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Union Minister for Tribal Affairs recently inaugurated the renovated facilities at Bharatiya Adim Jati Sevak Sanghathan (BAJSS), New Delhi and laid the foundation stone of 'Centre for Preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage' in Jharkhand.



[ref-museum of India]

About the 'Centre for Preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage':

- The **Centre for Preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage** aims to **showcase and depict the rich legacy and way of life of tribal communities in Jharkhand**, serving as a **knowledge and information center** for tribal development.
- It is allotted a **Rs. 10 crores** budget from the **Union Ministry for Tribal Affairs**.
- It is intended to be a **live center** for artisans and aspires to become a **tourism hub** in the region.

About the BAJSS:

- The **BAJSS**, founded in **1948** by **Shri Amritlal Vithaldas Thakkar** (Thakkar Bapa) for tribal upliftment, houses a **collection of rare tribal artifacts and books**.
- Its museum and library are undergoing **digitization** for preservation and accessibility, with **interactive digital kiosks** providing information on tribal culture and history.
- An **MoU** with the **National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI)** in **2022** established BAJSS as a **resource center of NTRI**, enhancing research and knowledge dissemination in tribal studies.