



# Chhattisgarh First State to Issue Mental Health Helpline Number for Children Studying in Eklavya Vidyalaya

## Why in News?

- Helpline number - 9343007820 has been launched on 9th June, 2022 in collaboration with Department of Primitive Castes and UNICEF for the overall development of children studying in Eklavya Model Residential School in Chhattisgarh.

## Key Points

- This helpline number can be used by superintendents, teachers, parents and children and get help from expert counsellors.
- It may be mentioned that out of all the Eklavya Model Residential Schools operating in the country, Chhattisgarh is the only State where such a helpline number has been issued to address the problems of the children of Ekalavya Vidyalaya.
- This number was earlier started experimentally in some districts. Considering its success, it is now being released at the state level.
- Through this, children can be consulted by calling this helpline number if they show symptoms such as being sad and extremely calm, spending most of the time alone, feeling very scared or nervous, getting very angry or fighting, not going to school continuously, doing any kind of intoxication, hurting or harming themselves, etc.

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