

PM Modi to launch 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' celebrations on Monday to mark Birsa Munda's birth anniversary

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NEW DELHI: The government is all set to mark the birth anniversary of iconic [tribal](#) leader Birsa Munda, who led a rebellion against the British, on Monday as " [Janjatiya Gaurav Divas](#)" with Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) leading the celebrations. The PM will take part in a major programme at Bhopal to mark the occasion, where more than two lakh tribals are expected to join. He will also virtually launch the Birsa [Munda](#) Freedom Fighter Museum in Ranchi.

On Monday, the PM will first pay floral tributes at Birsa Munda's statue at [Parliament House](#) and then virtually inaugurate the [Birsa Munda](#) museum before leaving for Bhopal.

The tribal affairs ministry has sanctioned 10 tribal freedom fighters' museums which are to be set up in different parts of the country. Besides highlighting the life story of Birsa Munda, the museum in Ranchi also has statues of 13 tribal freedom fighters, and it will have a light and sound show for visitors.

The [Union Cabinet](#) earlier this week decided to observe November 15 as a day dedicated to the tribal freedom fighters as India gets ready to celebrate 75 years of independence. Tribal Affairs Minister [Arjun Munda](#) said a large number of national and state-level programmes will be held all through the week till November 22 to build awareness about the role of tribal freedom fighters.

"It will be for the first time that programmes will be organised on a large scale to pay tributes to tribal freedom fighters who have been unsung heroes of freedom struggle till now," Munda said.

The minister said more than 85 tribal movements of pre-Independence and over 200 tribal leaders have been identified and their contributions are being compiled.