

150 tribal musicians gather at unique musical conclave hosted by Tata Steel Mining

Sarjom Baa, aimed at promoting indigenous music and musical instruments

... traditional and tribal musicians from across the country attended it

Sukinda, February 3, 2023: Reverberating music, euphonic songs and scintillating moves rocked the Sourik Durga Puja ground with more than 150 tribal musicians and artistes taking the stage to perform a unique fusion of traditional tribal musical instruments here on Friday.



The first-ever Tribal Musical Conclave “Sarjom Baa” (flowers of Sal tree in Ho language) at Sukinda hosted by Tata Steel Mining Limited (TSML) in collaboration with Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) offered a feast for the eyes and ears for more than a thousand onlookers at the ground.

Aimed at furthering efforts to revive, preserve and promote tribal music, this musical extravaganza witnessed participation of more than 150 tribal musicians and performing artistes from Jharkhand and Odisha who enthralled the audience with their live renditions.

With participation of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) like the Juang and the Mankidia along with tribal groups from Ho, Santhal, Munda and Bhumij communities, the event witnessed an enchanting fusion of indigenous tribal musical instruments like Sendratamak, Nagada, Dumang, Jadur, Banam, Sakwa, Changu and Ghumura.

Tribals from Jajpur, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha and from West Singhbhum and East Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand took part in this unique conclave and mesmerised the audience showcasing their unmatched skills.

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Shri Pritiranjana Gharai, Minister, Rural Development, Skill Development and Technical Education, Government of Odisha, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion he said, "I am glad to have attended such a unique event that is dedicated for the nature. I thank all the team members for organising such a beautiful event 'Sarjom Baa'. I hope this will also be organised next year."

Shri Pankaj Satija, Managing Director, Tata Steel Mining, said, "Music has no boundaries, and it has always played a pivotal role in bringing communities irrespective of caste, creed or religion together. This unique festival - Sarjom Baa – will contribute to not only popularise tribal music in the region but also preserve and promote the indigenous culture. We will continue to facilitate cross-learning by providing such platforms to showcase traditional music, culture and diversity in tribal life."

With the rhythms of indigenous musical instruments, the performers made the jam-packed audience shake their legs to the enticing music at the do and received huge rounds of applause from the gathering.

The event which concluded with brilliant performances by the tribal groups, was attended by many dignitaries along with the local Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members and senior officials of Tata Steel Mining.

Notably, Tata Steel Mining had facilitated elaborate and smooth arrangements for boarding, lodging and travel requirements of the participants and had conducted free health screening of all the participants.

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