

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

1770 # Shri Aditya Prasad:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the efforts made to promote the cultural heritage of the country, particularly those of tribal, deprived, backward and exploited sections through the nationwide programmes being organized on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate 75 years of independence, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the efforts made to preserve the cultural heritage and traditions of the forest dwellers and tribes of Jharkhand?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
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(a) and (b) For protection, preservation and promotion of cultural heritage of the country, Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres [ZCCs] which organize various cultural activities and programmes all over the country on regular basis. To preserve the cultural heritage and tradition of folk and tribal artists belonging to forest area and various tribes, ZCCs encourage promotion of folk arts and make efforts for preservation, documentation and data collection of these vanishing arts. Ministry of Culture organised many rashtriya sanskriti mahotsavas and a minimum of 42 regional festivals through ZCCs in a year. Government of India releases Grant-in-aids to these ZCCs for organising these activities. Government is organising various events/programmes for these sections throughout the country through ZCCs to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

Government of India also provides grants to State Tribal Research Institutes for promotion of tribal languages, development of bilingual primers for preservation of tribal languages and promote tribal literature. Further, under the component "Financial Assistance for support to Centres of Excellence" of the scheme "Tribal Research Information, Education, Communication and Events (TRU-ECE)", financial assistance is provided to reputed Institutions for carrying out research study programmes including documentation of tribal languages with aim to promote tribal culture, archives, artifacts, customs and traditions of tribal communities including Jharkhand.

At present Government of India is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Nationwide programmes are organised by the Ministry of Culture on the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, a resolution has been taken to establish nearly 750 Eklavya Model Residential Schools to support the education of tribal students. In Jharkhand, foundation stones for five EMRS has been laid. Government of India has also sanctioned ten tribal freedom fighters museums in order to acknowledge heroic and patriotic deeds of tribal people.

Government has developed searchable digital repository where all research papers, books, reports and documents, folk songs, photos/videos are uploaded. Government has launched ADIGRAMS Portal, a unique portal which monitors physical and financial progress of the grants given by the Ministry to States and can track the actual utilisation of funds. Two days Workshop for the same was organized in Jharkhand.

Government of India has decided to celebrate 15th November of every year as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to mark the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda, Ulihatu in Khunti in Jharkhand from 2021 onwards. The Bhagwan Birsa Munda Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum has been built at the old Central Jail location at Ranchi.

Forest dwelling Communities and Tribes of Jharkhand have been studied under the Research Projects like Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups [PVTGs] of India by Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, a Research Organization.

Recruitment drive for Scheduled Tribes girls was organised in four districts of Jharkhand.

Yoga Mahotsav Celebrations were held in Khunti, Jharkhand on International Yoga Day.

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