Ministry of Tribal Affairs

# NESTS of Tribal Affairs Ministry partners with Amazon for two-days' capacity building programme for EMRS teachers for Future Engineer Program

## The collaboration between NESTS and Amazon will empower teachers and students in the field of digital education: Shri Arjun Munda

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**Main Highlights:**

- *The two-day face-to-face training workshop is being organized on 28th & 29th December, 2022 for teachers from 54 EMRS of 6 States.*
- *The training workshop includes a brief about early access to computer science education for tribal and other communities by way of exposing the students to simple computational skills all the way up to data-coding skills.*

National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) is organizing two-days' face-to-face capacity building programme for EMRS teachers to implement Amazon Future Engineer Program (CSR Programme) in collaboration with the Learning Links Foundation (LLF).

On the occasion Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda said that the collaboration between NESTS and amazon will empower teachers and students in the field of digital education. He also added that in the present decade the initiative will help in initiating a digital communication with the people living in far flung areas. He said the students of EMRS will benefit a lot from the Future Engineer Programme. He also said "The Future Engineer Programme will serve as a stepping stone in creating Computer awareness for the tribal students of EMRSs."

In phase 1, *a two-day face-to-face training workshop is being held on 28$^{th}$ & 29$^{th}$ December 2022 at YMCA Auditorium, New Delhi.* One of the objectives is that Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) Program is being launched in around 54 EMRSs across 6 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Telangana in schools having access to digital infrastructure including a computer lab and stable active internet connectivity. Course modules shall include Computer Science Fundamentals, Introduction to Coding, Logical Sequencing, Learning Loops, Block Programming using open secure source platforms like code.org, Class Chat Sessions to discuss tech space, different tech initiatives, etc.

Modern Information Technology shall enable early exposure to and bolster the preparedness of students for future careers in STEM education. Learning Links Foundation (LLF) is a philanthropic organization working for 'Amazon Future Engineer Program' that is unique in the area of computational skills training for students and teachers of EMRSs.

The proposed training workshop for EMRS teachers shall serve as a stepping stone  in creating awareness about the potential of Computer Science in students of EMRS as well as access to quality IT education in our schools.

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