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Little progress in centralising administration of Eklavya schools

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Context

Five years after the Centre introduced fresh guidelines to elevate its flagship **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for tribal children** to the standards of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNV) by centralising their administration, among other steps, little progress has been made.

Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for tribal children

EMRS started in the year 1997-98 to impart **quality education to ST children in remote areas** to enable them to access the best opportunities in education and to bring them at par with the general population.

EMRS are established in the States/UTs from the grants received under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India.

EMRS are **co-educational residential schools** from Class VI to XII.

Eklavya schools will be on par with Navodaya Vidyalayas and will have special facilities for **preserving local art and culture** besides providing training in **sports and skill development**.

Each school has a capacity of 480 students with **equal number of seats for boys and girls**.

Non-ST students can be admitted in these schools on seats up to **10%** of the total seats.

CBSE curriculum is followed in these schools, and **education is completely free**.

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