



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas: 15th November

Why in News

The Union Cabinet has approved **15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas** to commemorate the brave tribal freedom fighters as part of the year-long celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas **will be celebrated every year** to recognize the efforts of the tribals in the preservation of cultural heritage and promotion of Indian values of national pride, valour, and hospitality.
 - They held several tribal movements across different regions of India against the British colonial rule. These tribal communities include **Tamars, Santhals, [Khasis](#), [Bhils](#), [Mizos](#), and Kols** to name a few.
- A **tribal freedom fighter museum at Ranchi** would be inaugurated by the Prime Minister.
- 15th November **also marks the birth anniversary of [Birsa Munda](#)** who is revered as God by tribal communities across India.

▪ Tribal Freedom Fighters:

- **Birsa Munda:** [//](#)



- He was born on 15th November 1875. He belonged to the **Munda tribe**.
- He spearheaded an **Indian tribal religious Millenarian movement during British rule** in the late 19th century across the **tribal belt of modern-day Jharkhand and Bihar**.
- **Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh:**



- He is considered the **Pride of Sonakhan in Chhattisgarh**, he looted trader's

grain stock and distributed them amongst the poor after the 1856 famine.

- The sacrifice of Veer Narayan Singh made him a tribal leader and he **became the first martyr from Chhattisgarh in the independence struggle of 1857.**
- **Shri Alluri Seetha Ram Raju:**



- He was born on 4th July, 1897 in a village called Mogallu near Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh.
- Alluri is best remembered **for leading the Rampa Rebellion against the British** in which he organised the tribal people of Visakhapatnam and East Godavari districts to revolt against the foreigners.
- He was inspired by the revolutionaries of Bengal to fight against the British government.

- **Rani Gaidinliu:**



- She was a **Naga spiritual and political leader who led a revolt against British rule in India.** At the age of 13, she joined the Heraka religious movement of her cousin Haipou Jadonang.
- For her, the Naga people's journey to freedom was part of India's wider movement for freedom. She also spread the message of Gandhi ji in Manipur region.

- **Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu:**



- On 30th June 1855, two years before the Great Revolt of 1857, two Santhal brothers Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu organised 10,000 Santhals and proclaimed a rebellion against the British.
- The tribals took an oath to drive away from the British from their homeland. The Murmu brothers' sisters Phulo and Jhano also played an active part in the rebellion.

[Source: TH](#)