

# Celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada (1–15 November 2025)

During the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada (1–15 November 2025), ICAR–NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Udaipur organized a series of activities at multiple locations, each with a distinct theme focusing on tribal heritage, cultural pride, the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda ji, contributions of tribal freedom fighters, tribal development and government initiatives, education and skill development, scientific awareness, tribal pride, scientific agriculture, and overall socio-economic upliftment. The celebrations formally commenced on 01 November 2025 to 15 November 2025 .

The first major event was held on 06 November 2025 at Govt. Primary School, Upala Phala, Titardi, where 30–40 tribal students were informed about the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, his immense contributions to India’s freedom struggle and the inspiring role of various tribal revolutionaries. Students were also guided on the importance of education, hygiene, health, discipline, and value-based living for holistic development.

On 07 November 2025, impactful programmes were organized in Bassi and Salumber districts. Dr. R. P. Sharma (Principal Scientist) and Nodal Officer Dr. Ajit Kumar Meena delivered an inspirational message on the history of Bhagwan Birsa Mundaji, emphasizing cultural preservation, and the relevance of science-based agriculture. contributions of tribal freedom fighters, and demonstrated scientific measures for enhancing crop productivity, soil health, nutrient management, and income generation. A total of 210 farmers participated in the programme (40 from Bassi and 170 from Salumber).

Continuing the Pakhwada celebrations, a special programme was organized on 10 November **2025** at ICAR–NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Udaipur. Dr. Ajit Kumar Meena (Nodal Officer) conducted the proceedings and presented meaningful insights from the teachings of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Dr. R. P. Sharma (Principal Scientist), Dr. R. S. Meena (Senior Scientist), and Dr. Mahaveer (Scientist) and Dr.L.C.Malav (Scientist) addressed the gathering on tribal identity, community participation, modern agricultural techniques, sustainable development, and the. The Head, Dr. B. L. Meena, emphasized institutional efforts and highlighted the cultural and historical significance of the Bhil community of Mewar as well as tribal societies across India, Importance of such programmes for the socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities.

The Pakhwada concluded with the celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas and the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda ji on 15 November 2025, organized at the RC, Udaipur. The event focused on promoting tribal heritage, raising awareness among youth, and disseminating important information related to tribal welfare initiatives. Chief Guest Dr. G. L. Meena (Professor & Head, Department of Economics, RCA Udaipur) delivered an insightful lecture on the significance of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas and the contributions of tribal communities to India’s socio-cultural fabric. Chairperson Dr. B. L. Meena elaborated on the life and legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Mundaji, highlighted the role of tribal freedom fighters including Kalibai Bhil, and discussed major government schemes related to education, health, culture, and tribal empowerment. The event witnessed participation from around 70 individuals, including 50–60 students and scholars from MPUAT and MLSU, along with scientists, officers, and staff members. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks

delivered by Dr. Nishakar (Research Scholar). Overall, the fortnight-long celebration significantly promoted tribal pride, enhanced awareness of tribal history, culture, and contributions, and inspired farmers, students, and the community to carry forward the ideals and legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Mundaji and other tribal freedom fighters.

