

REPORT OF THREE-DAY AICUF CAMP

Venue: St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Dates: 13th – 16th March 2025

A three-day AICUF (All India Catholic University Federation) seminar was held at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi from 13th to 16th March 2025. The central theme of the seminar was "Adivasi Identity, Adivasiyat, and Adivasi Demand". The seminar aimed to instill in tribal youth a sense of cultural pride, promote social service, leadership, and spiritual development.

Day 1 (13th March 2025):

The seminar began with an opening prayer and welcome speech. Registration was conducted by the unit head. A formal inauguration session was held at 11:00 AM, followed by group activities, discussions, and evening cultural programs that reflected tribal identity and creativity.



Day 2 (14th March 2025):

The day began with yoga and meditation. The first session focused on the PESA Act (1996), conducted by Mr. Gladson Dungdung, highlighting tribal self-governance rights in the Scheduled Areas. The second session discussed AICUF's mission and contemporary social concerns, emphasizing the need for justice and voice among the marginalized. Participants shared their insights and experiences in interactive group discussions.

Day 3 (15th March 2025):

The day featured an exhibition of traditional tribal food such as Madwa roti, Gondli bhaat, and Mahua items. Participants shared personal reflections and feedback. The seminar concluded with a certification and felicitation ceremony, where the new unit members of Simdega were honored.



Feedback:

Participants expressed that the seminar was an eye-opening experience. It encouraged them to take social responsibility, understand tribal rights, and become active citizens. Sessions like the one on PESA Act deeply inspired participants by showing how tribal communities are living with dignity amidst social challenges.

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