

Establishment by Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
Birsa Munda Tribal University, Rajpipla, Dist.Narmada

To establish and incorporate a teaching university in the state of Gujarat to be known as the Birsa Munda Tribal University at Rajpipla District, Narmada, to develop flexible and innovative academic and research programs in emerging areas, with special reference to the tribal population of Gujarat, Birsa Munda Tribal University was established by Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar with Act-15 since April-2017. The university was formally started since October-2017 at Rajpipla Dist: Narmada.

Objectives of the University:

The primary objective of the University shall be to create equitable multiple socio-economic growth centers of excellence besides the following objective, namely:-

- i. To provide avenues of higher education and research facilities primarily for the tribal population of the State of Gujarat;
- ii. To develop different patterns of teaching for certificate or diploma courses, under graduate and post-graduate courses and at Doctoral & Post Doctoral levels and to maintain a high standard of education;
- iii. To establish Centers of Excellence or independent research centre(s), museums, etc..., to impart the knowledge of Tribal Traditions, Tribal Art and Culture, Tribal Language; to promote traditional food, Live Stock, Dairy Development, Organic Farming, Forestry, Ecology, Environmental Science, Eco-tourism, Agriculture, Farming, Minor Forest Produce(MFP), Ayurvedic Traditional Medicines, Marketing, Business Management and Forest related and other skills of various tribes including PVTG in Gujarat;
- iv. To formulate tribal centric development model; publish reports and monographs; to organise conferences, seminars, etc..., on issues relating to tribes; to provide inputs with regard to policy matters in different spheres to the State Government;

- v. To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning processes in the interdisciplinary studies and research;
- vi. To establish close linkage with the industry to make teaching, research, entrepreneurship and training at the University relevant to the needs of the society at national and global levels;
- vii. To collaborate with national and international universities/ organisations, especially for undertaking cultural studies and research on tribal communities;
- viii. To provide facilities for Tribal Management Studies;
- ix. To establish, maintain modern skills and vocational training centers;

To provide access to education in the areas of technical, skill based, vocational, management, tourism, tribal arts, culture and traditional value system and other related areas for faster growth in the tribal areas; to provide instructional and research facilities in tribal art, culture, tradition, language medicinal systems, forest based economic activities, flora and fauna and advancement in technologies relating to the natural resources of tribal areas and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

- Since June-2018, three Constituent Colleges (School of Arts, Commerce and Science) and (Boys-Girls Hostels) were started at Rajpipla, Dist: Narmada.
- 469 students have got admissions including first, second and third year.
- Total 323 students have taken admissions in Boys and Girls Hostels.
- Total 39 acres of land has been allocated by Government of Gujarat at Jitnagar, Rajpipla, Dist: Narmada.
- For the construction of proposed main campus, total Rs.341 Crore has been proposed.
- Total Rs.147 Crore has been allocated by Tribal Development Department, Gandhinagar, Government of Gujarat and Rs.10 Crore allotted by Government of India.

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Sr No.	Details of Tender	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Remarks
1	Girls and Boys Hostel, Mess Building	7773.17	Agency has been selected (Shri Tirupati Construction)
2	Institute, Admin, Auditorium, Library Building	6894.56	Agency has been selected (Shri Tirupati Construction)
3	Guest House Building, 2 BHK Staff Quarter Building, 3 BHK Staff Quarter Building, Residency Community House, Class-IV Quarter, Sport Pavilion, Sport complex Building and External ground.	9661.55	Tender is in process.

Tendering process of third phases is in progress.

- For the proposed main campus, total 2000 students including boys and girls will be established with high values in Tribal Society through the medium of the university in coming days.
- In coming days there is plan to start Graduate Colleges, and Post Graduation Departments including Arts, Commerce, Law, Science, Tribal Traditional Art and Craft, Skill based education, Graduate, Post Graduation, Professional and Ph.D and Distance Education centre, Training Centre including education training centers, Tribal Dialects, Literature Research Centre, Career Counseling and Job Oriented Training Centers, Extension Education Centre, Tribal Product Buying and Selling Centre (Marketing) and Management and there is a plan to establish and manage centers indicated above.
- In general, the purpose is to develop, to maintain, to provide incentives for Tribal Art-Heritage, Culture, Medicinal Process, Language & Literature, keeping traditions altogether.
- Currently, Dr. Madhukarbai S. Padvani has been appointed as the first Vice-chancellor by the Government of Gujarat.

Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, following the new education policy, semester method courses are going to be started. Advanced books for the library, magazines, laboratory equipments in the science college etc. have been procured by the university recently.

Employment oriented short term certificate course / tribal art-culture related course etc. will also be started for the tribal students.

This university will establish high values of education in the tribal society. In the coming days, it is planned to start the courses of Arts, Commerce, Law, Science and Education including Tribal Traditional Arts and Craft and Skill based courses from undergraduate to postgraduate, Vocational and Ph.D. The university is also planning to set up and run an education center including Distance Learning Education, Research Center, Training Center including Career Counseling and Job placement, Extension Education Center, Tribal Product Buying and Selling Center (Marketing) and Management Center.

The University will be supervised and managed by the following Councils and Committees;

- The Chancellor;
- The Executive Council;
- The Academic Council;
- The Finance Committee;
- The Building and Estate Committee;
- The Faculties;
- The Board of Studies;

Such other boards and bodies of the university as may be declared by the statutes to be the authorities of the university.

The following officers will render their service under the guidance and supervision of the aforesaid Councils and Committees;

- The Chancellor;
- The Vice Chancellor;
- The Pro-Vice Chancellor;
- The Deans of Faculties;
- The Registrar;
- The Law Officer;
- The Finance and Accounts Officers;

- The Controller of Examinations;

Such other officers in the service of the university as may be declared by the statutes to be the offices of the university.

In near future, Birsa Munda Tribal University, Rajpipla, strives to cater the needs of really underprivileged or unprivileged children by identifying the talented and skilled children from Government Schools by providing them with training of National and International level according to their physical and mental capability. This active action plan of Birsa Munda Tribal University will definitely enrich and benefit the Tribal Community at Large. The University will act as a bridging agent to nurture the skilled children to make them competent in this modern world.

Extensive and intensive activities have been undertaken on regular basis in all three constituent courses run under Birsa Munda Tribal University like preparation for competitive exams, coaching classes for spoken English, and Service related activities under the banner of National Service Scheme like blood donation camp environmental awareness, various government schemes related awareness benefitting tribal community, public awareness related to various burning issues, save the girl child and educate the girl child campaign, sports related activities along with traditional and cultural activities.

Now days, Narmada district has become the tourist attraction at world level due to the Statue of Unity. Therefore, the university also strives and plans to undertake the courses like Tourism Management, Dairy Technology, and Herbal Medicines. The University will also enact and plays bridging role by making the traditional Herbal and Organic items of high standards.

In modern times people gets much attracted towards Nature to get relaxed and cherish free time. Life in the lap of nature dissolves stress and relieves human. Hence life of Tribal community living in the lap of nature has become the centre of attraction. The very aim and objective is to bring out the life style of Tribal community by highlighting their skills and exploring and inviting researches on them.