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Tharu tribe women pay tribute to Savitri

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LUCKNOW: The four-day long celebrations organised by the women of Tharu tribe to mark Women's Day ended on Saturday. Apart from various programmes, the women also took out a rally to pay tribute to Savitri Bai Phule on her death anniversary.

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The programmes were organised in Tharu villages of Lakhimpur Kheri with the help of some social organisations. Over 3,000 women in their traditional attire took part in the rally held at Paliakalan. They also paid tribute to social activist Bharti Roy Chaudhary. The occasion was also used by women to reiterate their rights on the forest land and to take pledge to fight against the atrocities of forest, police and administrative officials as well as forest mafia.

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Large number of men also took part in the event and announced that they will not pay any bribe to forest guards for collection of forest produce such as dry grass and wood for their daily needs. Traditional cultural programmes were also held on the occasion. Tribals also demanded opening of schools in their area besides other basic facilities and implementation of the Forests Rights Act 2006 which provides individual and community rights to tribals on forest land.

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