

## **Ministry of Tribal Affairs to fill 3479 vacancies in the Eklavya Model Residential Schools**

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through its autonomous body, the National Education Society for Tribal Students has embarked on a major drive to fill around 3479 vacancies of teaching staff in the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in 17 States across the country. This will result in positioning of quality human resource in the EMRSs resulting in improved educational standards in the EMRSs. The teaching staff in 4 different posts of Principal, Vice Principal, PGTs and TGTs will be recruited through a centralized computer-based test followed by inter-views (excluding TGTs) to be conducted by respective States. The recruitment shall be done state-wise based on state specific vacancy as tabulated below:

<b>SL No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Vice Principal</b>	<b>Post Graduate Teacher</b>	<b>Trained Graduate Teacher</b>	<b>Total Vacant Position</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	6	0	97	117
2	Chhattisgarh	37	19	135	323	514
3	Gujarat	17	2	24	118	161
4	Himachal Pradesh	1	0	6	1	8
5	Jharkhand	8	8	132	60	208
6	Jammu & Kashmir	2	0	0	12	14
7	Madhya Pradesh	32	32	625	590	1279
8	Maharashtra	16	8	28	164	216
9	Manipur	0	2	8	30	40
10	Mizoram	0	3	2	5	10
11	Odisha	15	11	12	106	144
12	Rajasthan	16	11	102	187	316
13	Sikkim	2	2	17	23	44
14	Telangana	11	6	77	168	262
15	Tripura	1	3	36	18	58
16	Uttar Pradesh	2	2	37	38	79
17	Uttarakhand	1	1	3	4	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1244</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>3479</b>

The recruitment drive has been initiated jointly with respective States in order to meet the rising demand of teachers for the clear vacancies in already functional schools and schools going to be functional this year, calculated after excluding the posts currently filled by regular and ad-hoc/contractual staff. Modalities for the existing ad-hoc/contractual staff shall be taken at a later stage in consultation with different stake holders.

The portal for receiving the applications will open from 1.4.2021 to 30.04.2021 with the exams tentatively scheduled in 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. For details of the portal and the final dates, please visit recruitment. <https://nta.ac.in> and <https://tribal.nic.in>

The scheme of EMRS is a flagship intervention of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to provide quality education to the tribal students in the tribal areas of the country. The scheme, in operation since 1998 underwent a major revamping in the year 2018-19 to improve the geographical outreach of the schools to every block with 50% or more ST population and 20,000 or more tribal persons with an aim to improve accessibility to the schools. Under the revamped scheme, 452 new schools will be setup in addition to the existing 288 schools thereby taking the total number of schools to 740 in the coming years. Out of these, proposals submitted by States for opening of 100 schools have been finalised, where in construction will start soon.

EMRSs have become an island of excellence in the remote tribal hinterlands attracting large number of tribal children. The focus under the scheme is to ensure holistic development of the students in both academic and extracurricular sphere. With the filling up of the vacant posts and as several initiatives fructify in the days to come, EMRSs will not only be model school in the tribal areas, they will become a premier institution of nation building. various initiatives have been taken in the recent past through capacity building of teachers, leadership development of principals, CBSE affiliation of the schools, introduction of online and digital education in the schools, partnership with external stakeholders for converging resources under various existing programmes like Atal Tinkering Labs, NISHTA etc..