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Implement Forest Rights Act: Tribals

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VADODARA: Tribal residents of northern parts of Vadodara district participated in a protest programme on Tuesday at Chhotaudepur to demand proper implementation of Forest Rights Act. The programme was part of the state-wide agitation by tribals, various NGOs and rights groups.

The tribals had assembled in large numbers at Chhotaudepur for the rally that included cultural programmes. Later, they submitted a memorandum to the sub-divisional magistrate at Chhotaudepur.

Activists spearheading the agitation claimed that as many as 6,000 persons took part in the programme. "The programme has been a major success. The officials also heard out the representatives in detail and promised to resolve the issue," said Rajesh Mishra, an activist.

On Monday, similar programmes were held at Rajpipla, Dharampur, Ahwa and other places in the tribal heartland of the state. The programmes will continue till August 10. Activists said the future course of action would be decided keeping in mind the approach of the government.

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