

## OBSERVANCE OF HUL DIWAS AT ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAHARO, DUMKA

Date: 30.06.2025

Venue: AV Room

St. Xavier's College, Maharo, Dumka solemnly observed **Hul Diwas** on 30th June 2025 to commemorate the historic Santhal rebellion of 1855, led by the legendary Sidho and Kanhu Murmu. The program commenced with the garlanding of the portraits and lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Principal Rev. Fr. Varghese Palli SJ, faculty members, and students, paying homage to the unparalleled courage and sacrifices of the Santhal martyrs.

In his inaugural address, the Principal underscored the profound relevance of the Santhal Hul in today's context, emphasizing it as a timeless testament to the struggle for justice, dignity, and the assertion of indigenous rights. The occasion was enriched by eloquent speeches delivered by students Muskan Hansdak ( Title: March from the forest to the grave) and Elisha Murmu ( Title: Echoes of Hul, the arrows of courage and the voice of justice) , reflecting on the enduring legacy of Hul and the imperative to safeguard the rights, culture, and identity of tribal communities.

A special address was delivered by Mr. Anil Pandit HoD Dept. of History, who meticulously traced the historical significance of the movement and urged the younger generation to uphold the values of unity, resilience, and social equity exemplified by Sidho and Kanhu. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Malwika Dehri HOD Dept. of English, expressing gratitude to all participants, and attendees for making the observance meaningful and reflective.

St. Xavier's College reaffirms its steadfast commitment to fostering awareness of our rich historical heritage and nurturing among students a profound respect for the ideals of sacrifice, justice, and communal harmony championed by our forebears.





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