

President's Discretionary Grant of 62.40 Lakh Disbursed to 832 Meritorious EMRS Students of Class XII

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The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is proud to announce the successful disbursement of ₹62.40 lakh under the President's Discretionary Grant to 832 meritorious Class XII students from Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across India. This special financial assistance has been sanctioned by the Hon'ble President of India with the objective of encouraging academic excellence among tribal students.

Under this initiative, two toppers each from the Science, Commerce, and Humanities streams in every EMRS that appeared for the Class XII Board Examinations (2024–25) were selected to receive a one-time grant of ₹7,500. The beneficiaries were identified based on their academic performance, and the funds were directly transferred to their or their parents' bank accounts to ensure transparency and efficiency in disbursal.

In certain cases where multiple students secured identical marks and ranks, such as 20 students from 10 EMRSs, tie-breaker criteria were applied. Preference was given to girl students, and if a tie still persisted, Class XI markswere considered determining the final awardees.

This initiative underscores the shared vision of the Hon'ble President of India and NESTS to foster equitable access to quality education, incentivize scholastic achievement, and empower tribal youth to confidently pursue higher education and professional aspirations. It celebrates scholastic achievement and firmly reinforces the government's commitment to bridging educational disparities and advancing inclusive development across the nation.

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