



VANA MITRA

NAGARVASI GRAMAVASI VANAVASI - HUM SAB BHARATHAVASI

Tribal Freedom Fighter



Tilka Manjhi Pioneer of India's Freedom Struggle

Tilka Manjhi (born February 11, 1750, in Tilakpur, Sultanganj, Bihar) was a Santal tribal leader and one of India's earliest freedom fighters. A brilliant political thinker, he boldly challenged the British "divide and rule" policy that exploited the Santals.

In 1784, outraged by British encroachment on Santal lands, hills, and resources, Manjhi rallied his people with the rallying cry "Dharti Hamari Hai" ("This land is ours"). He launched an armed

uprising against East India Company rule, famously killing officer Augustus Cleveland, who was posted in Bhagalpur on 13th Jan, 1785.



Lacking sufficient resources, the rebels couldn't sustain the fight.

The British eventually captured Manjhi in a continuous suppression campaign. On January 13, 1785, they hanged him from a banyan tree at a Bhagalpur intersection.

Manjhi's bravery and sacrifice live on in Santal folk songs, immortalizing him as the "Immortal Beeru" of his tribe.



Talakkal Chandu

Wayanad's Immortal Warrior in India's Freedom Struggle

Talakkal Chandu, born in Tondunad, Wayanad, Kerala, was a legendary Kurichiya tribal leader whose fearless resistance against British rule added a golden chapter to India's freedom struggle. Known as the "Immortal Beeru" of his tribe, his unique and unforgettable contribution from Kerala's hilly heartland remains etched in history.

Chandu fought alongside Kerala Varma Pazhassi Raja, displaying unmatched prowess that the British could never defeat in open battle. In a treacherous betrayal, one of his relative —driven by greed—collaborated with the British, leading to Chandu's capture.

On November 15, 1805, the British hanged him at Panamaram Fort. Yet, Chandu's sacrifice inspires generations, symbolizing the unyielding spirit of Wayanad's tribal heroes.



21st August 2025

On August 21, 2025, during the taluk-level sports meet for high schools at Gundlupete, our hostel students achieved the following positions: 9th standard student Jadeswami secured 2nd in 3000m race, 3rd in 1500m race, and 2nd in 400/100 relay; 10th standard student Bharat Masti secured 3rd in 3000m race and 2nd in 400/100 relay



Shri Kumar Ram Vanavasi Student Hostel, Gundlupete. Our hostel's 6th standard student Chandan M has been honored by the school with a medal as the top student who scored the highest marks in the first formative assessment process of the 2025-26 academic year.

2nd September 2025

Archanaji and Bhat ji recently embarked on a Rajasthan trip, visiting Kalyan Ashram hostels at Abu Road and Udaipur, where they observed dedicated schools serving tribal children. A standout highlight was "Kamali," a remarkable women-led initiative producing and selling tribal handicrafts to drive impactful education and empowerment efforts





24th September 2025

Jivamrut Workshop Held Successfully in Arohalli.

The Gram Vikas (Vanavasi Kalyana) wing organized a "Jivamrut" (natural fertilizer) preparation workshop on September 24th in Arohalli (Bengaluru Rural), graced by experts Shri Manivanna, Shri Ramachandra, Shri Ramesh Bhat, and Shri Munikrishna—participants made great use of this valuable session



25th September 2025

Our Yadagiri and Belagavi Archery Students with coach participated in Mysore Dasara State level Archery Competition and won Gold, Silver and bronze medals.





1st November 2025

On the occasion of Karnataka Rajyotsava, Sripadji addressed the gathering at DSR Eden Greens, which comprises around 200 flats. In his speech, Sripadji spoke about the importance of celebrating Karnataka's rich culture and heritage. He also highlighted the various seva activities being carried out by VKK to promote values of service, nation-building, and cultural awareness.



5th November 2025

Our Archery team From Yadagiri won Gold,Silver Medal in Mini Karnataka Olympics held in Bangalore today.





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Participants - 06

Medals won - One Gold,
One Silver,
Two Bronze

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ಸುರಪುರ: ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಒಲಿಂಪಿಕ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತಾಶ್ರಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಕಂಟೀನವ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಬಿಲ್ಲುಗಾರಿಕೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವಾಪುರದ ವನವಾಸಿ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಏಕಲವ್ಯ ಬಿಲ್ಲುಗಾರಿಕೆ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಪಟುಗಳು ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ಸಾಧನೆಗೈದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಬಾಲಕಿಯರ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕು. ಅನುಷೂಣ್ ಅವರು ಎಲಿಮಿನೇಷನ್ ರೌಂಡ್ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಹಾಗೂ 30 ಮೀ ರೌಂಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಹಾಗೂ ತೃತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಬಾಲಕರ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರದೀಪ 30 ಮೀ ರೌಂಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತೃತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪಡೆದು 1 ಚಿನ್ನ, 1 ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು 2 ಕಂಚು ಪದಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಸಾಧನೆಗೆ ತರಬೇತುದಾರ ಮೌನೇಶಕುಮಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರ್ಚಿರಿ ಕೋಚ್ ಅನಿಲಕುವಾರ ಹರ್ಷ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿ ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

7th - 9th November 2025

NIFT Bengaluru celebrated **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2025** from November 7th to 9th (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.), marking the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and honoring India's tribal heroes with inspiring crafts, vibrant markets, and tales of valor—an open event enjoyed by all attendees.



Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2025

Dr. Prof. Yathindra L, Director of NIFT Bengaluru invites you to **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas**.

Chief Guest - Dr. Pooja Joshi, IAS
GM, Trifed, Government of India

Exhibition and Sales -
Tribes India (Retail brand by TRIFED)
Udhyam Learning Foundation
Vanavasi Kalayana

Date - 7 November 2025, Friday
Time - 3:30 pm onwards
Venue - NIFT Bangalore Campus



15th - 16th November 2025

Vanayat্রে 2025 Concludes Successfully: Immersive Journey into Vanavasi Culture.

Vanavasi Kalyana Karnataka (VKK) successfully hosted its two-day "**Vanayat্রে 2025**" experiential tour on November 15th & 16th, offering participants firsthand exposure to the lives, culture, and development initiatives of Vanavasi communities amid forests and hills.

The itinerary featured visits to VKK's Prantha Karyalaya and hostels in Mysuru & Sullia, a Mobile Medical Van and Skill Development Centre in HD Kote, and a Vanavasi Hadi and Mane Pata Kendra in Hunsur (with a scenic drive through Nagarahole Forest and night halt at Sullia Hostel); Day 2 included darshan at the historic Mahalingeshwara Temple in Puttur and Shri Panchalingeshwara Temple in Vittla, followed by a visit to Maithreyi Gurukulam for girls before returning to Bengaluru.



16th November 2025

Bhaitak Raises ₹15 Lakhs for Balasaheb Deshpande Smarak Bhavan.

A successful bhaitak was organized to fundraise for the Balasaheb Deshpande Smarak Bhavan in Madhya Pradesh, where dedicated karyakarthis from Bengaluru Vibhag made excellent samparka and collected around ₹15 lakhs.



25th November 2025

Triumph at District Jump Rope Championship: Trio Selected for State Level.

In the district-level jump rope competition, 8th standard students Kum. Santosha Navaru Patil, Kum. Devaraj Biru Karande, and Kum. Pankaj Raghu Singad secured 1st place in the 2-minute double touch speed relay, earning selection for the state-level sports meet.



3rd December 2025

VKK Media Wing Meeting Concludes Successfully in Bengaluru.

A productive VKK media coordination meeting was held on Dec 3rd, attended by key members including Pramod Petkar (ABVKA Prachar Prasad Pramukh), Guruprasad (VKK Website Pramukh), Ashok (VKK Print Media Pramukh), Praneeth Netrimetla (VKK Social Media Pramukh), and Bhaskar V (VKK Joint Secretary, joining on December 3rd)—proceedings focused on upcoming initiatives, with thanks extended to all participants.



7th December 2025

Informal Meet with Sri Bhagwan Sahay Ji Held in Bengaluru.

Sri Bhagwan Sahay ji, Saha-Sanghatan Mantri of Akhil Bharatiya Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram, visited Bengaluru, where an engaging informal meeting took place on December 7th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Uttunga RSS Karyalaya—attendees shared insights from his Bharat-wide travels and posed questions.



27th December 2025

Sullia Hostel marked its Annual Day celebration on December 27th with great enthusiasm, bringing together students, staff, and families for a memorable event filled with cultural performances and achievements.





27th December 2025

Ranigaidininlu Hostel Annual Day Celebrated Successfully

Ranigaidininlu Hostel in Mysuru hosted its annual day celebration on December 27, 2025, commencing with dignitaries' floral tributes and lamp lighting. Pranta Nilyam Pramukh Shri Bammu Patil outlined the origins and growth of Vanavasi Kalyana in his inaugural address.

Distinguished Speakers Inspire Attendees

Chief speaker Shri Shripati E explained nature-culture distortions with examples, while chief guest Dr. Smt. Veena shared insights on commitment and gratitude through Krishna's example. Chairman A G Tammayya delivered words of wisdom to the children, followed by captivating cultural performances by hostel students.





27th December 2025

Vitthal Vanavasi Student Hostel Yellapur Annual Day Celebrated Grandly

Vitthal Vanavasi Student Hostel in Yellapur held its annual day celebration on December 27, 2025, at the Gramadevi Temple premises in Yellapur town, graced by distinguished guests including inaugurator Dr. Mahesh Bhatt, chief speaker Shri Sridhar Nadigere (RSS Karnataka North Province Executive Member), MLC Shri Shantarama Siddi, YTSS Education Institution President Shri Ravi Shanbhag, hostel committee president Shri T.R. Hegde, taluk education coordinator, state awardee Shri Sudhakar Nayak, tribal leader Shri Mallappa Ningappa Guled, Dr. Sucheta Madguni, and veteran karyakarta Smt. Girija Mavalli.

Achievements Honored and Cultural Extravaganza

National sports achiever Mohan Siddi and international yoga achievers Motiram Gurakhe and Krishna Gurakhe received special honors, while prizes were distributed to competition winners by dignitaries; the special turmeric-kumkum program for mothers earned widespread appreciation. Hostel and home-study students enthralled all with cultural performances.



28th December 2025

Ratnakara Vanavasi Student Hostel Celebrates Annual Day & Foundation Day

Ratnakara Vanavasi Student Hostel marked its Annual Day and Foundation Day on December 28, 2025, under the chairmanship of Chandrashekar Nayak. Chief speaker Ravindra Yadalir shared the early days and expansion of Vanavasi Kalyana Ashram, urging continuous donor support and collaboration to shape students' futures.

Distinguished Guests Inspire Attendees

Guest Narayan Parameshwar Hegde praised the Sangh and its karyakartas' dedication, while Chairman Chandrashekar emphasized cultivating patriotism like Japan's citizens. The program featured a welcome by Nandu Kumar, annual report by Omkarappa, inaugural address by Shri Sridhar Salekkal (District Sangha Organizer), and vote of thanks by Chandrakant Gunaga.

Cultural Performances & Awards Conclude Festivities

Hostel students presented captivating cultural programs, with prizes awarded to competition participants, making it a memorable celebration of achievement and community spirit.



An introduction to Kamli tribes

KAMLI TRIBES



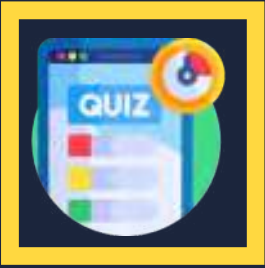
With support of RAJASTHAN VANVASI KALYAN PARISHAD, Namrata Primary Women Multipurpose Cooperative Society was established in Udaipur in 2018. It is a dedicated unit striving to uplift the socio-economic status of tribal women in the remote areas of Rajasthan.

Our brand, "Kamli Tribes," showcases an exclusive collection of exquisite, high-quality handicraft products, meticulously created by skilled craftswomen. The art of cross stitch embroidery on jute fabric not only adds grace and elegance but also supports small-scale industries. By purchasing these products, you are not only embracing unique artistry but also transforming lives.

Rajasthan's tribal population, particularly women, faces staggering challenges, with nearly 70% living below the poverty line and struggling for basic amenities like healthcare, nutrition, and education. Your contribution will help provide essentials—milk for a child, two meals a day for a family, and education for young girls, allowing them to dream beyond their circumstances.

Together, we are turning the tide. Our efforts have already empowered over 250 tribal women, giving them sustainable livelihoods, preserving their cultural heritage, and enabling them to rise above poverty. Join us in this journey of transformation—your support truly makes a difference.



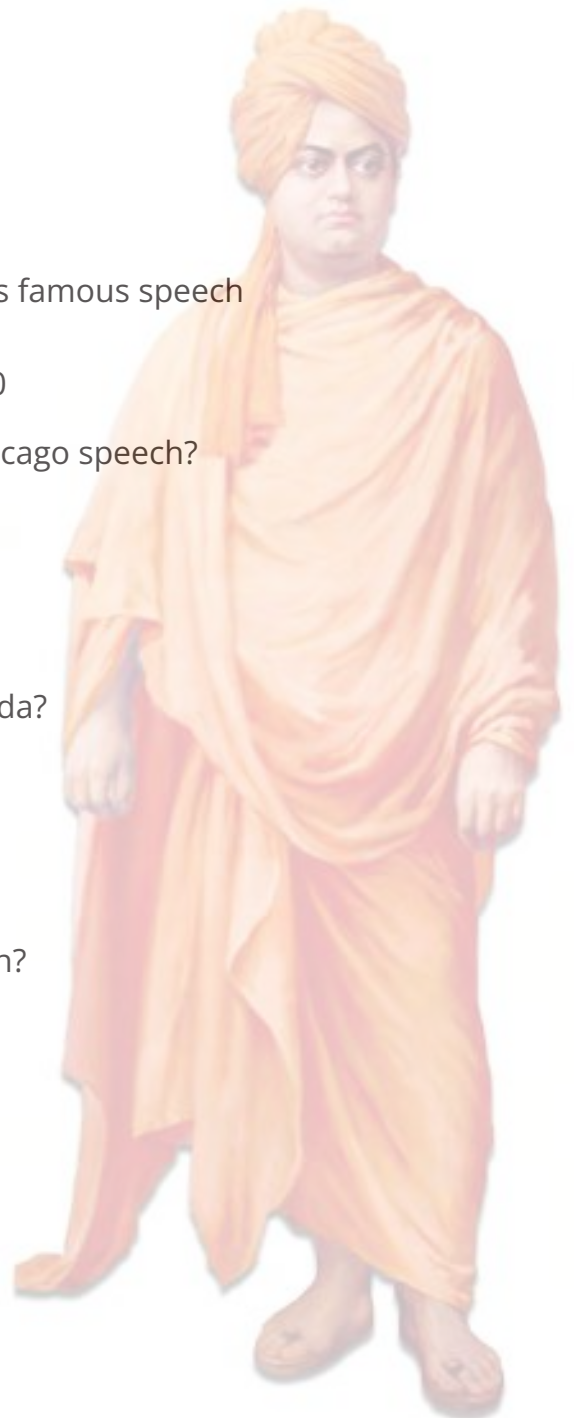


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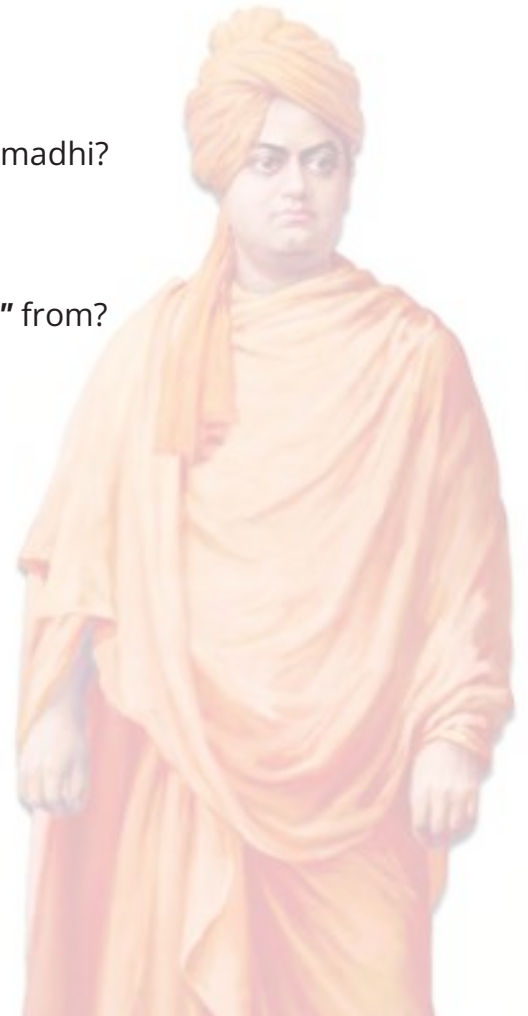
TIME TO TAP YOUR MEMORY...

By M. Ashok

- 01) What was Swami Vivekananda's original name?
 - a) Narendranath Datta
 - b) Ramakrishna Paramahansa
 - c) Shivaji Maharaj
 - d) Rabindranath Tagore
- 02) In which year did Swami Vivekananda deliver his famous speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions?
 - a) 1893
 - b) 1900
 - c) 1885
 - d) 1910
- 03) What was the opening line of Vivekananda's Chicago speech?
 - a) Sisters and brothers of America
 - b) Arise, awake
 - c) In the name of God
 - d) Om Shanti
- 04) Who was the spiritual guru of Swami Vivekananda?
 - a) Ramakrishna Paramahansa
 - b) Dayananda Saraswati
 - c) Sri Aurobindo
 - d) Ramana Maharshi
- 05) Swami Vivekananda founded which organization?
 - a) Ramakrishna Mission
 - b) Arya Samaj
 - c) Brahmo Samaj
 - d) Theosophical Society
- 06) Where was Swami Vivekananda born?
 - a) Kolkata
 - b) Mumbai
 - c) Delhi
 - d) Chennai



- 07) What is Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary celebrated as in India?
 a) National Youth Day
 b) Teacher's Day
 c) Independence Day
 d) Republic Day
- 08) Which book by Vivekananda is a collection of his lectures?
 a) Raja Yoga
 b) Jnana Yoga
 c) Karma Yoga
 d) All of the above
- 09) At what age did Swami Vivekananda attain Mahasamadhi?
 a) 39 b) 50 c) 45 d) 60
- 10) What was the famous slogan
"Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached" from?
 a) Katha Upanishad (quoted by Vivekananda)
 b) Bhagavad Gita
 c) Ramayana
 d) Mahabharata



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 04) (a) Ramakrishna Paramahansa
 05) (a) Ramakrishna Mission
 06) (a) Kolkata
 07) (a) National Youth Day
 08) (d) All of the above
 09) (a) 39
 10) (a) Katha Upanishad (quoted by Vivekananda)

Answers:

Want to contribute?

Donors can contribute any amount desired and be eligible for tax benefits:

- How to contribute and make a difference:
 - Participate in Vanayatra to have a glimpse into Vanavasi life
 - Become a member of the local VKK committee
 - Sponsor a Tuition Center (Mane Pata Kendras) – Rs 50,000/- per Year
 - Sponsor a College Student for Rs 40,000/- per year
 - Sponsor education and living expenses of a school student Rs 25,000/- per year
 - Sponsor education expenses of a school student Rs 10,000/- per year
 - Sponsor a school kit for Rs 1000/- per kit
 - Sponsor a health camp for Rs 80,000 per camp
 - Sponsor a Hostel – Rs 15,00,000/- per year
 - Sponsor specific projects like drinking water, solar lighting, infrastructure etc.
- Project-based
- Sponsor a tailoring centre Rs.80,000/-
 - Sponsor nutrition for one student Rs 2700/-



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