

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**PLANNING & CONVERGENCE DEPARTMENT**

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**RESOLUTION**

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Sub: **Establishment of Special Development Councils in Tribal Dominated Districts of Odisha.**

It is felt necessary that the tribals should be extensively involved at all stages of the development process starting from identification of deficit areas, felt needs, plan formulation, implementation and monitoring so that the tribal development will be more effective, inclusive and participative.

2. Keeping these objectives in view, it has been decided by the State Government to set up **Special Development Council** for each Tribal Dominated District of the State. These Councils will especially focus on preservation of tribal culture and traditions, heritage and unique identity of each tribe.

3. Against this backdrop, the State Government do hereby establish **Special Development Councils for nine Tribal Dominated Districts namely**, (1) Mayurbhanj, (2) Keonjhar, (3) Sundargarh, (4) Kandhamal, (5) Gajapati, (6) Koraput, (7) Rayagada, (8) Malkangiri and (9) Nabarangpur for realization of the following outcomes.

- (i) Conservation of tribal culture aligned with development objectives.
- (ii) Propagation of tribal culture for retaining tribal identity.
- (iii) Recognition of the indigenous knowledge system of the Tribals and its promotion to help support retention of tribal culture.
- (iv) Documentation of tangible and intangible tribal culture, tradition and practices.
- (v) Identification of tribal resources and making the indigenous knowledge/unique culture as a means of livelihood.
- (vi) Organisation of exposure visits on the range of development issues.
- (vii) Promotion of tribal languages and dialects for developmental communication.
- (viii) Optimal utilization of available resources in tribal areas resulting in sustainable tribal development as per the felt needs of tribals.
- (ix) Area/culture specific development interventions, which will address the felt needs of the tribals.

