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Daily PIB summary**Tribal Freedom Fighter Museums Scheme and Preservation of Indigenous Heritage**

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WHY IN NEWS

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs convened a National Conclave on Tribal Languages & Museums in Mysuru to standardize curation and historical authenticity across Tribal Freedom Fighter Museums (TFFMs).

WHAT IS THE TFFM INITIATIVE?

- Government program administered by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to construct 10 dedicated museums across India honoring tribal freedom fighters and local anti-colonial uprisings.
- Key locations include Ranchi (Birsa Munda Museum, Jharkhand), Rajpipla (Gujarat), Lambasingi (Andhra Pradesh), and Chhindwara (Madhya Pradesh).

OBJECTIVES AND CURATION FRAMEWORK

- Integrates oral histories, intangible cultural heritage, and authentic community narratives into formal national history.
- Uses a combination of traditional physical artifacts, archival documents, and interactive digital exhibits (modeled after centers like the Bhopal Tribal Museum).

WHY IT MATTERS

- Corrects historical asymmetry by documenting tribal rebellions (such as the Santhal Hul, Ulgulan, and Rampa Rebellion) alongside mainstream freedom movements.

KEY TERMS

- **Ulgulan:** The Great Tumult or rebellion led by Birsa Munda against British colonial rule and the local feudal land system in the late 19th century.
- **Intangible Cultural Heritage:** Practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, and skills recognized by communities as part of their cultural identity.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- Tribal Freedom Fighter Museums are sanctioned by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs across states to document regional tribal resistance movements.
- Major historical tribal rebellions integrated into these museums include the **Santhal Uprising (1855)**, Munda Ulgulan (1899-1900), and Rampa Rebellion (1922-24).

MAINS DISCUSSION

- Discuss the significance of preserving indigenous oral traditions and historical sites in promoting inclusive national historiography.

KEY DATA

- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs - Administering authority for the Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum project.
- **Flagship Museum Site:** Birsa Munda Memorial Park & Museum, Ranchi - First major completed site under the TFFM network.

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