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Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026

Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026 was oganized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, honouring the courage, resilience, sacrifices, and invaluable contributions of tribal communities to nation-building. The celebration aimed to showcase the rich history, cultural heritage, traditions, and identity of India's tribal communities while reaffirming the commitment towards their welfare, inclusive growth, sustainable development, education, healthcare, livelihood enhancement, and cultural preservation. In accordance with the directives of the Government of India, a comprehensive 15-day programme was organized to mark this significant occasion, with a focus on creating awareness, empowering tribal communities, promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities, encouraging socio-economic development, and delivering essential services at the grassroots level to ensure meaningful participation and holistic development of tribal people.

The programme was conducted by ICAR-NIFMD involving local Sarpanch and community leaders in different tribal dominated villages and Gram Panchayats such as Haripur GP, Barasahi GP, Totapada GP, Kuradhamalla GP, Durgapur GP, Bangida GP, Angarapada GP of Khordha districts, Odisha; and at different schools such as Government UP School and Govt. Ashram School Kuradhamalla; Govt. primary school Barasahi Adibashi Sahi and Govt. UP School Thakurapada. A total 1065 people participated in the programme. A total 892 tribal participants were benefitted. Various activities like awareness meetings, input distributions, demonstrations, interactive meetings with tribal participants were conducted.

The objectives of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026 were

- To create awareness about traditional art forms, diverse culture of India
- To highlight the importance of preserving tribal invaluable heritage
- To highlight various government initiatives aimed at welfare and empowerment of tribal communities
- To promote practical knowledge and skills on agriculture, animal husbandry, livelihood etc.
- To highlight the contributions and sacrifices of tribal heroes in India's Independence movement

- To highlight role of science, technology and innovation in improving the livelihood and economic conditions of tribal farming communities
- To create awareness about GI-tagged tribal products
- To improve the health, hygiene, sanitation, nutritional status and socio-economic wellbeing of tribal communities
- To promote entrepreneurship and strengthening their understanding of market-oriented agriculture
- To highlight the importance of good quality seeds in improving productivity, augmenting farm income
- To highlight the importance of conserving natural resources like water, jungle and soil for environmental protection, food security and sustainable livelihood
- To nurture young minds, creating awareness on education, health, skill, culture etc. for better future
- To sensitize tribal participants on the importance of conserving traditional crop varieties and indigenous knowledge, the valuable contribution of tribal communities in preserving indigenous knowledge and crop
- To highlight the importance of innovation, individual initiatives or creativity, collective efforts for better and sustainable future; inspire younger generation for greater future.

During this period, different government schemes related to livelihood generation, skill developments, entrepreneurship programs, education, scholarships, health, women's empowerment and policies for tribal welfare were discussed. Government initiatives like Ekalavya model residential school, vocational training for tribal youths for employment, skill India mission for demand driven skill training, multilingual education using tribal language, provision of scholarships for tribal students etc. were highlighted. Importance of women empowerment, self-help group and microfinance were also highlighted. They are encouraged to drink safe clean water, eat healthy, to maintain personal hygiene and sanitation, to practice mental hygiene and discouraged tobacco and alcohol abuse. School students were encouraged to attend school regularly, to take good care of health, maintain personal hygiene, to involve themselves in different activities like sports, arts etc.. Tribal participants were encouraged to rear livestock and poulty and use natural resources and traditional knowledge and create small businesses using locally available resources. The significance of preserving tribal art and craft (Saura painting, Dongri Kondha shawl, Dhokra metal casting, kotpad handloom, bamboo crafts, Terracota etc.) and government initiatives to support tribal artisans for sustainable livelihood were brought to forefront. Diverse animal husbandry related schemes like broiler farming, layer farming, duck farming, small scale poultry feed factory, chick rearing, backyard poultry farming, goat farming, pig farming, MKY, MKUY etc. were discussed. They were encouraged to use improved livestock management and feeding practices and to undergo various skill development training. Importance of traditional crops like different millets, rice, horse gram, Tribal agri-entrepreneurship, seed banks, organic farming and integrated farming system were promoted for more benefit and environmental conservation. The contributions and sacrifices of our tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the role of tribal leaders from Odisha (Shaheed Laxmana Nayak, Rendo Majhi, Dharanidhar Naik, Nirmala Munda, Tama Dora, Chakra Bisoi, Dora Bisoi, Dayanidhi Dharua, Madho Singh Bariha, Veer Surendra

Sai) in India's freedom movement were addressed. An interactive session was organized to understand the problems and challenges faced by tribal farmers in relation to farming and livestock rearing and and their willingness to learn any specific skill for livelihood enhancement. The inspiring stories on Mandia/Millet girl, Kandhamala turmeric, dokra artist, a young tribal farmer were shared and how these tribal people transformed their lives with the help of value addition, advanced technology, social media, government aid etc. were discussed. They were encouraged to think positive and explore new possibilities and transform their own lives.

A key component of the event was input distribution programme. Different inputs like solar lamps (468), 103 school kits (Each kit contains School bag, note book-6, geometry box, cello water bottle, 10 pencils, 5 pens, erasers etc.), 59 pairs slippers, snacks were distributed to promote the use of renewable energy and improve the quality of life in tribal communities, promote education among tribal children and to enhance their confidence and for personal hygiene. Demonstration was provided on effective use of solar lamp. A total 630 tribal participants got benefitted from input distribution programme.

The programme provided participants with a deeper insight into the rich and diverse tribal culture, traditions, and heritage. It enhanced their appreciation and respect for tribal communities while highlighting their significant cultural, social, and traditional contributions to society. The program enhanced the collaboration between tribal community and ICAR-NIFMD. It encouraged tribal participants to avail benefits from various government schemes. It promoted active participation of tribal youths, front line workers, self-help group, tribal leaders, and women in different government schemes. The program encouraged tribal participants to view education and skill development as a tool for empowerment and progress. The program enhanced understanding on scientific livestock management, balanced feeding, vaccination, timely veterinary care and preventive healthcare. They were encouraged to adopt scientific livestock and poultry farming for livelihood enhancement. Solar lamps provided an alternative source of lighting to improve their quality of life. Participants promised to use less plastic and adapt organic farming in order to protect health and environment. The program encouraged tribal participants to use natural resources, traditional knowledge to initiate their enterprises for sustainable livelihood development. School kits were distributed to promote education among tribal children and to enhance their confidence. The program enhanced farmers awareness on the conservation of water, forests and land resources for better future and encouraged to adopt organic farming and mixed farming for good health and good income.

The 15-day programme was successfully implemented with active participation from tribal participants, scientists and technical officers from ICAR-NIFMD, contractual staffs from ICAR-NIFMD and Sarpanch/ local leaders from different Gram panchayats. The entire programme was directed by Dr. J.K. Mahapatra, Director, ICAR-NIFMD, Co-ordinated by Dr. Tareni Das. The Programme was organized by Dr. Tareni Das, Nodal Officer, DAPST, Dr. M. Choudhary, Dr. S.Subramaniam, Dr. M. Rout, Dr. S. S. Dahiya, Dr. M. Sahoo, Dr. JK Biswal, Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Dr. BV Sunil Kumar, Dr. Laxmi Narayan Sarangi, Dr. Rahul Singh Arya, Dr. Samarandra Das, Dr. S. Mallick and Dr. Sushmita Nautiyal.

Table-1: *Day wise awareness activities, scientific personnel involvement and venue for Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026 organized by ICAR-NIFMD*

Sl. No.	Date	Activities	Scientific personnel involved	Venue	ST Participants	Total participants
2	2. 11. 26	Our Heritage, Our pride: celebrating tribal culture	Dr. T. Das, Dr. S. Nautiyal	Bengitengi, Durgapur GP	56	48
3	3. 11. 26	Haq se Vikas: Bringing govt. schemes for tribal welfare and agricultural developement	Dr. T. Das	Bangida and Mangalapur village, Bangida GP	78	71
4	4. 11. 26	Hunar se Udaan: skills, knowledges and opportunities	Dr. S. Das, Dr. S.S. Dahiya, Dr. T. Das	Mahula, Angarapada GP	85	77
5	5. 11. 26	Unsung No more: Tribal heros of India's Freedom struggle	Dr. S. Nautiyal and Dr. T. Das	Govt. HS School and Kuradhamalla GP	84	60
6	6. 11. 26	Vigyan se Samridhi, Janajatiya Vikas Mein Pragati	Dr. M. Sahoo, Dr. T. Das	Kankadahada and Adakhandia, village, Bangida GP	67	58
7	7. 11. 26 (Saturday)	From roots to recognition: GI-Tagged and Tribal products	Dr. T. Das	Karadagadia village, Durgapur GP	62	54
8	8. 11. 26 (Sunday)	Seeds of Heritage: preserving	Dr.T. Das	Managobindapur village, Durgapur GP	60	53

		indigenous crops and Knowledge				
9	9. 11. 26	Swasth Janajati, Samriddh Janjati	Dr. S. Mallick, Dr. BV Sunil Kumar, Dr. T. Das	Karadapalli village, Angarapada GP	89	81
10	10. 11. 26	From farm to fortune: Tribal Agri-entrepreneurs and market linkages	Dr. L.N. Sarangi, Dr. T. Das	Govt. primary school Barasahi Adibashi Sahi and Govt. UP School Thakurapada and Barasahi GP	112	58
11	11. 11. 26	Better seeds, better harvest , better futures	Dr. M. Rout , Dr. T. Das	Totapada village, Totapada GP	65	59
12	12. 11. 26	Protecting Jal, jungle, zameen: farming for future	Dr. N.R. Sahoo, T. Das	Manapur Village, Angarapada GP	64	57
13	13. 11. 26	Young minds, tribal future	Dr. R. Ranjan and Dr. L.N. Sarangi, , Dr. T. Das	Sialia Village, Govt. Ashram School and Govt. HS School, Kuradhamalla GP	91	74
14	14. 11. 26 (Saturday)	Stories of change: innovations, people and possibilities	Dr. T. Das	Gothabania, Arugul, Haripur GP	73	68
15	15. 11. 26 (Sunday)	Janajatiya Gaurav: celebrating progress, inspiring future	Dr. T. Das	Podapada village, Haripur GP	79	74



Photographs of different activities conducted on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026




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