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Jamshedpur: Aadi Mahotsav - the National Tribal Festival started in Jamshedpur on Saturday. Inaugurating the festival, Union tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda said it is about celebrating the contributions and sacrifices by the ancestors and the present generation of the tribals in the development of the country.

Organised by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED), a unit of the Union ministry, the mahotsav will see participation of 336 artists representing 32 tribal sects from across the country. The participants include Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and Van Dhan Kendra Beneficiaries. "The objective of the mahotsav is to celebrate the spirit of tribal entrepreneurship, handicrafts, culture, cuisine, and, commerce," said TRIFED regional manager Shailendra Kumar Raju, adding the concept of the festival is designed to connect tribal artisans with larger market.

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The Maharashtra government is committed to protecting the rights and development of tribals, according to Tribal Development Minister Vijayakumar Gavit. He visited protesters at a hunger strike and stated that no one will be granted reservation under the tribal quota. The government will raise a demand with the Centre regarding this issue. Gavit also mentioned plans to build houses for eligible beneficiaries through the Shabari Gharkul Awas Yojana and clarified the location of the Gondwana Tribal Cultural Museum and Training Centre. Additionally, demands to reopen canteens for tribal students have been accepted.

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Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has increased funding for special development councils in tribal-dominated districts ahead of the upcoming elections. The allocation has been doubled, with an additional 175.5 crore rupees given to the councils, bringing the total funds to 351 crore rupees. The councils, chaired by prominent tribal leaders, are responsible for formulating plans, implementing, and monitoring tribal development. In Odisha, a significant number of Lok Sabha and assembly seats are reserved for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate and dedicate various rail projects in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, aimed at improving connectivity in tribal areas. These projects include a new rail line between Antagarh and Tadoki, a double rail line between Jagdalpur and Dantewada, and the doubling of the Surajpur railway line from Boridand. The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone for the redevelopment of the Jagdalpur station and symbolically initiate the Raipur-Demu train service. These initiatives will enhance transportation, boost tourism, and facilitate the transport of resources like iron ore and coal.