

**Three-day training for teachers of Eklavya Model Residential School at Agartala**

The central government has taken special initiative to provide better and quality education to the students of Eklavya Model Residential School. The initiative has been taken by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) under the Ministry of Tribal Welfare. For this purpose special training has been arranged for the teachers of Eklavya Model Residential School in the state. A three-day training programme for the teachers of Eklavya Model Residential School has started on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at the conference hall of Gitanjali Guest House, Agartala. The training programme will end on July 20. Punit Aggarwal, Principal Secretary, Tribal welfare Department, officially inaugurated the training programme.

The main objective of the training programme organized by the National Education Society for Tribal Students under the Ministry of Tribal Welfare Department of the Central Government is to provide special training for teachers of 21st century experiential education for Eklavya Model Residential Schools. Till now such training for teachers was in online mode. An online certificate would be issued at the end of the training. However, this is the first time a three-day offline training workshop has started in Agartala where skilled and experienced trainers from different states of the country will provide face-to-face training to teachers.

Punit Aggarwal, principal secretary of the Tribal welfare Department, said in his opening speech that teachers play an important role in shaping the future of students. Even during the time of covid, when the students could not go to school, the teachers taught them through digital medium. Therefore, this three day training camp has been organized to make the teachers more skilled and experienced in various aspects. Because in order to impart quality and valuable education to the students, the teachers must also be properly trained. Apart from this, the students should be made aware of the importance of any subject, and not just limited to routine learning.

The teachers participating in the training programme can also take important advice from resource persons from outside the state and they will benefit from it. Moreover, the Principal Secretary of the Tribal Welfare Department advised the teachers to follow different methods in imparting education to the students.

Deputy Commissioner of Union Ministry of Tribal Welfare, Indira Mudgal, Additional Director of Tribal Welfare Department Ananda Hari Jamatia, Dr. Anju Chajjat of Mahatma Gandhi International School, Ahmedabad, Dr. Bobby Ebrol of Tata Trust, Sameer Murasingh, Nodal Officer of Tripura Branch of NESTS were present as distinguished guests in the inaugural session. Besides them, the first teacher of Eklavya Model Residential School who received the President's Award, Sudha Penoili, was present as an expert for the trainees. Taking part in the discussion, the guests highlighted various important information about the education system. 26 delegates from different states and 42 delegates from Tripura participated in the three-day training camp. CBSE, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Mahatma Gandhi International School have given full support in conducting this training programme. To note, this programme had started on November 20, 2021. 300 people from 6 states including Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Arunachal Pradesh participated in the first batch.