

**Launch of online workshop on “Empowering teachers with Life Skills needed to build empathetic, creative and highly engaged classroom”: an initiative of Tribal Welfare Department.**

An online workshop on “Empowering teachers with Life Skills needed to build empathetic, creative and highly engaged classroom” for all teachers of the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)/ Eklavya Model Day Boarding School (EMDBS)/ Residential School / Ashram Schools run by Tripura Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS) under Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura has been launched today on 09.02.2021 at 11:00 AM by Shri Mevar Kumar Jamatia, Hon’ble Minister, Tribal Welfare & Forests, Govt. of Tripura in presence of Smt. Tanusree Deb Barma, IAS, Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura and Shri L. T. Darlong, Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura.

The workshop is being conducted by Dream a Dream Organization (DaD), based at Bangalore and the Organization started in the year 1999. The organization works with 10,000 young people a year through their innovation labs-after school life skills programme and career connect programme and have trained over 7700 teachers from 206 partners impacting over 192500 children and have impacted over 1 million children through strategic partnership with state Govts in Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Telengana& Uttarakhand. Dream a Dream is anchoring several life skills based interventions such as happiness curriculum, project sampoorna, no bags day, etc. with different state governments.

In 2019, the Organization, conducted workshops for close to 600 school teachers, master trainers and Principals on using sports to develop life skills.

The goal of the present workshop is to REFLECT on the journey of coping with covid situation by the teachers and students; EXPLORE the role of a teacher in this current situation; IDENTIFY & PRACTICE skills of using creativity to connect with students and to STRENGTHEN their supportive community.

The Workshop will benefit all the teachers of EMRSs/ EMDBS and Residential / Ashram Schools under TTWREIS which intern, will transform 2856 nos. students (Class: III to XII) of EMRSs / EMDBS and Residential & Ashram Schools.

The Department has planned series of similar programme for improving the quality of education provided in Tribal Welfare hostels and access to state-of-the-art training to teachers of EMRSs. All efforts are directed towards a more “Child Centric Approach” in Residential Educational institutions under Tribal Welfare Department. This is visible from their improvement of results in Class-X (96%)& XII (93%) of EMRSs/Residential school during the session 2019-20. Also, students of EMRSs had participated in the National Level Cultural Meet & National Level EMRS Sports Meet, where students of EMRSs had secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Group Dance Competition and One boy secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in the 1500 race and awarded with Gold Medal respectively. -