



“Abua Raj” — Legacy of Birsa Munda in Contemporary Politics

The slogan **“Abua Raj”** (our rule) was originally raised by **Bhagwan Birsa Munda**, the legendary tribal freedom fighter who mobilised indigenous communities against British colonial oppression. The call symbolised self-rule and the assertion of tribal identity and rights.

Recently, **Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren** invoked a similar slogan, **“Abua Dishum, Abua Raj,”** at a public rally in **Biswanath district of Assam** on March 10 while addressing tea tribe and Adivasi communities ahead of the **2026 Assam Assembly elections**. The slogan emphasised tribal empowerment and political representation.

APSC Relevance: Important for tribal movements, Birsa Munda’s legacy and contemporary political mobilisation among Adivasi communities.