



Indian Council of Social Science Research

National and International Seminars Division

Janjatiya Gaurav (Tribal Pride) Seminars

Concept Note

ICSSR invites proposals from Indian academicians, researchers and scholars for organising National and International Seminars **to commemorate Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary.**

Eleven outstanding **Janjatiya Gaurav (Tribal Pride) Seminars** will be shortlisted and funded by the ICSSR in this series as a homage to the legendary freedom fighter, folk hero, and ardent proponent of nationalist spirit and enduring inspiration of Janjatiya youth – **Birsa Munda (1875–1900).**

Comprised of distinct groups across the country, the tribal communities of Bharat have been extensively studied and researched. Janjatiya Gaurav Seminars aim to catalyze the ongoing research and further deepen the understanding of tribal empowerment, tribal culture and heritage, and help develop **an appreciation of the sacrifices and contributions of tribal freedom fighters** in light of Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

During the struggle against British colonial control and the exploitative practices that disenfranchised tribal groups, Birsa Munda acted as a spiritual guide, visionary leader, and fervent advocate for the *janjatiya* rights. In the last decade of the nineteenth century, he urged the *janjatiya* communities to disregard the colonial laws, and organized and led the *Ulgulan* (Munda Rebellion) against colonial oppression. His sacrifice during the struggle for independence is the emblematic centre of *janjatiya* contributions to shaping modern Bharat's history.

In the context of the objectives and framework of Vision Viksit Bharat 2047, it is imperative to remember and recollect Birsa Munda's vision for indigenous empowerment as well as understand the challenges in the socio-economic development of the tribal regions and communities of Bharat. Revisiting Birsa

Munda's aspirations will give a direction to the policies and will open up various dimensions for the pursuit of *janjatiya* welfare and development.

Janjatiya Gaurav Seminars are expected to produce research-led actionable policy suggestions and solutions based on Birsa Munda's life and legacy. Researchers are expected to build collaborations not only between academicians and researchers but also by involving *janjatiya* communities.

ICSSR shall publish a multi-volume collection of selected research papers from these seminars.

Scholars are encouraged to submit their proposals on the following themes:

1. Birsa Munda's Life and Legacy
2. Birsa Munda in the *Ulgulan* (Munda Rebellion) and its Significance
3. Birsa Munda, the Sacrifices of the *Janjatiya* Freedom Fighters and the Independence Movement
4. *Janjatiya* Contributions in Shaping the History of Bharat
5. Birsa Munda and *Janjatiya* Rights
6. Birsa Munda and Decolonizing *Janjatiya* Studies
7. Birsa Munda and Tribal Welfare
8. *Janjatiya* Culture Heritage and Indigenous Practices
9. Birsa Munda and Contemporary Policy-making
10. Birsa Munda and Tribal Social Infrastructure

- Proposals which seek to address additional research themes other than the ones suggested above will also be duly evaluated by the ICSSR.
- The link for submission of proposals opens on 20th November 2024.
- The last date to apply is 20th December 2024.
- Apart from the special requirements of this call, the general guidelines of ICSSR regarding National and International Seminars will apply to Janjatiya Gaurav (Tribal Pride) Seminars.