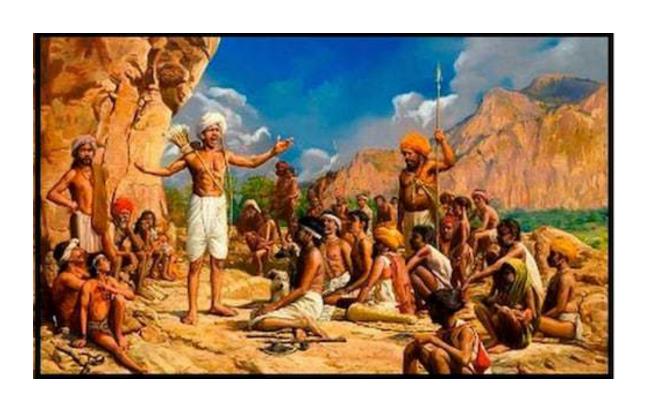
# A BRIEF REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS



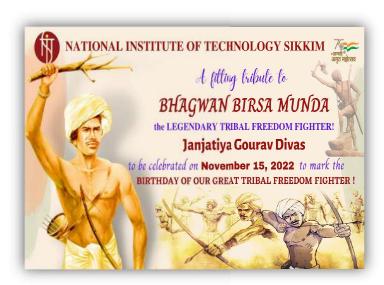
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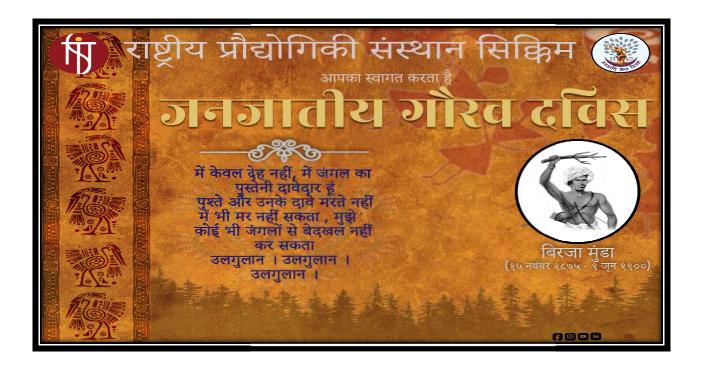
## The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

The birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda is celebrated as the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas or Tribal Pride Day on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The celebration is to seek dissemination of information and generate awareness to the coming generations on the sacrifices made by tribal freedom fighters in independence movement of India. The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated every year for recognizing the efforts made by tribals in preserving their cultural heritage and promoting Indian values like national pride & hospitality. Tribals held several



tribal movements across different regions of India against the British colonial rule.



# Remembering some of the Tribal Heroes of Freedom Fighters:

### A: Birsa Munda:

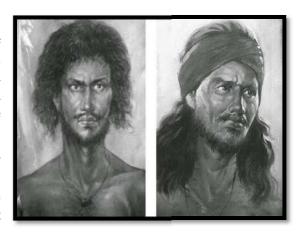
- Birsa Munda born on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1875 was a member of the Munda Tribe of the Chhota Nagpur Plateau.
- He was an Indian freedom fighter, religious leader, and folk hero.
- He spearheaded an Indian tribal religious Millenarian movement during British rule in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century across the tribal belt of modern-day Jharkhand and Bihar.
- O The tribals were quickly demoted from landowners to labourers under the zamindari system, which resulted in Birsa taking up the cause of the Adivasis.



- The religion preached the belief in a single God and urged people to return to their old religious convictions. People began to refer to him as a cost-effective religious healer, a miracle worker, and a preacher.
- Birsa Munda led the rebellion that came to be known as Ulgulan (revolt) or the Munda rebellion against the British government-imposed feudal state system.

### B: Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu:

- On 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## C: Shri Alluri Seetha Ram Raju:

- He was born on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1897 in a village called Mogallu near Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh.
- o 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.



## D: 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.





# E: 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.

## **Celebration at NIT Sikkim:**

The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas was observed with full spirit to commemorate tribal freedom fighters on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at National Institute of Technology Sikkim. The celebration of the event consisted of display of short documentary flims/ video clips and power point presentation on notable Janjati freedom fighters such as Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Shri Alluri Seetha Ram Raju, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh, Rani Gaidinliu, Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu etc.



Competitive activities such as short speech completion were also organized on the topic 'contribution of Janjati heroes during the freedom struggle of India' and open quiz completions for the



students of the Institute. The best performer was awarded with prizes.

Students have participated voluntarily in the events with songs, talks, poems, storytelling based on janjati's heroes and their contributions to India.

The program was address by the Director, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil where he said as the name suggests, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is also a day to celebrate and take pride in the rich tribal culture and heritage of said country. He that the our contributions of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other janjati freedom fighters will always be cherished and admired. He urged the students, faculty and staff

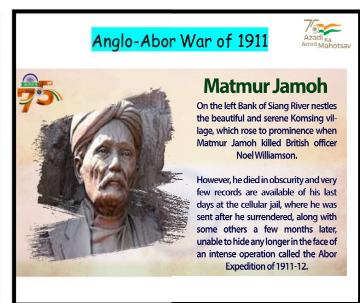


members to remember and disseminate the contribution and sacrifices made by those mahanayak during the freedom fighters of independence India.

The event concluded by paying tribute to the unsung Janjati heroes of Indian freedom fighters.

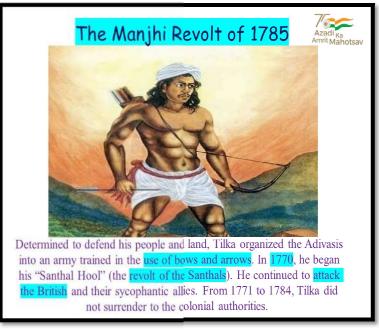






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