

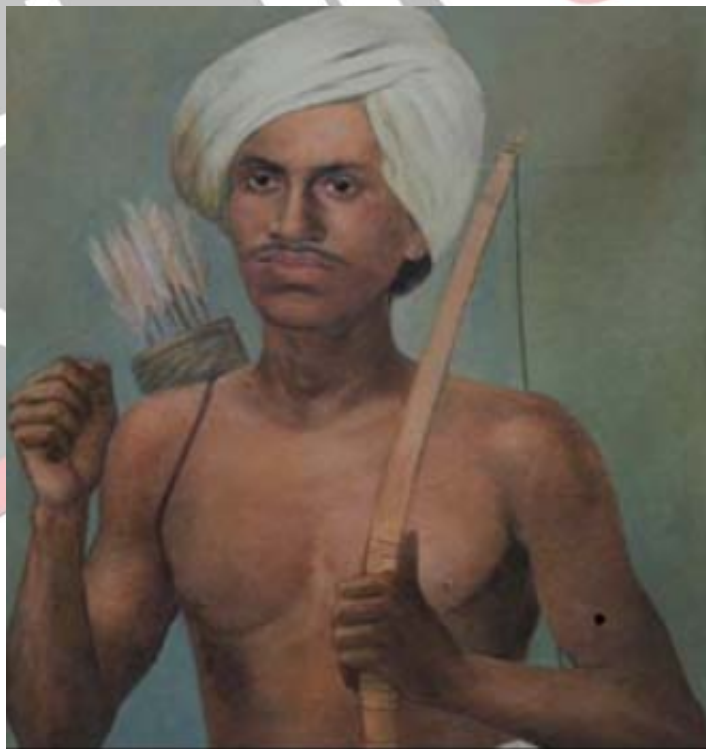


Rapid Fire Current Affairs

Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda

The Prime Minister of India paid tributes to tribal leader [Birsa Munda](#) on his **birth anniversary(15th November 1875)** belonging to the **Munda tribe** in the **Chotanagpur Plateau area**.

- In response to the British colonial presence and missionaries' attempts to convert tribals to Christianity, **Birsa Munda initiated the 'Birsait' faith**, emerging as a **tribal leader** and leading resistance against British conversion efforts.
- He led the Munda Rebellion aimed to establish **Munda Raj**, or self-rule, and restore the tribal rights over their land and forest.
- Birsa Munda encouraged tribals to **resist colonial laws and refuse to pay rent**. He started the **Ulgulan movement** involving [guerrilla warfare](#), challenging religious practices, and social changes.
- The Ulgulan movement aimed at establishing Munda Raj by driving out the British.
- Birth anniversary celebrated as [Janjatiya Gaurav Divas](#), acknowledging tribal contributions.
- He is Remembered as '**Bhagwan**' (God) and '**Dharati Aba**' (**Father of the earth**) by followers.
- Jharkhand, meaning "The Land of Forests," was formed on November 15, 2000, marking the birth anniversary of **Bhagwan Birsa Munda**.



Read more: [Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas](#)

The Prime Minister of India has extended New Year greetings on the occasion of Gujarati New Year.

- Gujarati New Year 2023, also known as **Padwa or Bestu Varas**, is being celebrated on **November 14**.
- It is celebrated as part of the five-day **Diwali** Celebrations. It ideally falls on **Pratipada of Shukla Paksha** in the **Kartik month (Hindu calendar month)**.

Read more: [India's Traditional New Year Festivals](#)

The Contagious Mystery of Yawning

Yawning, often associated with **boredom or a mental break**, remains a phenomenon with intriguing contagious qualities.

- In a relatable twist, scientists find that monkeys, much like humans, engage in contagious yawning, especially within similar age and social groups.
 - This phenomenon is linked to synchronized sleep-wake patterns and shared attention among primates.
- While not obligatory, yawning serves as a powerful trigger in group dynamics. The study suggests a **broader concept of behavioral synchrony**, where observed actions influence others in a contagious manner.

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