**“Dharti Abba” – Birsa Munda**

## Birsa Munda was a revolutionary freedom fighter, religious leader, and folk hero belonging to the Munda tribe of the Chotanagpur Plateau area. He fought for the rights of the tribal community. He was born on 15 November 1875 at Ulihatu.

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## Though he lived a short span of life, Birsa Munda is known to have mobilized the tribal community against the British as he was the one who had initiated agitating against the laws made by the British government which could seize the rights of tribal people to access and utilization of resources of the forest.

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## His rebellion made such an impression on the colonial state that officials were forced to introduce new legislation- The Chota Nagpur Tenancy Act- that assured the protection of the Munda's land rights. “Dharti Abba” or the Father of the Earth was the nickname for the Birsa Munda which was given by the tribals.

## To honour this revolutionary, several institutes and places have been named after him.

## ‘The Birsa Institute of Technology, ‘Birsa Agricultural University, ‘Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium’, and ‘Birsa Munda Airport’ are some of them.The****Statue**** of Ulgulan is****a proposed 150-foot-tall statue of Birsa Munda to be built in Jharkhand with stones collected from households in the region.****