

Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh has joined as Superintending Anthropologist (Cultural) in the Headquarter, Kolkata. Smt. Ahebam Preetibala and Shri Kulen Barman joined to the post of Assistant Anthropologist (Cultural) and Chowkidar respectively in the Western Regional Centre, Udaipur.

Promotion

Shri Shekhar Kanjilal and Shri Jitendra Kumar Chakraborty were promoted to the post of Assistant in the Eastern Regional Centre, Salt Lake and Head Quarter, Kolkata respectively.

Superannuation

Shri Prabir Choudhury, Assistant Anthropologist (Physical) and Dr. Gautam Kumar Bera, Assistant Anthropologist (Cultural) have retired from active government service on superannuation.

Credentials & Scholastic imprints

- Ms. Banita Behera, Assistant Keeper has been selected as a member of the editorial board of International Journal of Anthropology and Ethnology.
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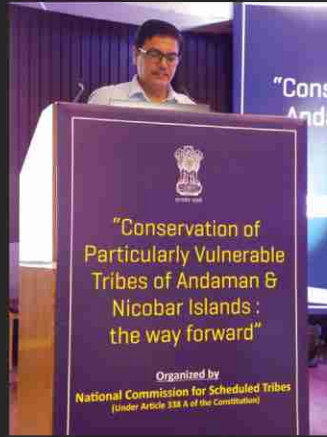
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- Shri George Kurien

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(On his visit to the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Port Blair)



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