

# 2021

## Report



**Nareshbhai Patel**  
Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Development



**Bhupendrabhai Patel**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat

**Celebration of 146<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda  
"Janjatiya Gaurav Divas"**

Sponsored by  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India, New Delhi

Organized by  
Tribal Development Department,  
Government of Gujarat  
&  
Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat



**Narendra Modi**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India



**Nimishaben Suthar**  
Hon'ble State Minister of Tribal Development

### STATE LEVEL TRIBAL FESTIVAL

**Inauguration : November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 01:00 PM**

**Venue : Amdavad Haat, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad**

**Festival : 15<sup>th</sup> Nov to 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2021**



**Arjun Munda**  
Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs  
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# Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat

*// Themes of Events //*

- ❖ **Celebration of 146<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda**
- ❖ **ICONIC WEEK Celebration – 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November**
- ❖ **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – India@75**
- ❖ **“Janjatiya Gaurav Divas” – 15<sup>th</sup> November**
- ❖ **“Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah” - 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

As a part of the nationwide celebration of the **ICONIC WEEK** celebration on the occasion of **Celebration of 146<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda**, Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat with continuous support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India had organized weeklong celebrations starting from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 to celebrate and commemorate the glorious history of tribal people, culture and achievements as a part of the overall commemorative initiative under **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.

Day wise week long activities carried out by the Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat are given as under:-

## **1. State Level Tribal Festival – Dt. 15.11.2021 to 19.11.2021.**

*State Level Tribal Festival organised on the occasion of "Janjatiya Gaurav Divas" celebrated on the eve of Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, from Dt.15.11.2021 to Dt.19.11.2021 at Amdabad Haat, Ahmedabad.*



## A brief Report

This year on the occasion of **146th birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda**, the great revolutionary tribal freedom fighter, messiah of tribal communities who left imprints on the mind of India people, Government of India remembering his contribution celebrated his birth day i.e. on 15th November as "**Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**". Across the country several activities were organised during this time period.

On this occasion Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat and Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat has organised "**State Level Tribal Festival**" from Dt.15.11.2021 to Dt.19.11.2021 at Amdabad Haat, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad, which includes;

- 1.1. Traditional Tribal Art & Craft Mela:** There was an exhibition-cum-sale of tribal Craft items, Bamboo items, tribal art like Pithora and Warli paintings, Clay items, Jewelleries and etc;
- 1.2. Traditional Tribal Herbal Medicine Mela:** There was an exhibition-cum-sale of tribal Herbal Medicine prevailing in the tribal forest of the southern part of the state. Tribal Medicinal Plants, Tribal Medicinal roots, eatable bhajis, processed medicine and masaage centre etc;
- 1.3. Tribal Food Festival:** Tribal food of Gujarat is always been a keen attraction of Tribal Festival. Tribal Food includes Nagli Items, Ragi items, Rice Items, and All serials prevailing in the tribal areas of the state.



On 15th of November 2021, Honourable Minister, Tribal Development, Food & Civil Supply and Consumer Protection, Gujarat Shri Nareshbhai Patel, Smt.Nimishaben Suthar, Minister of State, Tribal Development Department, Gujarat, Secretary, Commissioner and other officials of Tribal Development Department, Gujarat paid tribute by offering flowers at the Statue of Birsa Munda, located at Birsa Munda Bhavan, Gandhinagar. After that they have left to inaugurate the **“State Tribal Festival”** organised at Amdabad Haat Vastrapur.



The Festival was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister, Tribal Development, Food & Civil Supply and Consumer Protection, Gujarat Shri Nareshbhai Patel at 1.00 P.M.



On this occasion Smt. Nimishaben Suthar, Minister of State, Tribal Development, Gujarat and Dr. Kuberbhai Dindor, Minister of State for Higher Education, Gujarat remained present. On his inaugural address Hon. Minister Shri Naresh Patel appreciated the efforts of tribal artisans.



He discussed with the tribal craftsmen regarding the importance of the "**Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**" celebrated on the eve of Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and his life and work and fight against the British rule. In this inaugural function Smt. Nimishaben Suthar, Minister of State for Tribal Development also addressed the tribal craftsmen and discussed about the tribal heritage of Gujarat their symbiotic relationship with nature. In the inaugural

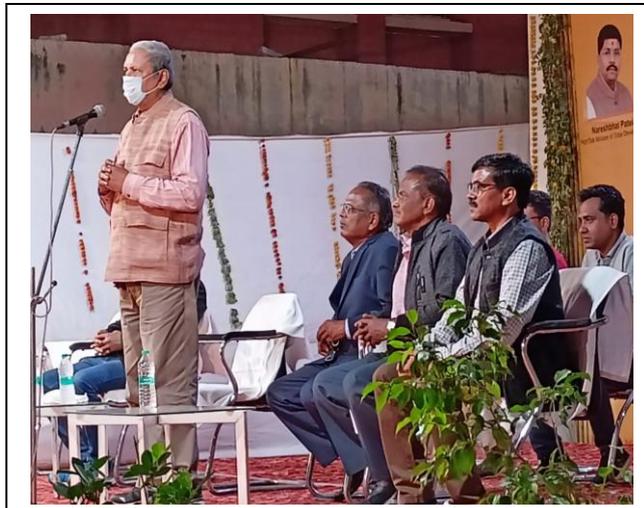
session, Corporators of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, and Officials of Tribal Development Department remained present.



In this Festival around 72 stalls comprising of artisans dealing with traditional tribal medicines and healings, tribal foods and cuisine, tribal crafts have actively participated in this Mela. The artisans were invited from the tribal areas of Gujarat. In total 135 nos. of tribal Craftsmen/ Healers and Tribal Food Maker participated in this exhibition-cum-sale Mela.

**1.4. Traditional Tribal Dance Performance:** Apart from sales of articles there was cultural performance by tribal artists from 8.30 PM to 10.00 P.M. during 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. In total 6 nos. of tribal dance troupe with 126 artists performed during this festival.

The valedictory session of the Festival was organised in the evening of 19.11.2021 and the Chief Guest on this occasion was Shri Sanjay Prasad, I.A.S., Chief Election Commissioner of Gujarat. Other invited guest in the valedictory session included the leaders of tribal organisations of Gujarat, retired pa etc. Certificate of participation to the tribal craftsmen and artists were handed by the chief guest Shri Sanjay Prasad Sahab. In his presidential address Shri Sanjay Prasad sahab said that by organising crafts and trade fair, tribal arts and crafts are promoted and thus helping them to improve their livelihood. He urged the tribal artisans to produce more and more of their produce and informed the organiser of the fair to advertise more about their products and efforts should be made to sale their product online.



The tribal artisans also expressed their satisfaction regarding organisation of the tribal crafts and trade fair where they were able to sell their products and got a good market. Due to Covid-19, during last two years they were unable to participate in any fair as there was restriction on holding public events and hence unable to sell their product that had affected their livelihood. Due to this fair they got the opportunity to sell their product and earned an income. They express their satisfaction on the arrangements and facilities provided by the organiser of the fair.

During the five day duration of the fair, details of sales information was collected from all the stall and it is estimated that a sum of **Rs.7,50,235/-** were sold by all the stalls that have added to their income. All the expenses related to facilities provided to the tribal craftsmen during the five day event were incurred by the Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat and Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat whatever the artisans earned were net profit of the artisans.