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CHENNAI – 13 Nov, 2026 Ministry of Tribal Affairs launches national initiative for conservation of medicinal plants and promotion of sustainable livelihoods in 16 tribal hotspots across 13 States/UTs.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the CSIR–National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI), Lucknow, formally launched the project “Integrated Conservation, Agro-Technology and Bioresource Enterprise Development for Sustainable Tribal Livelihoods in Tribal Hotspots of India” at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, on 12 November 2026.

The inaugural programme was attended by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, senior officials of the Ministry, Dr. Ajit Kumar Kumar Shasany, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha, Dr. Sharad Kumar Srivastava, Chief Scientist and Principal Investigator, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, Snehaprabha Majhi, ITDA Project Administration, Koraput, scientists from ICMR-National Institute of Health Research, Bhubaneshwar, scientists, experts, industry representatives, faculty members, and tribal community representatives.