

## **Report of the ICSSR-sponsored Janjatiya Gaurav National Seminar**

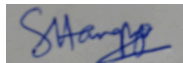
Under the aegis of the Vidya Vistar Scheme (V2S), Shivaji College organized a National Seminar titled ***Life, Leadership, and Legacy of Birsa Munda: Inspiring National Spirit and Tribal Empowerment*** on August 6, 2025. The event was generously sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

The Inaugural Session was graced by the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, who served as the Chief Guest. The Inaugural Lecture was delivered by Prof. Prasanna K. Samal, Professor, Birsa Munda Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak.

This was followed by distinguished special lectures by Prof. S. M. Patnaik, Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, University of Delhi, and Dr. Iyatta Maharan Uprety, Principal, Sikkim Government College, Burtuk (a partner institution under the V2S initiative).

The Valedictory Session was chaired by Prof. K. Ratnabali, Dean of Academic Affairs, University of Delhi.

The seminar featured academic presentations by 30 scholars and attracted over 150 participants from various academic institutions across the country, fostering rich and insightful discussions on tribal empowerment and national identity.



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