



Samvaad Patrika

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Audience captivated by engaging thoughts on tribal perspectives



The launch of Samvaad paper compilation; named 'Tribes in contemporary India- Orality, Identity and Development'

The third day of the tribal conclave, Samvaad 2016, began at Tribal Culture Centre with new issues and solutions being deliberated upon by tribal representatives and thought leaders during the several panel discussions on Tribal Perspective on Development. The programme witnessed the interaction of **Dr Abhay Bang, Director, SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health), Gadchiroli, Maharashtra**, with the traditional healers wherein he shared insights about the prevailing conditions of tribal communities in India. He opined: "To utilise the benefits of natural medicines (jadi-booti) and take it to larger audiences, our traditional healers need to

develop evidence based successful cases. They also need to think of working on health improvements at village level."

The evening was reserved for the spectacular shows that tribes from Sikkim, Karnataka, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Kerala and Manipur had on their platter. **Mr T V Narendran, Managing Director, Tata Steel, India & SEA**, was present during the evening programme.

A memorable evening for several reasons

The performances were deftly complimented by a series of recognitions and a book launch.

Mr Narendran launched the book, '**Tribes in contemporary India- Orality, Identity and Development**', along with the chief editor **Mr Rabinder Nath Sharma** and **Mr Amit Tirkey**, member



Performance by Tamang tribe of Sikkim at Samvaad 2016



T V Narendran playing the traditional Mandar at Samvaad 2016



Performance by Jenu Kuruba tribe of Karnataka at Samvaad 2016

of the editorial team. The book is a compilation of papers discussed during the previous Samvaad conclaves. He felicitated the winners of the documentary film making competition wherein more than 25 entries were received. He also felicitated the winners of the skit competition that had across schools in Jamshedpur and Joda. As a token of appreciation, the team of Samvaad 2016 presented **Mr T V Narendran** with Mandar, a tribal instrument.

Highlights of the Day

- ★ Book launch on tribal language, culture and identity by Mr T V Narendran.
- ★ Screening of tribal documentaries such as Mission Minali, Back to Strength, Pantha and Where Healing is Tradition)

Did You Know ?

- ★ *Rangbwtang*, a necklace worn by the women of the Tripuri tribe of Tripura is made of metal coins dating back to the 1960s. The necklaces have been passed down to generations and are strictly not for sale!
- ★ *Chiraita*, also known as *Kaalmegh* or *Bhuilim*, found in the forests of Chattisgarh, is used as an antibiotic for malaria and diabetes!

- ★ The tribes of Uttar Pradesh use aloe vera to cure sprain and swelling due to fracture. The aloe vera is slit from the centre and turmeric is put to it, which is then tied to the sprain. This method shows its effect within three days!

'Chiefspeak'



Mr Biren Bhuta, Chief, Corporate Social Responsibility

Johar!

A unique feature of this year's Samvaad is a detailed discussion on tribal aspects of development. This was a subject debated closely during the three regional Samvaads at Vadodara, Mysore and Shillong through challenging questions such as 'do they want to go for development as we define it; does growth matter to them; what is

sustainability and its related challenges; why are they feeling sidelined or left out or marginalised?' However, this time, instead of inviting NGOs, we have invited tribal communities to speak. The communities have set the terms of the agenda and have decided the topic for discussion for each day. The discussions, besides articulating their pain areas/issues, have also come up with what they believe should be the recommended approaches or solutions to the issues. While we are the moderators, the speakers are members of different communities. This year, our esteemed guests include chieftains, community people, youth, artistes, writers from across India. On the last day of Samvaad, the participants are going to come back with their recommendations and hopefully, we will have a manifesto or a white paper, which will record the voices and opinions of the tribal communities.

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Lasting Impressions



Ramotar Vaidya,
Traditional healer,
Uttar Pradesh

"I never expected that we would get such a great platform to share our experience on traditional medicine. I am thankful to Tata Steel and I hope that traditional medicine gets its due recognition"



Daddi Baida,
Traditional healer,
Madhya Pradesh

"It is an overwhelming experience to have such a big conglomerate as Tata Steel appreciating my experience of more than 15 years on traditional medicine and giving me an opportunity to share my knowledge with health experts from across the country."



Worrel Kr. Bain,
Film maker of
Myang Lang

"Audio visual is a powerful and effective medium to speak about the tribal issues and I encourage the government and to fund independent film makers who are willing to document the tribal culture, lifestyle art and issues."



Arunima Mishra,
Consultant Research
Analyst, Pradan NGO,
New Delhi

"I have seen organizations work towards tribal issues via conferences, seminars or paper presentations but rarely have I seen an organization bring together more than twenty tribes on a single platform and give us an opportunity to interact with them and hear their issues without any interference."



Prof. H Beck, Professor,
Tata Institute of
Social Sciences

"Tribal communities present for Samvaad are not only getting exposure but also gaining confidence in voicing their problems. The interaction among the tribal communities and between the communities and the audience is a symbol of unity."

Samvaad Trending

Day-3 - #SamvaadDay3

Trended across India for 3+ hours

@rohitneema3

A event can't be described in words!! iconic, It's a full house at #SamvaadDay3

@NehaLambaS

RT @JourPentpaper Someone is here who cares about the society #SamvaadDay3 @TataSteelLtd

@poojari_shruti

See the event unfold cultures of tribes across India. #SamvaadDay3 @TataSteelLtd

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