



Highlights of Indigenous Yatra Activities

Creative and interactive activities are woven into the Listening Campaign to inspire Indigenous communities to share their wisdom, traditions, and lived practices. These activities—ranging from forest walks and traditional games to storytelling circles, cultural demonstrations, and the Wisdom Box—create safe, joyful spaces where elders, youth, and women come together to reflect, express, and celebrate their heritage. By engaging people through familiar cultural practices and experiential learning, the campaign strengthens community ownership and encourages the revival and preservation of Indigenous knowledge systems.



Gaon Chaupal



A Gaon Chaupal unfolds in Kuchai Block, Seraikela Kharsawan, Jharkhand, as the community comes together to reclaim their lost forest landscapes



A Gaon Chaupal on climate change is in progress at Saka Gram Panchayat in Kandhamal district, Odisha.





Community members gather for the Gaon Chaupal in Gaduniya village, Nayagaon block, Udaipur.



Gaon Chaupal in Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh



Gaon Chaupal in Gadchirauli, Maharashtra



A moment captured from the Gaon Chaupal in Nagwa Block, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh



Participants energised and raising slogans after the Gaon Chaupal in Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh.

Forest Walk



In Jharkhand, community members walk through the forest to identify and document indigenous herbs and plants.



Elders share insights on forest-collected seeds during a Forest Walk in Uttar Pradesh.

An elder explaining the medicinal value of an indigenous plant during a Forest Walk in Chhattisgarh.





Forest walk in Bichchiwada Block of Rajasthan where 16 plant and herb species identified.



Post-forest walk discussions on how to preserve flora and fauna in Maharashtra.



In Madhya Pradesh, community women display seeds and a variety of forest products collected during Forest Walk.





During the Forest Walk in Odisha, community members exchange insights on local medicinal plants.



LETTER FROM ELDERS



In Udala, Mayurbhanj, elders write powerful letters to their next generation, capturing memories, wisdom, and dreams for the future.



In Odisha, elders write heartfelt letters capturing their emotions and experiences.



Madhya Pradesh: Gifts of wisdom for future generations.





Uttar Pradesh: A volunteer helps elders capture their emotions in writing.



Chhattisgarh: Women pass on their wisdom to guide future generations.



Jharkhand: A volunteer helps elders pen down their emotions.



Elders from Gadchiroli, Maharashtra share their knowledge on preserving culture, the environment, and indigenous foods.



COMMUNITY SEED COLLECTION



Rajasthan: Women showcasing seeds collected from villagers.



Villagers in Madhya Pradesh depositing seeds for community preservation.



In Uttar Pradesh, community women donate indigenous seeds to support community-led preservation efforts.



Community contribution of indigenous seeds from Jharkhand.



Odisha: Showcasing seeds collected from villagers.



Maharashtra: Indigenous seeds collected by community members.



Collected seeds are sorted and labelled prior to preservation.

Indigenous Recipe



In Odisha, a woman prepares a traditional recipe made from indigenous foods.



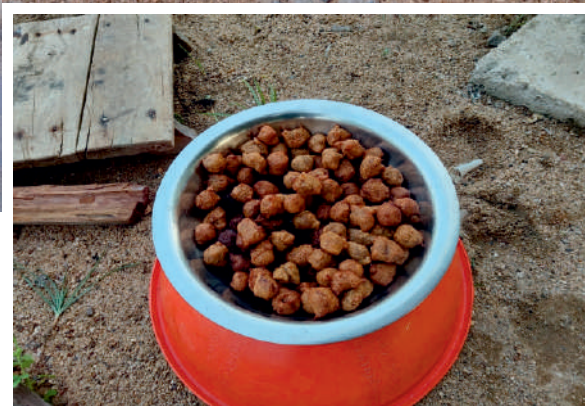
In Rajasthan, the community prepares a traditional chutney using medicinal herbs.



A local vada recipe prepared and shared by the community in Madhya Pradesh.



In Chhattisgarh, the community comes together to prepare a rich variety of traditional recipes.



In Maharashtra, a Gond woman is preparing traditional Mahua Bhujia.

Indigenous Games



Tela Goti, a traditional game cherished by the Ho community in Jharkhand



Kankad Khela — a traditional game of the Bhil community in Rajasthan



In Odisha, married women come together to play indigenous games and celebrate joy.



Chhattisgarh school children enjoying a traditional game during their leisure time.



Community women in Uttar Pradesh practice archery, keeping their indigenous sporting traditions alive.