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OVERVIEW :

Habitat rights to 7 PVTG in Odisha by chief minister

Habitat Rights to Seven PVTGs on Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary. In a landmark move with the 150th Birth Anniversary of tribal icon Birsa Munda, the Odisha Chief Minister distributed Habitat Rights Titles to seven Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) during the State-level Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations at Janta Maidan, Bhubaneswar. The beneficiary communities include the Juanga tribes from Kendujhar and Jajpur, Kutia Kondh from Kandhamal, Chuktia Bhunjia from Nuapada, Khadia and Mankirdia from Mayurbhanj, and

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- Special Gram Sabhas mark Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary.
- Vasundhara interacted with representatives from seven PVTG .
- Tribal enterprises get a boost with new processing units in Kujamendhi.
- Women leaders emerge from forest rights training in Padampur

Saoura from Gajapati district. This historic distribution of habitat rights marks a significant milestone in tribal empowerment, ensuring these indigenous communities' rights over their traditional lands and habitats. The initiative aligns with the government's commitment to preserving tribal heritage while securing their constitutional rights.

Special Gram Sabhas mark Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary



Special Gram Sabha sessions are being conducted across 63,843 villages in India, including 7,667 villages in Odisha, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of legendary tribal leader Birsa Munda. Vasundhara, actively working in 2,859 villages, is participating in this nationwide celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15.

Born in 1875, Birsa Munda, reverently known as Bhagwan Birsa Munda among tribal communities in Jharkhand and Odisha, left an indelible mark on India's tribal rights movement. His unwavering dedication to protecting tribal rights and his role as a freedom fighter continue to inspire generations.

Vasundhara interacted with representatives from seven PVTG



Representatives from seven Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across Odisha, who recently received Habitat Rights titles under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) of 2006, met with the Vasundhara team in Bhubaneswar. They were educated on the importance of these rights and their responsibilities in protecting their heritage, expressing their joy at finally receiving recognition after a long wait.

Tribal enterprises get a boost with new processing units in Kujamendhi



MLA Ramesh Behera inaugurated two significant rural enterprises in Kujamendhi Panchayat on November 6th - the Khali Dona Pressing Unit in Kuradhinisha village and an Oil Extraction Machine at Ambalimba village.

During the launch ceremony, Mr. Behera announced plans to integrate the oil production with Adisha, the Tribal Development Co-operative's brand, which will expand market opportunities for local producers. The initiative aims to strengthen tribal entrepreneurship in the region.

The MLA also outlined support for aspiring entrepreneurs, inviting villagers to submit written applications for business ventures under the MSME scheme. Furthermore, he committed to establishing a central godown in Daspalla to facilitate storage and distribution of leaf plates.

Women leaders emerge from forest rights training in Padampur

A specialized training program for Forest Rights Committee (FRC) women members concluded successfully in October at Padampur Gram Panchayat, Sadar Tahasil. The initiative, attended by local leaders and key stakeholders, marked a significant step toward women's empowerment in forest resource management.

The comprehensive program equipped participants with crucial knowledge about the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and its various provisions. Focusing on practical implementation aspects, the training enhanced the women's capacity to take active leadership roles in their Forest Rights Committees.

Participants gained valuable insights into decision-making processes concerning forest resource management and community rights. This training represents a vital step in strengthening grassroots forest governance by empowering women to become effective advocates for their communities' forest rights.