

- Tribal Musical Heritage -

Radio Madhuban 90.4 FM organised a *mega tribal singing competition* to promote students from the tribal community and encourage their talents. This also created a unique opportunity to record hundreds of tribal folk songs and spread awareness about tribal folk music among younger generations.



In each round the students wrote & sang songs on different themes like

1st Round Patriotism & Nature

2nd Round Child Marriage & Mautana

3rd Round Festivals & Tribal culture.

All these songs were recorded and aired on radio. The Grand Finale was judged by special guest *Mr. Nilesh Bhai Bumbadiya, Folk Singer, AIR, Gujrat & Hiralal Dabi, Tribal Singer, Kotada*. This initiative was supported by Adhar wings school ; Adiwasi jaguruk yuva sanghatan, Kotada.

Launched in September 2016, auditions of first round were held in Kotda and Abu Road blocks. Our team auditioned over **318 students from 27 schools** and hostels and selected 84 talented singers for the first round.

This initiative received tremendous feedback and overwhelming support from the community. Sarpanch, Ward Panch and Hostel wardens came forward to join hands with Radio Madhuban for events in their villages.



Radio Madhuban gave away certificates and motivational books to all participants and trophies to winners of the Final round. The grand finale was organized in Kotada on 29 January 2017 where the winners were awarded cash prizes.

Special Achievement

On 26th Jan 2017 during Republic Day Celebrations Mount Abu SDM Shri Gaurav Agrawal, IAS felicitated Top 3 Finalist of "Mhar Geet Adivasiyo Ri Awaj" from Abu Road region. The students were appreciated for creating awareness against social evils like "Mautana Pratha" and "Child Marriage" in the tribal community through their talent.



Feedback

"Never had anyone organized anything like this for tribal students. We did not know what to do. With limited finances and remote villages, it was very difficult for us to send our students for subsequent rounds. But Radio's assurance and RJ Vinod's enthusiasm persuaded us to motivate our students to participate."

- Murariji, Teacher, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Mahad

"Logistics and participation was a challenge. Students were unwilling and hesitant to participate. It took great effort to convince them to sing in front of other participants."

- RJ Vinod