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Event Report

Celebration of World Indigenous Day

Organised by: SC/ST cell and Indigenous club in collaboration with IQAC.

Date: 8 August, 2026

Venue: College Hall

Introduction

St. Xavier's College, Simdega, organised an academic event to commemorate World Indigenous Day on 8th August, 2026. The event was jointly organised by the SC/ST cell and Indigenous club in collaboration with IQAC of the college. The event aimed to create awareness and provide a platform to the students and academicians to discuss the history, identity, rights, culture, traditions and socio-economic challenges faced by indigenous and tribal communities. The chief guest and speaker of the event was Mr. Gladson Dungdung, a well-known human rights activist and writer, who has been actively working on tribal issues. His presence added significant academic and social relevance to the event.

Objectives of the Programme

- To create awareness about the significance of World Indigenous Day.
- To sensitise students towards the rights and concerns of indigenous and tribal communities.
- To understand the socio-economic, cultural and political challenges faced by tribal communities in Jharkhand.
- To promote respect for indigenous identity, culture, language and traditional knowledge system.
- To provide students with an opportunity to interact with an experienced human rights activist and writer.

Proceedings of the event



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- The programme commenced with welcome of the chief guest and faculty members with hand wash and badge, followed by the brief introduction of history of celebrating world indigenous day and its significance by Asma Rani Lakra Member of the SC/ST cell.
- The welcome address by the Dr. Fr. Roshan Baa Principal of the college. Whose address started as - one who does not know the duty, knowledge, culture, achievements and contribution of brave revolutionary tribal leaders is not worthy to be called an Adivasi. Then followed by formal gesture of welcome with Biru gamocha and Sampling of plant to the chief guest.
- Dr. Sunil Kerketta the coordinator of ST/SC cell gave a brief introduction of life of the chief guest and, his popular books and articles and awards received.

Main highlights of the session



- The keynote session was delivered by Mr. Gladson Dungdung. His address started that he also belonged this place i.e., Simdega. He shared the struggle face during his college days and how he overcame those challenges and travelled to Geneva.
- He emphasized that Adivasi contribute in safety and conservation of the environment even though they are illiterate. Where there is adivasi the forest is protected and safe. Tribal's love for nature is only means to save the world and concerns for the global warming was also discussed.
- He threw light on the Supreme Court judgement of 15 June, 2011 that first ownership on this land has those who have been here since beginning Aadikal.
- The detailed discussion poised on the three DNA reports that were
DNA reports 2018: sixty-five thousands ago Tribal came to India
DNA reports 2019: During the Indus Valley civilization Hindu came to India.
DNA reports 2024: fifty thousand years ago in Eurasia hunters and gatherers existed.

Democratic system of governance is taken from tribal in which without police and administration judgement is done.

- He highlighted the eminent leaders from the tribals Jaipal Singh Munda who addressed the constitution assembly on behalf of 30 lakhs tribals. Brisa Munda who led the Ulgulan, Ram Dayal Munda who addressed the UN in 1957.
- Census 2011 highlights the 2 lakhs tribals follow non of the religion, 7.2% OBC follow Sarana system of worship so it's not right to that one who believes in sarna is only an Adivasi.
- UN has identified the tribal according to three identities: Ethnic identity, Culture identity and Linguistics identity.
- 5th schedule is the mini constitution for the tribal and UCC regulation 2026 is opposed by the upper cast
- It is imposed in the minds of weaker sections, dalit that they are illiterate, savage, drunker, lower cast and they are here to live the life of slavery on small land and shelter homes.

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- Ancestors continuously struggled for 180 years against Britishers but never accept their slavery the main reason of revolt of 1857 not freedom but the religious sentiments of upper caste were hurt that there as cow fat in cartridge.
- He also threw his insights on the issue and consequences of delisting in Jharkhand and is representation of houses according to 1961 census and its impacts on further change his concerns for the future representation. The only means to save the save the identity, land, future generations.... if these are not saved then no one can save the existence of the tribal. Youth are the deciding future.

Question answer session



- How to coordinate between the modern and traditional culture of the tribal?
- Homosapiens vs. genetic evolution.
- Globalization and the tradition society.
- Profit making western system of education.

Discussion was also on socio-economic conditions, cultural heritage and challenges in the process of development. He also emphasised the importance of understanding development from the perspective of indigenous communities and respecting their traditional knowledge, resources and way of life.

Academic Significance

The event had considerable academic relevance as it real world learning with contemporary social issues. Students were able to understand indigenous issues from social, economic, cultural and human-rights perspectives. The programme also contributed to the objectives of the college by promoting inclusive education, social awareness, constitutional values and respect for cultural diversity.

Student Participation and Interaction

Students actively participated in the programme and listened to the keynote address with interest. The interactive nature of the session enabled students to raise questions and engage in meaningful discussion on tribal rights, development and social issues. The programme created an opportunity for students to connect academic knowledge with real-life experiences and contemporary challenges.

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Outcome of the Programme

The event successfully generated awareness among students regarding the importance of indigenous communities and their contribution to society. It helped participants develop a better understanding of

- Indigenous and tribal rights;
- Tribal identity and cultural heritage;
- Human rights and social justice;
- Socio-economic challenges of tribal communities;
- The importance of inclusive and sustainable development; and
- The role of youth in promoting social awareness and equality.

Conclusion

The programme successfully fulfilled its objective of promoting awareness, dialogue and academic reflection on indigenous issues. It also upholds the college's commitment to social justice, inclusiveness, equality, respect for indigenous identity and community-oriented education. Event concluded with vote of thanks note by Nishi Priyanka Kerketta and National Anthem.



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Venue: College Hall

Date: 08/08/2026

Expenditure Statement

Budget Sanctioned	Total Expenditure	Remaining Amount
20,000.00	13,665.00	6335.00

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