

Ministry of Tribal Affairs



# NESTS Forges Landmark Partnership with Tata Motors and Ex-Navodayan Foundation to Empower Tribal Students For JEE/NEET Exams

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National Education Society for tribal Students (NESTS) under the aegis of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has entered in tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tata Motors Limited (TML) and Ex Navodayan foundation (ENF) for the preparation of IIT-JEE and NEET exam preparation for inclusive education and empowering tribal youth.

This landmark collaboration, signed on July 09 2025, aims to provide comprehensive coaching for the highly competitive JEE Main/Advanced and NEET examinations to students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS).



The MoU is a five-year agreement. It starts in the academic year 2025-26. This agreement shows a shared goal. That goal is to close the education gap for tribal students. The initiative is designed to enhance their participation in national-level entrance exams, foster confidence, and build a sustained talent pipeline from tribal communities for nation-building. It is expected to benefit over **1,38,336 students** enrolled in **EMRSs across 28 States and 8 Union Territories**.

## Addressing the Critical Need for Quality Coaching:

- The initiative includes a residential Centre of Excellence (CoE) Program, offering intensive, in-person coaching for meritorious Grade XI and XII Science students selected from EMRSs.

Initial centers will be in Chankapur (Maharashtra) and Chintapalle (Andhra Pradesh), with future expansion based on performance.

- This program will deliver high-quality test preparation through virtual platforms to all digitally equipped EMRS, catering to Grade XI and XII Science stream students, and offering conceptual clarity classes for Grade IX and X students for Olympiad, NTSE, and KVPY preparation.

**Key Highlights of the Collaboration:**

This tripartite partnership marks a pivotal moment in the journey of tribal education, promising to unlock the full potential of EMRS students and equip them with the necessary tools to excel in national competitive examinations, thereby contributing significantly to their personal growth and the nation's development.

**Note:**

*About NESTS:* The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, dedicated to providing quality education to tribal students through Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across India.

*About Ex-Navodayan Foundation (ENF):* The Ex-Navodayan Foundation (ENF), a trust registered under the Indian Trust Act (Registration No. 2016, 43), is a key knowledge partner in this initiative. ENF specializes in delivering high-quality remote and physical learning programs.

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