

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal Pride Day)

1. Key Takeaways

November 15 is celebrated as **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Birsa Munda** (1875–1900), one of India's most iconic tribal freedom fighters.

- The Government of India is establishing **11 Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums** across the country to document tribal resistance movements and cultural heritage.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs promotes tribal culture through **digital initiatives** like **Adi Sanskriti**, **Adi Vaani**, and **Tribal Digital Document Repository**.

2. Introduction

- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas honours **Birsa Munda's** legacy as a freedom fighter, spiritual leader, and champion of tribal self-rule.
- 2024-25** is celebrated as **Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh** to mark **150 years** of Birsa Munda's birth.
- From **November 1 to 15**, a nationwide celebration highlights the sacrifices of tribal leaders and showcases India's tribal cultural diversity.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is organizing cultural events, workshops, exhibitions, and setting up **museums** to preserve tribal resistance history.

3. Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum Initiative

A. Rationale

- Tribal communities played a **crucial but under-recognised** role in resisting British rule.
- Many revolts—Santhal, Munda, Bhil, Gond, Koya uprisings—shaped India's struggle for freedom.
- Museums aim to:

- **Preserve** tribal history
- **Educate** the public
- **Document** tribal struggles and culture
- **Promote** social inclusion and cultural pride

B. Funding & Implementation

- Implemented under **Support to Tribal Research Institutes Scheme**.
- Funding shared between the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and **respective state governments**.

4. List of Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums

State	Location	Total Cost (₹ Cr)	MoTA Grant (₹ Cr)
Jharkhand	Ranchi	34.22	25.00
Gujarat	Rajpipla	257.94	50.00
Andhra Pradesh	Lambasingi	45.00	25.00
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	53.13	42.47
Kerala	Wayanad	16.66	15.00
Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	40.69	25.69
Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	14.39	14.39
Telangana	Hyderabad	34.00	25.00
Manipur	Tamenglong	51.38	15.00
Mizoram	Kelsih	25.59	25.59
Goa	Ponda	27.55	15.00

Four museums already inaugurated:

- Chhattisgarh (Raipur)
- Jharkhand (Ranchi)
- Madhya Pradesh (Chhindwara, Jabalpur)

5. Important Museums (For Mains Examples)

A. Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Museum (Raipur, Chhattisgarh)

- **Inaugurated:** 1 November 2024.

- **Cost:** ₹53.13 crore (₹42.47 crore by MoTA).
- Features:
 - 650 sculptures across 16 galleries
 - AI-photo booth, digital screens, projection maps
 - Exhibits on tribal revolts: Halba Kranti, Bhumkal Kranti, Sarguja Kranti etc.
 - Depicts Veer Narayan Singh's fight against British grain hoarding (1856–57).

B. Bhagwan Birsa Munda Museum (Ranchi, Jharkhand)

- Inaugurated in 2021.
- Showcases:
 - Birsa Munda's **Ulgulan** (Great Tumult)
 - Tribal self-rule and community land rights (**Khuntkatti**)
 - His spiritual leadership and martyrdom at age 25.

C. Badal Bhoi Museum (Chhindwara, MP)

- Inaugurated in 2024.
- Highlights:
 - Badal Bhoi's protests against British forest laws (1923, 1930)
 - His imprisonment and death in 1940.

D. Raja Shankar Shah & Kunwar Raghunath Shah Museum (Jabalpur, MP)

- Inaugurated in 2024.
- Showcases:
 - Gond rulers who used **poetry as resistance**
 - Their execution by the British in 1858.

6. Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh - Nationwide Activities

- Aim: Celebrate tribal identity, culture, languages, and contributions to the freedom struggle.

State-wise Highlights

Jammu & Kashmir

- Workshops on PM-JANMAN, digital literacy, and legal awareness.

Meghalaya

- Cultural performances, floral tributes at Shillong.

Rajasthan

- EMRS schools conducted painting/essay/speech competitions.

Andhra Pradesh

- AP TRI held a major tribal cultural festival.

Sikkim

- Workshops for tribal language teachers, youth sports events.

Manipur

- Cleanliness drives and tributes at Rani Gaidinliu Market and Jadonang Park.

Odisha

- Birsa Munda pavilion, photo exhibitions, student programs.

Gujarat

- National symposium at Ekta Nagar attended by 600+ scholars.

7. Other Government Initiatives Promoting Tribal Culture

1. Adi Sanskriti

- Digital learning platform for tribal artforms.
- Provides:
 - 100+ courses
 - 5,000+ documents on tribal culture.

2. Adi Vaani (AI-based tool)

- Real-time speech + text translation between:
 - Hindi, English
 - Mundari, Gondi, Bhili, Santhali, Garo, Kui
- Helps preserve oral traditions.

3. Tribal Digital Document Repository

- Online archival portal of tribal research resources.

4. Varnamala & Oral Literature Initiative

- Publishes rhymes, stories, and documents oral tribal literature.

5. Indigenous Knowledge Documentation

- Covers tribal healing practices, languages, agriculture, art.

6. Aadi Mahotsav (National Festival)

- Celebrates tribal art, craft, cuisine, and entrepreneurship.

7. Tribal Craft Melas & Cultural Festivals

- Regular craft fairs, dance festivals, art workshops with government support.

8. Conclusion (Mains-ready)

- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas reinforces the **historical and cultural significance** of India's Scheduled Tribes.
- Museums and digital initiatives integrate tribal history into **mainstream national consciousness**.
- These efforts honour tribal contributions to the freedom struggle while promoting **cultural preservation, social inclusion, and national unity** in alignment with **Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**

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