

PM Modi To Launch PM-PVTG Mission On Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

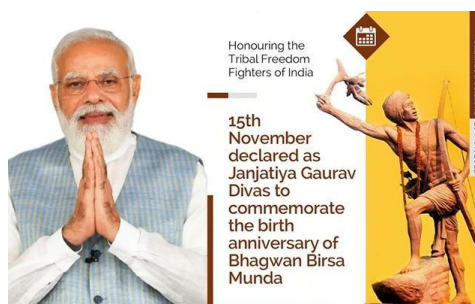
Why In News

- In a huge step to empower tribals, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch **PM PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) Development Mission** on Nov15th on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'.
- In the **budget of 2023-24**, the launch of the Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission was announced to improve the socio-economic conditions of the PVTGs.
- There are **75 PVTGs in 18 States & UTs** living in 22,544 villages (220 districts) having a population of around 28 lakhs.



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

- The Centre had declared **November 15** as '**Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**' dedicated to the memory of tribal freedom fighters. November 15 is the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda who is revered as Bhagwan by tribal communities across the country.



- A museum in Ranchi in memory of Birsa Munda also known as Dharti Aaba.
- PM Modi said that observance of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on Birsa Munda's birth anniversary will serve as an opportunity **to celebrate the glorious tribal culture** and contribution to national development.

Who Are PVTG's

- According to the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**, India has 75 PVTGs, who are characterised by “**pre-agriculture level of technology, stagnant or declining population, extremely low literacy, and subsistence level of economy**”.



- PVTGs were recognised as a separate category based on the findings of the **1961 Dhebar Commission**.
- In 1975, there were 52 PVTGs and, by 1993, the list had been expanded to 75 out of 705 Scheduled Tribes (STs) across 18 states and Union Territories.
- Data from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the 2011 Census shows that **Odisha has the largest population** of PVTGs at 8.66 lakh, followed by Madhya Pradesh at 6.09 lakh and Andhra Pradesh (including Telangana) at 5.39 lakh.
- The total PVTG population is more than 40 lakh and the largest PVTG is Odisha's Saura community, numbering 5.35 lakh.

**Particularly
Vulnerable Tribal
Group (PVTG)**



PVTG Development Mission

- In a first-of-its-kind mission, since Independence, the **Modi government will launch a Rs 24,000 crore scheme** which will ensure holistic development of PVTGs.
- The launch ceremony is strategically planned to take place in Jharkhand's Khunti district, **specifically after a visit to Ulihatu village**, the birthplace of Birsa Munda.

PM PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUPS (PM PVTG) MISSION

A Visionary Leap for Tribal Well-being

Basic facilities like roads, telecom, electricity & housing to scattered, inaccessible tribes

Budget of ₹24,000 crore allocated for the mission

Targeting 75 PVTGs in 18 States & UTs living in 22,544 villages

- This visit will mark a historic moment as **Prime Minister Modi becomes the first sitting Prime Minister** to visit this village.
- Last year, on **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas**, President Droupadi Murmu made history by being the first President to visit Ulihatu village.
- The PM-PVTG Development Mission aims **to address the critical needs** of the 75 PVTG communities residing in over 22,000 remote villages across 18 States and Union Territories.
- This comprehensive approach aligns with the government's commitment to uplifting marginalized communities.



- The **Mission's goal is to** “(saturate) PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities”.



- Specifically, under the umbrella scheme, **nine ministries will implement 11 interventions**, including the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana, and Jal Jeevan Mission, among others.