Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal Pride Day) 2026 – 15 November

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News

'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' is being observed on 15 November 2026 to mark the 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to take part via video conferencing in the national programme at Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, inaugurating and laying foundation stones for 246 tribal development projects worth about ₹3,000 crore (DD News, ANI). The 173 inaugurations include 38 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), 100 Multi-Purpose Centres under PM-JANMAN, the Tribal Research Institute building at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, and the 'Ropuiliani Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum' at Aizawl, Mizoram. Foundation stones will be laid for 73 projects – 19 new EMRS, 12 Tribal Multipurpose Marketing Centres (TMMCs) and 42 PM-JANMAN and DAJGUA works. The event marks the close of the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada' (1–15 November), which included the President's interaction with EMRS students, a National Tribal Literary Festival, training for tribal healers and health camps for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Ropuiliani was a 19th-century Mizo chieftainess who resisted British rule.

Key facts for the exam

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National event	Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

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EMRS	38 inaugurated + 19 new ones' foundation stones
Museum	Ropuiliani Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum, Aizawl
Research institute	Tribal Research Institute building, Itanagar
Fortnight	Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada – 1–15 Nov
Schemes	PM-JANMAN, DAJGUA, Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan, EMRS
Tamil Nadu	Tribal Research Centre, Udhagamandalam (1983)

Background

- Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS): started in 1997–98 to give quality residential education to tribal students. They are run through the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Tribal freedom fighters: Ropuiliani (1828–1895) – chieftainess of Denlung villages near today's Lunglei, Mizoram; she refused taxes, labour and rice tribute to the British, was arrested and died in Rangamati jail in 1895. Alluri Sitarama Raju led the 'Rampa Rebellion' (1922–24) in the Godavari Agency of Andhra. Tirot Sing – Khasi Hills (Anglo–Khasi War, 1829–33); Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu – Santhal Hul (1855–56); Komaram Bheem – Gond leader (Hyderabad State).

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu: (1) Tamil Nadu has 37 Scheduled Tribes (Narikoravan, Kurivikkaran added as entry 37 in 2022), about 1.1% of the State's population in Census 2011. (2) The Tamil Nadu Government's 'Tribal Research Centre' was set up in 1983 at Udhagamandalam (Muthorai Palada), Nilgiris; it works under the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, and its Tribal Museum opened on 2 October 1996 – a State counterpart of institutions like the Itanagar research institute inaugurated today. (3) EMRS schools also function in Tamil Nadu, and the State's PVTGs receive PM-JANMAN benefits.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Ropuiliani, honoured by a museum opening on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2026, was a chieftainess of which people?

A) Khasi

B) Naga

C) Mizo

D) Garo

Answer: C – Explanation: Mizo – chief of Denlung villages near Lunglei (museum at Aizawl); she refused tribute to the British and died in Rangamati jail in 1895.

2. Which autonomous body under the Tribal Affairs Ministry runs the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)?

A) NESTS

B) NCERT

C) KVS

D) NVS

Answer: A – Explanation: NESTS – National Education Society for Tribal Students. EMRS began in 1997–98. KVS and NVS work under the Education Ministry.

3. Gadchiroli district, venue of the national Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2026 programme, is in which State?

A) Chhattisgarh

B) Maharashtra

C) Telangana

D) Odisha

Answer: B – Explanation: Gadchiroli is a forested, largely tribal district on Maharashtra's eastern border with Chhattisgarh and Telangana; the 2026 national event covers 246 projects worth about ₹3,000 crore.

4. Where are the Tamil Nadu Government's Tribal Research Centre and its Tribal Museum located?

A) Kodaikanal

B) Udhagamandalam

C) Yercaud

D) Valparai

Answer: B – Explanation: Udhagamandalam (Muthorai Palada, Nilgiris) – centre set up in 1983, museum opened 2 Oct 1996; under the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Dept.

5. Which tribal freedom fighter led the 'Rampa Rebellion' of 1922–24 in the Godavari Agency of Andhra?

A) Alluri Sitarama Raju

B) Tirot Sing

C) Sidhu Murmu

D) Komaram Bheem

Answer: A – Explanation: Alluri Sitarama Raju, killed in 1924. Tirot Sing led Khasi resistance (1829–33); Sidhu Murmu the Santhal Hul (1855); Komaram Bheem was a Gond leader.

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