



INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

sponsored

Two day *Janjatiya Gaurav*
(Tribal Pride) Seminar

on

**“Decolonizing Tribal Studies:
Life, Legacy and Heritage of
Birsa Munda”**

1875-1900

organized by

JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE
(Under the Aegis of IQAC)
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

29th & 30th July 2025

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Prof. Sandra Joseph,
Principal, Jesus and Mary College

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To participate in the national seminar,
interested individuals must submit
the abstract to:

BirsaMunda2025ICSSR@jmc.ac.in

latest by 1st May, 2025.

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Participants have to arrange
their travel and accommodation.

Tea & Lunch will be provided
during the seminar.

NO REGISTRATION FEES

Scan to register:



Concept Note

Birsa Munda (1875-1900), a revered tribal leader and freedom fighter, played a pivotal role in the Indian independence movement, particularly through his leadership in the Munda Rebellion (Ulgulan). Born in Ulihatu, Jharkhand, Birsa's legacy highlights the struggles and resilience of the tribal communities in the Chotanagpur region. His fight against British oppression and advocacy for tribal rights fueled a strong sense of ethnic nationalism among the Adivasi people. Tribal/Adivasi Studies, however, has been heavily influenced by colonial and post-colonial narratives that often portray them as "primitive" and in need of "civilization." To counter this, decolonizing tribal studies means challenging these Eurocentric frameworks and promoting indigenous perspectives in research and education. This conference focuses on Birsa Munda's legacy as a foundation to reframe tribal discourses, foster interdisciplinary collaborations and support cultural and linguistic revitalization. By empowering Indigenous voices, we take a crucial step towards achieving justice and equity for India's tribal communities.



Call for Papers

We invite scholars and researchers to submit original papers examining the life, legacy and enduring impact of Birsa Munda, exploring historical, cultural and socio-political perspectives. Participants are encouraged to align their abstracts with the core theme and sub themes of the seminar.

Sub Themes:



Selection Criteria:

- **Quality:** The abstract and paper must demonstrate academic rigor and clarity.
- **Relevance:** Submissions should clearly articulate their relevance to the seminar theme and contribute meaningfully to the discourse within the specified subject areas.

Who may Participate?

- PhD Scholars (3rd/4th year)
- Faculty Members
- Post-Doctoral Scholars
- Early Career Scholars

Guidelines for Submission:

Abstract:

- Must include title, author(s), affiliations, country, and contact details
- Co-authorship: Allowed for up to 2 authors
- Deadline: Submit abstracts by 1st May 2025 to BirsaMunda2025ICSSR@jmc.ac.in
- Acceptance notification: 15th May 2025
- Full paper submission: 5th June 2025

Format:

- Abstract: 500 words, Paper: 5000 words (excl. footnotes)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt (text), 14 pt (headings), 10 pt (footnotes)
- Spacing: 1.5 lines, justified alignment
- Include a disclaimer on originality
- Submissions in .doc/.docx format, with citations as per APA style

Publication of Papers:

Selected papers will undergo double-blind peer review by two scholars, assessing originality, scientific rigor, and relevance to the seminar themes. Accepted papers will be published in an edited book, with notifications sent via email.

Key Highlights:

- Paper publication opportunities in an edited book (after blind peer review).
- Two Best Paper Awards.
- Participation certificates for all.

