

A Creative Tribute to Tribal Heritage: Sohrai Painting Activity at M.K. DAV Public School

As part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2025, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, M.K. DAV Public School, Daltonganj organized a Sohrai Painting activity on the school premises. The event was a humble tribute to the valiant tribal leader and a celebration of India's rich indigenous art and culture.

Under the inspiring leadership of the Principal, Mrs. INDRANI CHATTERJEE, the school continues to undertake initiatives that promote cultural awareness and respect for traditional heritage. Her guidance and encouragement have always motivated students to explore the beauty and values embedded in India's folk traditions.

During the activity, students enthusiastically created Sohrai designs on art sheets and walls, using natural colours and traditional patterns inspired by nature, animals and daily life. Mr. Tridib Mondal, the art teacher explained the history and technique behind this art form, making the experience both creative and educational.

Sohrai painting, native to the tribal communities of Jharkhand, particularly the Santhal and Oraon tribes, is traditionally done to mark the harvest festival, expressing gratitude to Mother Earth and the cattle that aid cultivation. The art form uses natural pigments like red, white, yellow and black — symbolizing harmony with nature and the spirit of prosperity. It stands as a reflection of the tribal community's deep connection with ecology and spirituality.

The Principal appreciated the students' efforts and creativity, highlighting that such activities strengthen cultural identity while instilling values of unity, humility and respect for India's tribal heritage. The programme beautifully captured the spirit of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, reminding everyone of the timeless legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the vibrant traditions that define our nation.

