

# Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

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## About EMRS

- EMRS started in the year 1997-98 to impart quality education to ST children in remote areas in order to enable them to avail of opportunities in high and professional educational courses and get employment in various sectors.
- **The focus of EMRS:** The schools focus not only on academic education but on the all-round development of the students.
- **Objective:** The objective of EMRS is to provide quality middle and high-level
- education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in remote areas, not only to enable them to avail of reservation in high and professional educational courses and as jobs in government and public and private sectors but also to have access to the best opportunities in education at par with the non-ST population. This would be achieved by:
- Comprehensive physical, mental and socially relevant development of all students enrolled in each and every EMRS. Students will be empowered to be change agents, beginning in their school, in their homes, in their village and finally in a larger context.
- Focus differentially on the educational support to be made available to those in Standards XI and XII, and those in standards VI to X, so that their distinctive needs can be met.
- Support the annual running expenses in a manner that

offers reasonable remuneration to the staff and upkeep of the facilities.

- Support the construction of infrastructure that provides education, physical, environmental and cultural needs of student life.
- Each school has a capacity of 480 students, catering to students from Class VI to XII.
- **Grants:** Grants were given for construction of schools and recurring expenses to the State Governments under **Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.**

### **Recent developments**

- In order to give further impetus to EMRS, it has been decided that by the year 2022, every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, will have an EMRS(it was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs).
- Eklavya schools will be on par with Navodaya Vidyalaya and will have special facilities for preserving local art and culture besides providing training in sports and skill development.
- Across the country, as per census 2011 figures, there are 564 such sub-districts out of which there is an EMRS in 102 sub-districts. Thus, 462 new schools have to be opened by the year 2022.

### **Eklavya Model Day Boarding Schools (EMDBS)**

**Wherever density of ST population is higher in identified Sub-Districts (90% or more),** it is proposed to set up Eklavya Model Day Boarding School (EMDBS) **on an experimental basis** for providing additional scope for ST Students seeking to avail school education **without the residential facility.**

### **Centre of Excellence for Sports (CoE for Sports)**

Dedicated infrastructure for setting up Centre of Excellence for sports with all related infrastructure (buildings,

equipments, etc.) is supported. It will have **specialized state-of-the-art facilities for one identified individual sport and one group sport in each State**. These CoE for Sports will have the **State-of-the-Art facilities, equipment, and scientific back up along with specialized training**, boarding and lodging facilities, sports kit, sports equipment, competition exposure, insurance, medical expenses, etc. **as per norms of Sports Authority of India**.