



Nationwide Celebrations Continue under Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2025 Commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and 150 Years of Vande Mataram

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As part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2025 celebrations, a series of programmes were held across various States today to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda and 150 years of the iconic national song Vande Mataram. The celebrations highlight the enduring spirit of patriotism, unity, and India's vibrant tribal heritage.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has led the nation in marking this historic occasion, reiterating the Government's commitment to tribal empowerment and cultural pride under the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas.

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is organizing a series of events, outreach campaigns, and cultural programmes across the country to honor the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the rich contributions of India's tribal communities to the nation's journey.

In **Odisha**, several engaging programmes were conducted, including a Quiz Competition and Student Engagement Programme, encouraging young learners to deepen their understanding of tribal history, culture, and the significant role of tribal icons in India's freedom struggle. A Special Bhagwan Birsa Munda Gallery and a Painting Exhibition by tribal artists were also set up at the Odisha State Tribal Museum, showcasing the journey and life of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the rich diversity of tribal life and culture. Students participated in guided museum visits, quiz competitions, and cultural photo sessions, celebrating the spirit of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh.



In **Andhra Pradesh**, TRI organized a mass singing of Vande Mataram, fostering a sense of national pride and unity among participants. Similarly, in **Telangana**, TRI Hyderabad organized a mass singing of Vande Mataram at the Nehru Centenary Tribal Museum with visiting school students, celebrating the spirit of patriotism.





In **Jammu & Kashmir**, an Ethnic Food Festival was organized at Government High School Kaksar, Kargil, under the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada. Supported by the Tribal Research Institute, University of Ladakh (TRI-UoL) and funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the event celebrated the region's vibrant tribal heritage through traditional cuisines. The festival was graced by the Chief Education Officer, Kargil, as Chief Guest, and the Commanding Officer, Indian Army, as Guest of Honour, reflecting the spirit of unity and cultural pride.





In **Jharkhand**, the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, celebrations of the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada were held at a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) habitation. The event brought together local tribal communities in a spirit of unity and reverence, highlighting traditional art, music, and cultural expressions that reflect the enduring legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the pride of Jharkhand's tribal heritage. Apart from that, the Tribal Research Institute conducted a mass singing of Vande Mataram with active participation from students and tribal representatives.





In **Bihar**, students actively participated in Essay and Quiz Competitions held under the theme of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2025, highlighting the values of pride, resilience, and unity within India's tribal heritage. Financial and Digital Literacy Workshops were also organized across EMRS institutions to enhance awareness and empower tribal students with essential life skills, aligning with the broader goals of education and empowerment.





A major highlight of the celebrations took place in **Gujarat**, where the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel flagged off the Janjati Gaurav Yatra (Tribal Pride March) from Ambaji. The Yatra, which also began from Umargam in Valsad, is proceeding towards Ektanagar (Statue of Unity) from 7th to 13th November 2025. Featuring a large convoy and wide community participation, the Yatra aims to spread awareness about the contribution of tribal heroes in India's history and to honour their indomitable spirit and legacy, as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.





In **Tamil Nadu**, under Sri Bhagavan Birsa Munda Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas Celebrations, a Drawing Competition was held at AHS Suddapally under the JUGA initiative, engaging tribal students in creative expression.



In **Sikkim**, a Tribal Students Sports Meet cum Health Camp was organized at Khel Gaon, Reshithang. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), emphasizing the importance of physical fitness, sportsmanship, and health awareness among tribal youth.



Meanwhile, in **Nagaland**, EMRS schools organized storytelling and traditional dress competitions, showcasing the rich oral traditions, folk narratives, and vibrant attire of the State's diverse tribal communities. These initiatives encouraged students to connect with their roots, celebrate their culture, and carry forward the legacy of their ancestors with pride.



These activities under the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada (1–15 November 2025) reflect the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' continued commitment to celebrating tribal identity, culture, and achievements. The initiatives reaffirm the nation's dedication towards inclusive development and the preservation of its rich tribal heritage.

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