



# Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Jharkhand

## Why in News?

The Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs highlighted the progress of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in Jharkhand during a written reply in Rajya Sabha.

## Key Points

- As of June 2025, **51 EMRS are functional in Jharkhand with 7550 students enrolled** for the 2024-25 academic year.
- The Department of Expenditure approved the creation of 38,480 teaching and non-teaching posts across the country in January 2023 for EMRSs.
- **Jharkhand has been allocated a total of 91 EMRSs, 68 under the EMRS Scheme and 23 under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India.**
  - Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India guarantees grants-in-aid from the **Consolidated Fund of India** each year for promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes.

## Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

- **EMRS is a scheme for making model residential schools for Indian tribals** (ST- Scheduled Tribes) across India. It **started in the year 1997-98. Its nodal ministry is the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.**
  - These schools are being developed **to provide free, quality residential education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students from Class VI to XII in remote and tribal-dominated areas** focusing on academic as well as overall development.
  - The EMR Schools generally follow the CBSE curriculum.
- The **scheme aims to build schools similar to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas**, with a focus on **state-of-the-art facilities** for preserving local art and culture, as well as providing **training in sports and skill development**. The **EMRS scheme was revamped in FY 2018-19.**
- During the **2023 Budget session of Parliament**, the Finance Minister announced that the responsibility for **recruiting staff in EMRS would be transferred to the [National Education Society for Tribal Students \(NESTS\)](#).**
  - NESTS has now been tasked with staffing 38,000 positions in over 400 Eklavya schools nationwide.
  - The centralization of recruitment aimed to address the severe teacher shortage in the EMRS system and to standardize recruitment rules across states.

## Note:

- **National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) is an autonomous organization** established **under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA).**
- Its objective is to conduct training and capacity-building programs for teachers and students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs).

## Other Initiatives for Tribal Education:

- [Vocational Training Center in Tribal Areas](#)
- [Pre Matric scholarship to eligible ST students](#)
- [Post Matric scholarship to eligible ST students](#)
- [National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribe Students](#)
- **National Scholarship Scheme (Top Class) For Higher Education of ST Students:** For pursuing studies at Degree and Post Graduate level in any of the Institutes identified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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