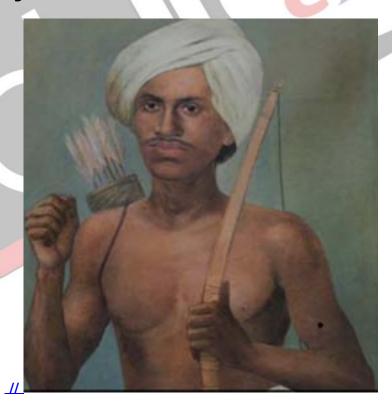


## **Rapid Fire Current Affairs**

## **Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda**

The Prime Minister of India paid tributes to tribal leader <u>Birsa Munda</u> on his birth anniversary(15th November 1875) belonging to the Munda tribe in the Chotanagpur Plateau area.

- In response to the British colonial presence and missionaries' attempts to convert tribals to Christianity, Birsa Munda initiated the 'Birsait' faith, emerging as a tribal leader and leading resistance against British conversion efforts.
- He led the Munda Rebellion aimed to establish Munda Raj, or self-rule, and restore the tribal rights over their land and forest.
- Birsa Munda encouraged tribals to resist colonial laws and refuse to pay rent. He started the Ulgulan movement involving guerrilla warfare, challenging religious practices, and social changes.
- The Ulgulan movement aimed at establishing Munda Raj by driving out the British.
- Birth anniversary celebrated as <u>Janiativa Gaurav Divas</u>, acknowledging tribal contributions.
- He is Remembered as 'Bhagwan' (God) and 'Dharati Aba' (Father of the earth) by followers.
- Jharkhand, meaning "The Land of Forests," was formed on November 15, 2000, marking the birth anniversary of **Bhagwan Birsa Munda.**



Read more: Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

## Bestu Varsh 2023

The Prime Minister of India has extended New Year greetings on the occasion of Gujarati New Year.

- Gujarati New Year 2023, also known as Padwa or Bestu Varas, is being celebrated on November 14.
- It is celebrated as part of the five-day Diwali Celebrations. It ideally falls on Pratipada of Shukla
   Paksha in the Kartik month (Hindu calendar month).

**Read more:** India's Traditional New Year Festivals

## The Contagious Mystery of Yawning

**Yawning**, often associated with **boredom or a mental break**, remains a phenomenon with intriguing contagious qualities.

- In a relatable twist, scientists find that monkeys, much like humans, engage in contagious yawning, especially within similar age and social groups.
  - This phenomenon is linked to synchronized sleep-wake patterns and shared attention among primates.
- While not obligatory, yawning serves as a powerful trigger in group dynamics. The study suggests
  a broader concept of behavioral synchrony, where observed actions influence others in a
  contagious manner.

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