



Eklavya Model Residential Schools

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Several **students from [Eklavya Model Residential Schools \(EMRS\)](#)** have cracked **medical & engineering entrance exams**.

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- **About:** EMRS is a flagship initiative launched by the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)** in **1998** to provide **free, quality residential education** to **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** students from **Class VI to XII** in **remote and tribal-dominated areas**.
- **Objective:** To **bridge the educational gap** between **tribal and non-tribal populations** by offering **CBSE-based instruction** integrated with **holistic development**, including sports, culture, and skill training.
- **Revamp & Expansion:** The scheme was **revamped in 2018-19** to expand coverage. EMRSs are now to be established in blocks with **more than 50% ST population** and with **at least 20,000 tribal persons** with a **target of 728 schools by 2026**.
- **Governance:** EMRSs are **implemented and managed** by the [National Education Society for Tribal Students \(NESTS\)](#), an **autonomous body under MoTA**.
- **Key Features:**
 - **Co-educational, fully residential** schools modeled on **Navodaya Vidyalayas** with a tribal focus.
 - Follow the **CBSE curriculum** and provide **free education** along with all basic amenities.
 - Infrastructure includes **classrooms, labs, hostels, staff quarters, playgrounds, and cultural activity spaces**.
 - Each school has a capacity of **480 students** with **gender parity**.
 - Up to **10% seats** may be allotted to **non-ST students**.
 - **20% reservation** under **sports quota** for meritorious **ST students** in athletics and games.

Other Initiatives for Tribal Education

- [Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship \(RGNF\)](#)
- [Vocational Training Centres](#)
- [National Overseas Scholarship Scheme](#)
- [Post-Matric Scholarships](#)

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