Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026 Celebrated Across the Country

Nation Celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on the 151st Birth Anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi joins main event at Gadchiroli, Maharashtra through video conferencing; inaugurates and lays foundation stones of 246 projects worth around ₹3,000 crore

Chief Ministers, Governors and Ministers lead State-level celebrations; over 25,000 events with more than 60 lakh participants held across 34 States and UTs during the Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada

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The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, together with State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas across the country on 15 November 2026, marking the 151st birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The day marked the culmination of the Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, observed from 1 to 15 November 2026 with cultural, educational, welfare and outreach activities in tribal areas across the country.

The celebrations began in New Delhi with the Hon'ble President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President and Rajya Sabha chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday paid floral tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary, observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal, Members of Parliament and other distinguished dignitaries also joined the tribute ceremony.

Floral tributes were also paid at Ulihatu, Jharkhand, the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The National Tribal Pride March was ceremonially flagged off from Ulihatu, in Khunti district of Jharkhand, the birthplace of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, to mark his 151st birth anniversary and Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.





The main national event was held at the District Sports Complex, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, where the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi joined through video conferencing. The programme was presided over by the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Eknath Shinde and Smt. Sunetra Pawar, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Durgadas Uikey, and various other dignitaries.

Floral tribute was paid at the statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on behalf of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Earlier in the day, the Government of Maharashtra inaugurated 22 Ashram Schools and 51 hostels.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 246 projects worth around ₹3,000 crore across various States. Projects inaugurated include 38 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, 100 Multi-Purpose Centres under PM-JANMAN, the new building of the Tribal Research Institute in Arunachal Pradesh and the Ropuiliani Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum at Kelsih, Mizoram and many others. Foundation stones were laid for 19 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, 12 Tribal Multipurpose Marketing Centres,

Ashram Schools and other projects under PM-JANMAN and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.



Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister greeted citizens with ‘Johar’ and paid tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and to the tribal heroes associated with Gadchiroli, including Raghoji Bhangre, Bhagoji Naik and Veer Baburao Shedmake. He said that Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, first observed on 15 November 2021, has become a national festival, and that India is today remembering its heritage, history and heroes with indigenous self-respect. Recalling tribal struggles against colonial rule, from Tirot Sing in the Khasi Hills and Sidho-Kanho's Santhal revolution to Govind Guru's followers at Mangarh, Rani Gaidinliu, Tantya Bhil, Alluri Sitarama Raju and Rani Durgavati, he said that Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Ulgulan continues to inspire crores of Indians.

The Prime Minister said the day coincided with two major national achievements closely linked to tribal communities: nearly 50 crore citizens rising out of extreme poverty over the past 12–13 years, as reported by the World Bank, and the country becoming free from Naxalism and Maoist terror. He noted that more than ₹1 lakh crore has been allocated for PM-JANMAN and the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, so that families who received facilities last after Independence now receive them first. Expressing pride that the country's highest office is held by a daughter of the tribal community, President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, he urged citizens to draw inspiration from Bhagwan Birsa Munda and

work towards a Viksit Bharat 2047, and to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas every year with greater enthusiasm and on a larger scale.





States and Union Territories held State-level programmes led by Chief Ministers, Governors and Ministers. In Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu attended the inauguration of the new Tribal Research Institute building at Lobi, Itanagar, and in Mizoram, Chief Minister Shri Lalduhoma attended the inauguration of the Ropuiliani Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum. Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai led the State-level programme at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh; Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant attended the Adivasi Kala Samagam at Canacona, Goa, with around 15,000 participants; and Chief Minister Shri Mohan Majhi attended the mega event at Malkangiri, Odisha. In Gujarat, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel led the celebrations at Chhota Udepur with around

25,000 participants and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi at Valsad, as part of 86 programmes held across the State. Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami led the main programme at Parade Ground, Dehradun, with Union Minister of State Shri Ajay Tamta, while Chief Minister Shri Omar Abdullah attended the commemoration at Mendhar, Jammu and Kashmir. In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma joined floral tributes held across Tribal Area Development offices, Ashram hostels and EMRS. The Chief Minister of Manipur opened the State-level Tribal Cultural Festival at Imphal, which also marked the close of the second edition of the Tribal Frames National Tribal Film Festival.

The Hon'ble Governor of Tripura attended the felicitation-cum-cultural programme at the Tripura State Academy of Tribal Culture, Agartala. In Assam, the celebration at Shilpgram, Guwahati, featured the Janjatiya Gaurav Award for five tribal achievers, grants to tribal homestay beneficiaries and a workshop on tribal land rights and the Forest Rights Act, 2006. Karnataka held its State-level event at the Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, in the presence of the State Minister for ST Welfare, and Uttar Pradesh held floral tributes in all 75 districts, with the State Minister for Social Welfare Shri Asim Arun attending the event at Kannauj. In Sikkim, State Minister Shri Samdup Lepcha attended a programme showcasing the State's tribal heritage, while in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, members of the Onge, Great Andamanese and Nicobarese communities watched the Prime Minister's address live and received Ayushman cards. Ladakh inaugurated a Birsa Van at the Kargil campus of the University of Ladakh, and Jharkhand, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and other States held floral tributes, award ceremonies, seminars and cultural programmes.





During the Pakhwada, State Tribal Research Institutes, Tribal Welfare Departments and district administrations organised over 25,000 events across 34 States and Union Territories, with the participation of more than 60 lakh people. The activities included cultural festivals, exhibitions, competitions in schools, colleges, EMRS and hostels, scholarship and Aadhaar camps, health and nutrition camps for PVTGs at PM-JANMAN Multi-Purpose Centres, legal literacy camps on forest rights, and community service drives under the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan. Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka recorded the highest number of events and participants.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was declared by the Union Cabinet in 2021 to honour the contribution of tribal freedom fighters and tribal communities to the nation. Building on Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2024–25, which marked the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda with over 2 lakh events and more than 3.7 crore participants, this year's celebrations continued to bring tribal heritage, achievements and development to the centre of national attention.

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