

Recognition of Birsa Munda will create awareness regarding the contributions of tribal communities, their cultural heritage, traditions among the younger generation. Discuss (200 words).

A study of various stages of history reveals that the Indian tribal population has been participating in the mainstream of cultural & social evolution. Despite their various contributions since independence, these communities receive smaller portion of government's benefits.

Recognizing tribal freedom fighters like Birsa Munda, Tantia Tope, Rani Gaidinliu and much more will showcase their contributions to the wider world, especially the young Indian generation. Commemorating November 15, the birthday of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, as Gaujatiya Gaurav Diwas will not only ensure their rightful recognition, but will also ensure the protection of 705 Scheduled Tribal communities that constitute 10% of the total Indian population.

Contributions of Tribal communities

(1) Indian regional languages like Oriya, Bengali are a result of fusion of tribal languages with Sanskrit or Pali.

(2) Tribal customs and religious rites are absorbed into the broad stream 'Hindu' society. For example, the practice of 'vratas'.

(3) Dental care products like datun, roots, ingredient like turmeric in cooking, discovering various fruit and trees owe their origin to Tribal knowledge.

(4) Agricultural practices like rotational cropping, fertility maintenance of soil are some procedures that indicate the importance of tribal contribution.

(5) Tribal musical instruments like bansuri (flute), dhul (drum), folk-tales have also found their way into Indian traditions.

To improve the conditions of tribal population, government has ensured political representation by reserving electoral constituencies.

To enhance their economic and better human indicators, in 1999 former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee set up a separate Ministry for Tribal Affairs. The National Education Policy (NEP) ensures that tribal languages are protected in school level. Health and nutrition programmes to improve their HDI's.

This along with the government's move to set up tribal freedom fighter museums across the country will integrate various stakeholders and help showcase their achievements & traditions among the younger masses of India.