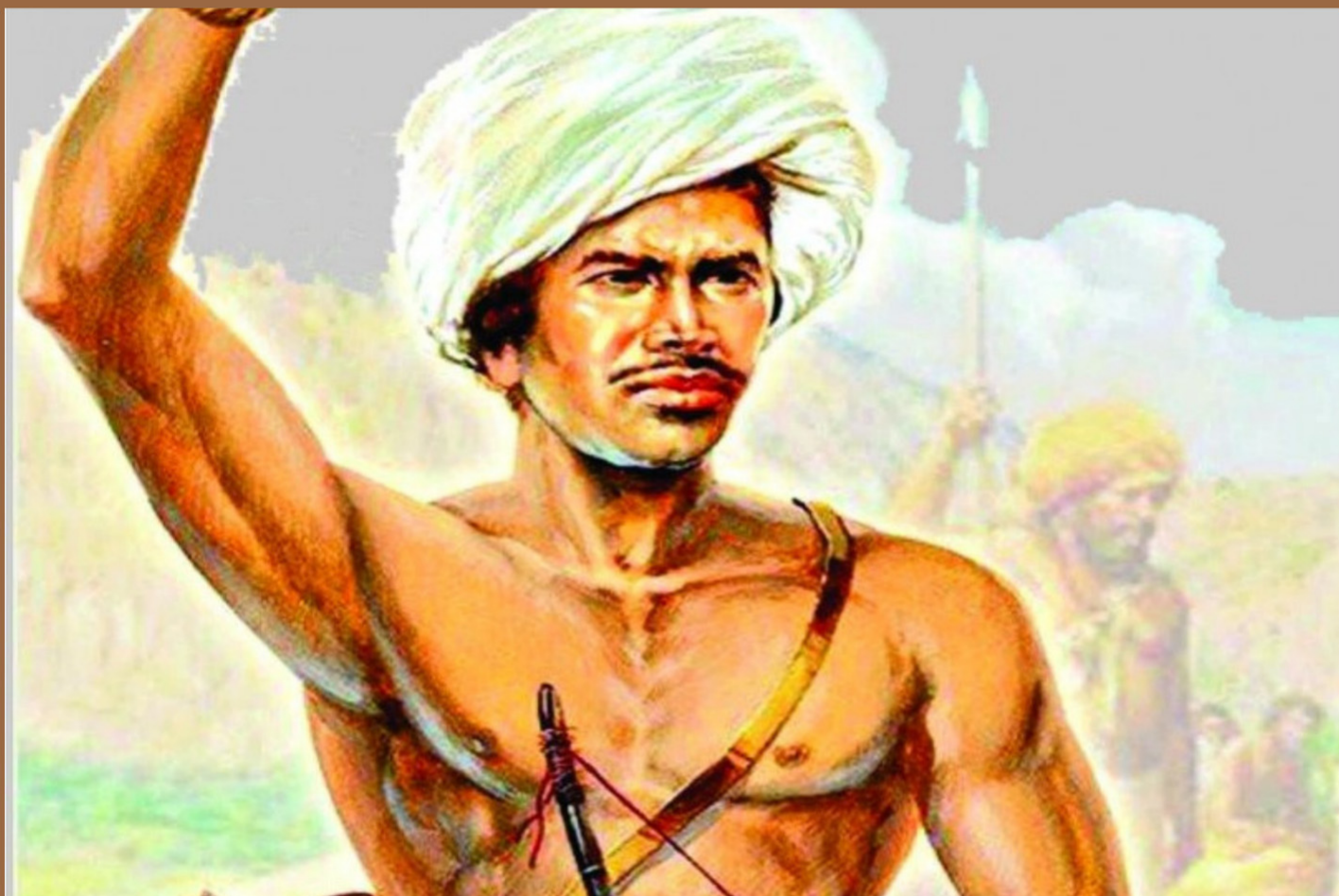


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Remembering Birsa Munda: An Introduction to the Tribal Leader
on his Birth Anniversary and
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Speaker
Dr C Lakshmanan
Associate Professor, MIDS

Venue
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Date and Time
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Abstract

Birsa Munda, an Indian tribal freedom fighter, leader, and folk hero of the Munda tribe, led a tribal millenarian movement in the (modern day) Jharkhand region in the late nineteenth century, during the British Rule, effectively shaping him an important figure in the Indian independence movement.

The historical perspective of tribal communities in India is very complex and a comprehensive understanding is required in contemporary politics and academics. Tribal communities have different ways of living and their lives are simple yet different from the outside world. For a tribal community, there is no homogeneous definition of Tribal/Adivasi. Sociologist G S Ghurye defined Adivasi as a Hindu Backward community. Most stereotypes negatively portrayed Tribal / Adivasi communities as uncivil people and as an undeveloped population. The tribal communities lead their lives based on collective labour. The tribals' diverse way of living in their lands have started to get affected by the outside world. The tribal community worships the forest as it contributes significantly to their living. Unlike other countries in the world, Tribal people in India are not encouraged to utilize forest resources. For instance, in Mexico, 70% of the forest management is given to Tribal Communities. Some of the prominent scholars of Tribal studies such as Alpa Shah, Virginius Xaxa, Bhangya Bhukya, Maroona Murmu, etc. have been critical of the contemporary state and civil society.

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Verrier Elwin (left)
 (29 August 1902 – 22 February 1964)
 British-born Indian anthropologist, ethnologist and tribal activist
 Christoph von Furer-Haimendorf (right)
 (Anthropologist)



Betty von Furer-Haimendorf (1911 – 1987)
 British Ethnologist
 Betty in the first year of anthropological work
 in South India, 1938

















