

### Bihar Special

#### Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebration

##### Why in the news?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Jamui, Bihar, on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary year of tribal leader Birsa Munda.

##### Key Development Projects:

- ❖ **Grih Pravesh Ceremony:** inauguration of 11,000 houses under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN).
- ❖ **Mobile Medical Units (MMUs):** Inauguration of 23 MMUs under PM-JANMAN and 30 additional MMUs under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)
- ❖ **Tribal Entrepreneurship & Education:** Inauguration of 300 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs), 10 Eklavya Model Residential Schools for tribal students (worth Rs 450 crore) and the foundation stone for 25 more Eklavya Model Residential Schools (worth Rs 1,110 crore).

- ❖ **Cultural Preservation:** Inauguration of two Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums in Chhindwara and Jabalpur, MP and two Tribal Research Institutes in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, and Gangtok, Sikkim.
- ❖ **Infrastructure Development:** Foundation stone for 500 km of new roads and 100 Multi-Purpose Centres (MPCs) under PM-JANMAN.

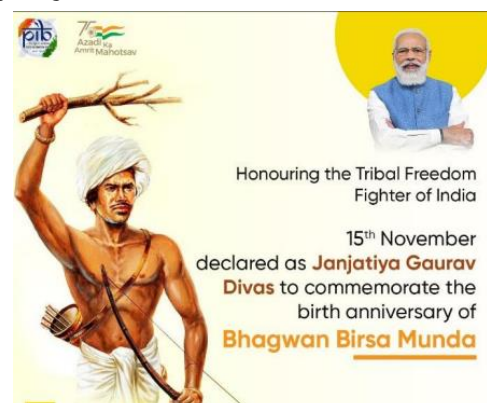
##### Housing and Infrastructure:

- ❖ 11,000 homes under PM-JANMAN and over 1.16 lakh under DAJGUA.
- ❖ 66 hostels under PM-JANMAN and 304 under DAJGUA.
- ❖ Upgraded tribal schools, sickle cell anaemia centres, and Anganwadi centres.

##### Ceremonial Events

- ❖ unveil a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Birsa Munda
- ❖ Grih Pravesh for new homes built for tribal families.

##### Janjatiya Gaurav Divas:



- ❖ Every year on November 15th, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated to honor the contributions of these communities, especially in India's freedom struggle.
- ❖ Since 2021, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas has been celebrated.

### About Birsa Munda

- ❖ Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter and folk hero from the Munda tribe in the Chhotanagpur Plateau, led the Munda Rebellion (Ulgulan) against British colonial rule in the late 19th century.
- ❖ He played a pivotal role in the independence movement in the Bihar-Jharkhand region and passed away on June 9, 1900, at the age of 25.

### Defence And Security

#### Flight Tests of Guided Pinaka Weapon System completed

#### Why in the news?

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed the Flight Tests of Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) Validation Trials.

- ❖ Tests conducted in three phases at different field firing ranges using 12 rockets from each production agency on upgraded Pinaka launchers.
- ❖ During these tests, the PSQR parameters viz., ranging, accuracy, consistency and rate of fire for multiple target engagement in a salvo mode have been assessed by extensive testing of rockets.
- ❖ The system is entirely indigenous, developed by DRDO's Armament Research and Development Establishment, along with other DRDO labs and private-sector production partners.
- ❖ Ammunition produced by Munitions India Limited and Economic Explosives Limited; launchers and command systems developed by Tata Advanced Systems Limited and Larsen & Toubro.



### Miscellaneous

#### Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app

##### Why in the news?

Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, has launched a nationwide appeal to strengthen the fight against doping in sports, urging athletes, coaches, and the entire sporting community to embrace the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India's 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app.

- ❖ This innovative tool aims to empower athletes with critical information, helping them avoid inadvertent doping and maintain fair play.
- ❖ The KYM app is part of NADA India's broader mission to raise anti-doping awareness and education, equipping athletes with essential information to stay clean.

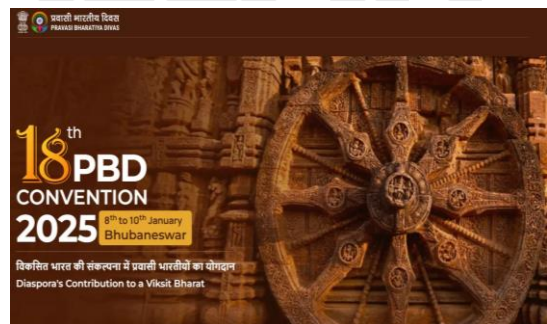


#### Launch of the Official Website of 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

##### Why in the news?

The website ([pbdindia.gov.in](http://pbdindia.gov.in)) of the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention was jointly launched on 12 November 2024 by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Mohan Charan Majhi.

- ❖ The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is a flagship event of the Government of India.
- ❖ The 18th PBD Convention will be organized from 08-10 January 2025 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in collaboration with the State Government of Odisha.
- ❖ The theme of PBD Convention for 2025 is "Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat".



### Awards and Honors

#### Dominica to bestow its highest national honour to PM Narendra Modi

##### Why in the news?



## DOMINICA ANNOUNCES HIGHEST HONOUR FOR PM MODI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will receive the **Dominica Award of Honour**, the highest national award of Dominica, for his contributions during the **COVID-19 pandemic** and efforts to strengthen India-Dominica ties.

- ❖ Award presented by - Sylvanie Burton, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, at the India-CARICOM Summit, scheduled for November 19-21 in Guyana.

### Important Days/ Dates

### Guru Nanak Jayanti 2024

#### Why in the news?

Guru Nanak Jayanti, also called **Guru Nanak Prakash Utsav**, commemorates the birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism and one of the most revered Sikh Gurus.

- ❖ **November 15, 2024** which will be Guru Nanak Dev Ji's **555th birth anniversary**.

### About Guru Nanak

Guru Nanak (1469–1539), the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru, was born in Rai Bhoi di Talvandi (now Nankana Sahib, Pakistan).

- ❖ He spread the message of '**Ek Omkar**' (God is one and omnipresent) and emphasized connecting with God through a clean conscience.

### Key contributions include:

- ❖ Establishing the three pillars of Sikhism: Naam Japna (meditation), Kirat Karni (honest living), and Vand Chakna (sharing with others).
- ❖ Rejecting the caste system, ritualism, and discrimination, promoting equality for all.
- ❖ Introducing Sangat, a community for collective worship.
- ❖ A poet, mystic, and philosopher, Guru Nanak's teachings are compiled in the **Guru Granth Sahib**, Sikhism's central holy scripture.



## Jharkhand Foundation Day 2024

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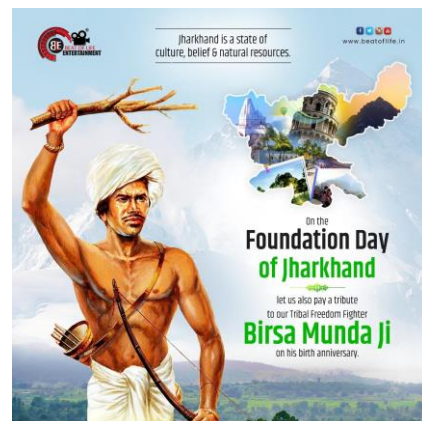
Jharkhand Foundation Day is celebrated every year on **November 15**.

- ❖ Jharkhand Foundation Day commemorates the founding of India's **28th state**. The state was a part of Bihar before the **Bihar Reorganisation Act of 2000**.
- ❖ The state is currently made up of the forests of Santhal Pargana and Chhotanagpur Plateau.

### About Jharkhand

- ❖ Jharkhand ("The land of forest") is a State in eastern India, created on **15 November 2000**, from what was previously the southern half of Bihar.
- ❖ The State shares its border with the States of Bihar to the north, Uttar Pradesh to the northwest, Chhattisgarh to the west, Odisha to the south and West Bengal to the east.
- ❖ It has an area of **79,714 km<sup>2</sup> (30,778 sq mi)**. It is the **15th largest State** by area, and the **14th largest** by population.
- ❖ Hindi is the official language of the State. The city of Ranchi is its capital and Dumka its sub capital.

- ❖ The State is known for its waterfalls, hills and holy places: **Baidyanath Dham, Parasnath and Rajrappa** are major religious sites.



### Books And Authors

#### 'Why Bharat Matters'

#### Why in the news?

External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** launched his book, **Why Bharat Matters**, at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library in Dubai, UAE.

- ❖ During the event, Dr Jaishankar explained his book's themes and key messages and reflected on the complex interplay of global and domestic factors that shape India's position in the world.



### News in Short

- ❖ Recently President Murmu inaugurates Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir school in Silvassa (Dadar and Nagar Haveli).
- ❖ The Governor of Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, will inaugurate the Nalanda Gyan Kumbh, which will be held from November 16-18 in Nalanda, Bihar.

- ❖ The demand for housing for the elderly will increase by 27% every year till 2030. According to a report released by Association of Senior Living India and JLL, a global investor company associated with the real estate sector.



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