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## Union Budget: PM Modi's Tribal Outreach Continues, Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan Announced

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Continuing with its tribal outreach efforts, the Narendra Modi-led Government on Tuesday announced the launch of a new scheme for the benefit of adivasis.

**Tabling the Union Budget, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan. Sitharaman said the new initiative seeks to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities. It will cover 63,000 tribal villages, benefitting 5 crore tribals, she announced.**

Noting that an overall 'Saturation Approach' is proposed to be adopted for inclusive human resource development and social justice, she further said that the scheme will adopt saturation coverage for tribal families in tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts.

The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan is the lone such initiative targeting the tribal community announced this time around.

As part of the BJP-led NDA's efforts to reach out to the adivasis, the new programme is an addition to the ambitious national schemes like Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission, National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission and Central recruitment of over 38,000 teachers and support staff for Eklavya Model Residential Schools announced in the interim Budget in the run up to the Lok Sabha polls.



**President Droupadi Murmu Extended Her Best Wishes To Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Before Budget Presentation**

The Government allocated Rs 13,000 crore to the Tribal Affairs Ministry in the interim Budget 2024-25, presented on February 1 this year. It is a massive increase of 70 per cent from the allotment in fiscal 2023-24 when the Ministry was allocated Rs 7,605 crore.

**Lauding the Budget, Prime Minister Narendra Modi later said, "Union Budget 2024-25 will empower every section of society." The budget with its new schemes is aimed at strengthening the lives of the middle class, tribal section, dalits and backward classes, he added.**

Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram took to 'X' to express his gratefulness to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister for the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan.



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**Tribal Affairs Ministers conduct review**

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jai Oram and Minister of State Durgadas Ukiy reviewed the progress of schemes and strategized on key initiatives of the Ministry for the next 100 days. The key schemes and initiatives discussed in the meeting related to scholarship schemes for tribal students, Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY), Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Livelihood Schemes, Grants under Proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution, Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs), Support to voluntary organisations (NGOs), and major initiatives taken in the health sector. Oram emphasised the importance of these initiatives in fostering an inclusive and equitable society while Ukiy echoed these sentiments, highlighting the collaborative efforts needed to drive these initiatives forward.

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