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## Report

on

**CELEBRATION of JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS, 2023**

**15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, celebrated 3<sup>rd</sup> Janjayati Gaurav Divas from 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 to 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 to commemorate the contribution of tribal communities. The session begins with paying floral tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the legendary tribal freedom fighter on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Director. During the inaugural speech Dr Sandeep Sharma informed that Govt. India has declared 15<sup>th</sup> November, birth anniversary of Birsa Munda as Janjatiya Garav Divas and apprised all present about his role in freedom struggle and development of Tribal communities. He emphasized, especially to the youngster, the importance of learning from the life of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, who, at a very early age, made tremendous contribution to society. Mohd Ibrahim, Scientist-D informed the gathering about the various activities to be held during the period.

A series of activities were held during the period. A slogan competition was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 by Smt. Sonika Sharma, Sr. Tech. and Shri Manoj kumar, Tech. The topic of the slogan competition were Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, Janjatiya Smaj Kalyan and Janjatiya Smaj Sashaktikaran. Officials and Research Scholar of the institute participated in the event. The winners of the drawing competition were:

1<sup>st</sup> position: Miss Himani Sharma, Project Assistant

2<sup>nd</sup> position: Sh. Rajender pal, Sr. Tech.

3<sup>rd</sup> position: Mr Gaurav Swaroop Verma, Project Assistant

On 17 November, 2023 an in-house quiz competition was held in the conference hall of the Institute. Total eight teams from different divisions and sections of HFRI participated in this event. Sh. Dushyant, STO and Shyam Sunder, Sr. Tech. conducted the quiz competition. The quiz was structured around the legacy and contribution of revolutionary tribal leader Birsa Munda and tribal culture, customs and costumes of India. The winners of the quiz competition were:

1<sup>st</sup> position: Sh. Majeet and Sh. Gaurav Swaroop (Team-C)

2<sup>nd</sup> position: Sh. Akshit & Sh. Neeraj Sharma (Team-A)

3<sup>rd</sup> position: Sh. Ramjeet & Sh. Guler Singh (Team-F) from Accounts section.

On 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, as a part of activities Dr Swarn Lata, Scientist-D, delivered a talk on the topic “**Success stories on welfare of tribal communities**”. She highlighted the various projects implemented by ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla for the benefits of tribal communities. She specialfically highlighted the sucess storeis of implementing the project “ Harvesting techniques of Chilgoza Pines” for the benefit of Lahuli tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.

On 21st November, 2023 a painting competition on the topic "Janjatiya Gourav Diwas" and "Empowering Tribal Transforming India" was held by Sh. Kuldesch Kumar, TO and Ms. Drishti, Sr. Tech. The winners of the painting competition were:

1<sup>st</sup> position: Anita Chauhan (JPF),

2<sup>nd</sup> Winner: VijayKumar (PA),

3<sup>rd</sup> Winner: Naveen Kumar, (LDC)

On 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023 a talk on **Tradational herbs and medicinal knowledge of tribal communiites** was held. Dr Jagdish Singh, Scientist-G and Head Extension division delivered a talk on the topic. He highlighted various uses of medicianal plants employed by tribal communities with special empahsis on medicinal plants used for treatmnet of diabaties, bronchitis, arthritis and cardiovascular ailments. Dr Jagdish Singh also cites the glaring example of Kani tribes of Kerala, where tribal people utilized the herbal medicinal plant "aogyapaacha". The Indian scientist later isolated 12 active componds from plant and developed the drug "Jevanni" also filed two patents in the process. Furthermore, he also discussed Intellectual property rights and benefit-sharing arrangements citing the example of "Jeevani" drug.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November an awareness campaign was organised at Govt. Senior Secondary School Beolia, Shimla lead by Dr Vinod Kumar, Cheif Technical Officer. Dr. Vinod Kumar, apprised the students about various economic and social schemes being undertaken by the Government of India and State Government of Himachal Pradesh for the benefits of tribal people. He told that tribal people are working as a key link in the sustainable development of the environment by making judicious use of natural resources. Continuous efforts are being undertaken by government to protect interests of tribal people and to integrate them into the mainstream. Sh. Jiya Lal, TA assisted in organizing the programme. About 70 students including students of tribal communities and teachers were present during the programme.

In continuation of week long activities under Janjyatia Gaurav Divas 2023, on 24<sup>th</sup> invited speaker, Sh. Amar Chand Sharma, IFS (Retired PCCF, Himachal Pradesh Forest Department) delivered a virtual lecture on Forest Right Act, 2006 and its important with special reference to tribal communities. He highlighted the relevance of Forest Right Act, 2006. He also apprised the gathering about concerns of tribal belt of Lahual and Spiti, HP. He empaasized the necessity of conserving the region's rich flora and fauna through tradatioal grazing practices and discouraging eco-tourism activities. He also emphasized upon importance of cultivating local varieties of seabuckthorn rather than cultivationof introduced Russian varieties. He

request ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla to initiate projects focusing on development of cultivation techniques of important medicinal plants of tribal belts so that by cultivating medicinal plants they can augment their income and enhance their socio-economic conditions. Dr Sandeep Sharma, Director, ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla thanks him for sharing important information about Forest Right Act and for giving valuable inputs. Dr Sandeep Sharma, also conveyed that the institute has released varieties of *Picrorhiza kurroa* (Karru) and *Podophyllum* and plans to transfer the technology to the farmers in large scale in the future.

Shri. Mohd Ibrahim, Scientist-D, GTI Division thanked all the officials of ICFRE-HFRI for their active support and cooperation for successful conclusion of celebration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2023.

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### ☆ Glimpse of various activities ☆







