



150th Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda

Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister **launched a commemorative stamp and coin** to mark the **150th birth anniversary** of tribal icon and freedom fighter [Birsa Munda](#) in Bihar's Jamui district.

Key Points

- **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Celebration:**
 - The Centre declared **November 15**, Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, as **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas** in **2021**.
 - The 2024 event also initiates year-long celebrations for the **150th anniversary of Birsa Munda's** birth.
- **Various Projects and Initiatives:**
 - The Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation for **various tribal welfare projects** totaling over Rs 6,640 crore.
 - The PM also inaugurated **two tribal freedom fighter museums** and **tribal research institutes**.
 - Foundation stones were laid for 1.16 lakh homes under the [Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Yojana](#) and 25,000 homes under the [Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan \(PM-JANMAN\) scheme](#) for [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups \(PVTGs\)](#).
 - Approximately **50 mobile medical units** were launched to improve healthcare in tribal regions.
 - 10 [Eklayya Model Residential Schools \(EMRSs\)](#) for tribal students, including hostels across the country were inaugurated.
 - The government has enhanced tribal education through EMRSs, scholarships, and other educational opportunities.
- **Exhibition Honoring Tribal Legacy:**
 - The PM engaged with beneficiaries of welfare schemes and visited an **exhibition honoring the legacy of Birsa Munda and other tribal freedom fighters**.
 - The **exhibition includes artwork from EMRS students and literature on the life and struggles of Birsa Munda**, as well as displays highlighting tribal history and achievements.

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

- Originally named the **PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)**, is an umbrella scheme to implement existing schemes across 63,000 Scheduled Tribe-majority villages.
 - Dharti Aaba refers to **Birsa Munda, a 19th-century tribal leader and anti-colonial icon from Jharkhand**.
- The initiative aims to **address critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood** through 25 interventions implemented by various 17 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)

- PM-JANMAN was launched on **15th November 2023**, to improve the socio-economic welfare of

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

- It is **implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs**, in collaboration with the State governments and the PVTGs communities.
 - It encompasses various sectors, including safe housing under the PM-Awas Scheme, access to **clean drinking water**, improved **healthcare, education, nutrition**, road and telecommunications connectivity, as well as opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.
- The plan also includes the establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for **trading in forest produce**, off-grid solar power systems for 1 lakh households, and solar street lights.
- The scheme is expected to **enhance the quality of life and well-being of the PVTGs**, by addressing their multiple and intersecting forms of **discrimination and exclusion**, and by recognizing and valuing their unique and valuable contribution to national and global development.

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