

Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance | Conservation

Why in News?

Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada (1-15 November 2025), commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda is observing across the country.

Key events

- **In the Andaman & Nicobar Islands** - A plantation drive was undertaken in the Jarawa area, symbolizing the intrinsic connection between tribal communities and nature, and promoting ecological conservation.
- **In Andhra Pradesh** - Multiple educational and capacity-building initiatives marked the celebrations
 - The Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Parvathipuram, organized an Orientation Training Programme for officers and field staff on key initiatives — **PM JANMAN, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, and Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan.**
 - Similarly, ITDA Nellore conducted a one-day orientation session with 17 departments, focusing on the Ministry's 25 flagship tribal development interventions through detailed presentations and discussions.
- **In Odisha** - A Painting Exhibition dedicated to Bhagwan Birsa Munda was inaugurated, featuring works by tribal and contemporary artists.
- Each canvas vividly portrayed the courage, vision, and enduring legacy of the great freedom fighter, blending artistic creativity with cultural reverence.
- **In Telangana** - Birsa Munda Jayanti - 150th Celebrations were observed at the Government ST Girls College Hostel through floral tributes and a garlanding ceremony, and paying homage.
- **In Sikkim** - The Tribal Students Sports Meet cum Health Camp continued at the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, Gangtok — promoting

fitness, health awareness, and community spirit among tribal youth.

- **In Maharashtra** - Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across Maharashtra joined the celebrations with creative competitions:
 - Poem Recitation Competition at EMRS Korchi.
 - Essay and Creative Writing Competition at EMRS Gewardha.
- These activities inspired students to explore tribal history, culture, and pride through their own voices and imagination.
- **Significance** - It reaffirms communities, institutions, and youth across India, a national commitment to tribal empowerment through education, environment, art, and awareness.

Reference

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