

Conference on Adivasis held in Delhi



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The development of the [Adivasi](#) community will only progress the nation and bring prosperity among the people. This was observed by Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for [Health](#) and Family Welfare at a national seminar on 'Identity, Status, Issues and Challenges of [Adivasi](#) under the purview of their constitutional [rights](#)' in [New Delhi](#) on July 23. The seminar was organized by Aadhunik [India](#) Foundation and Aadhunik [India](#) -a [National](#) Hindi newspaper . Attending the programme as chief guest Kulaste said that," The BJP government at the centre has adopted various [welfare](#) policies for the upliftment of the [Adivasi](#) community and more such policies would be adopted in days to come.

Lauding the efforts of Aadhunik [India](#) for organizing such an event and referring to the history of the [Adivasi](#) people Kulaste observed that Adivasis are the [indigenous](#) inhabitants of the nation. Since ancient times they have inhabited in the water, forests and land of the nation.

Kulaste further added that "The Adivasis were the first to revolt against the British empire in [India](#). He visioned the ideologies of tribal freedom fighter Birsa [Munda](#) along with paying deep tribute to Sidhu Murmu and Kanhu Murmu the [leaders](#) of the Santhal rebellion (1855-1856), the native rebellion in present-day Jharkhand in eastern [India](#) against both the British colonial authority and the corrupt upper caste zamindari system.

Referring to the long pending issue of tribal status to Adivasis residing in Assam Kulaste said that the BJP government both in centre and Assam are materializing the issue .

Attending the programme as appointed speaker Nand Kumar Sai chairman of the [National](#) Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) said after independence in the name of development, civilization and the Adivasis have been displaced from their forest lands which he linked to be the prime cause of the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency. He exhorted the present government to deliver the constitutional [rights](#) to the [Adivasi](#) people living across the nation. He also observed that different status to Adivasis in states of the country has hampered the development and advancement of the community. He also exhorted the Chief Ministers of states to apprise the Central government on the [ST](#) issue through State Commissions .

Speaking on the occasion Naba Kr. Sarania Kokrajhar Loksabha MP referring to the opposing of [ST](#) status issue to Adivasis by certain ethnic communities of [state](#) exhorted to rather support the issue and help deliver constitutional [rights](#) to the community.

Earlier the welcome speech was delivered by Chairman of Aadhunika [India](#) Foundation Dinesh Kumar Chauhan he spoke of the discrimination of [Adivasi](#) people in the country. He also exhorted the government to pay heed to the [rights](#) of the [Adivasi](#) people.

The programme was also attended by Loksabha MP and actor George Baker, Former Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Prithvi [Majhi](#), Former Assam Minister Atul Munda, Vishnupad Rai MP from Andamans, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Dean of Lady Hardinge's Medical College among other noted personalities.

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