

F. No. 113/3/2025-Estt. /
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA
KOLKATA

Office Memorandum

Subject:- D.O. letter No. NCST-12035/3/2025-Cord dated 21.10.2025 regarding 15th of November is celebrated across the country as "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas" marking the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the great tribal freedom fighter.

I am directed to refer the AM's letter vide F. No. FP-8/113/2023-FP [E-226495] dated, 29.10.2025 (Copy enclosed herewith at A/1) on the subject mentioned above and to say that it has been decided to celebrate 15th November across the country as "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas" marking the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the great tribal freedom fighter.

Therefore, the Officer-in-Charge of the 16 Regional Centers as well as HQ's Office of the Zoological Survey of India, a subordinate office under the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change shall observe this occasion in a befitting manner in coordination with the State Forest Departments / Tribal Welfare authorities and NSCT. Copy of the D.O. letter NO. NCST-12035/3/2025-Cord, dated 21.10.2025 is enclosed herewith at A 2.

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Date: - 30.10.2025

(GURUPADA MANDAL)

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F. No. FP-8/113/2023-FP [E-226495]

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(Forest Policy Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
6th Floor, Vayu wing,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi-110003
Dated: 29-10-2025

To,

1. DG (ICFRE), Dehradun
2. DG (FSI), Dehradun
3. Director (IGNFA)
4. Director (FRI), Dehradun
5. Director (IIFM), Bhopal
6. Director (WII), Dehradun
7. Director (IWST), Bangalore
8. Director (Forest Education), Dehradun
9. Director (BSI), Kolkata
10. Director (ZSI), Kolkata

Sub: D.O. letter No. NCST-12035/3/2025-Cord dated 21.10.2025 regarding 15th of November is celebrated across the country as "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas", marking the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa munda, the great tribal freedom fighter.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of DO Letter dated 21.10.2025 received from National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) wherein it has been informed that 15th of November is celebrated across the country as "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas", marking the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the great tribal freedom fighter and revered icon of India's tribal heritage.

2. In this context, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has proposed that the "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas" may be celebrated in forest areas, tiger reserves, national parks, and other eco-sensitive regions predominantly inhabited by tribal communities. The celebration may begin with paying homage to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and further, events may include activities such as cultural programmes, awareness campaigns on forest conservation, and interactive sessions highlighting the role of tribal communities in protecting India's biodiversity. Such celebrations in the heart of our forests would not only honour the enduring legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda but also strengthen the bond between our tribal citizens and the nation's conservation efforts, reflecting their traditional wisdom in sustainable living and ecological stewardship.

5. In view of the above, all Institutes and Organisations are requested to issue suitable advisories to concerned Field Offices to observe this occasion in a befitting manner in coordination with the State Forest Departments/Tribal Welfare authorities and NCST.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
MANOJ KUMAR KHANDELWAL
Date: 29-10-2025 17:03:48

(Manoj Kumar Khandelwal)
Asstt. Commissioner (Forestry)
Email: forestpolicy-moefcc@gov.in

Copy for information to:

1. The Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), Room No. 602, 'B' Wing, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 [Email:secy@ncst.nic.in].

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सचिव, भारत सरकार
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Govt. of India
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

D.O. No. NCST-12035/3/2025-Cord

the 21st October 2025

You are aware that 15th of November is celebrated across the country as "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas", marking the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the great tribal freedom fighter and revered icon of India's tribal heritage.

2. Tribal communities and forests share an intricate and time-tested relationship. For generations, tribal people have lived in harmony with nature, drawing sustenance from forests while also ensuring their preservation through traditional knowledge and sustainable practices. Their cultural beliefs, livelihood, and daily lives are deeply intertwined with the flora and fauna around them, making them the foremost custodians of our forest ecosystems. Recognising and celebrating this bond on the occasion of "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas" would be a fitting tribute to their invaluable contribution to conservation and ecological balance.

3. In this context, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) proposes that the "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas" may be celebrated in forest areas, tiger reserves, national parks, and other eco-sensitive regions predominantly inhabited by tribal communities. The celebration may begin with paying homage to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and further, events may include activities such as cultural programmes, awareness campaigns on forest conservation, and interactive sessions highlighting the role of tribal communities in protecting India's biodiversity.

4. Such celebrations in the heart of our forests would not only honour the enduring legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda but also strengthen the bond between our tribal citizens and the nation's conservation efforts, reflecting their traditional wisdom in sustainable living and ecological stewardship.

5. I shall be grateful if the Ministry could issue suitable advisories to concerned Field Offices/Forest Divisions to observe this occasion in a befitting manner in coordination with the State Forest Departments/Tribal Welfare authorities and NCST.

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(Prashant Kumar Singh)

To,

Shri Tanmay Kumar, IAS
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Government of India
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road
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Sir/Madam,

Please find attached D.O Letter No. NCST-12035/3/2025-Cord. dated 21.10.2025 on the above-mentioned subject.

Thanks and regards

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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
Lok Nayak Bhawan,
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1 Attachment(s)

D.O. Letter from Secy NCST to...