

Educational Programmes

To improve educational scenario among Scheduled Tribes people various schemes viz. Boarding House Stipend, Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship, Additive to Post-Matric Scholarship, Supply of free text books, Special Coaching in core subjects, Coaching for Madhyamik drop-out students, Ekalavya Model Residential Schools, Ashram Schools and Residential Schools. Merit Award, Sponsoring students for various job oriented courses i.e. nursing, coaching, B. Ed, D. El. Ed, coaching for various competitive examinations etc. are being successfully implemented in the State. Details of the schemes are given below:-

1. Boarding House Stipend

At present Boarding House stipend @ Rs. 65/- per day per student is being provided for maximum number of 322 days in an academic year for the students from Class: I to Class: X. There are 328 nos. of approved Boarding Houses, out of which 216 nos. are Government run and 112 nos. are run by the Non Governmental Organizations.

2. Pre-Matric Scholarship

Under this scheme, scholarship is provided @ Rs 40/- per month to the ST students reading in Class: VI to VIII from state budget for a period of 10 (ten) months in an academic year.

For the students of Class: IX to X, Scholarship is provided @ Rs. 525/- for Hosteller and @ Rs. 225/- for Day Scholars per month under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for a period of 10 (ten) months in a academic year. Book and Ad hoc Grants @ Rs. 1,000/- per annum for Hosteller and @ Rs. 750/- per annum for Day Scholars are also provided. The ST students whose annual family income does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- are eligible for getting this Scholarship. Pre-metric Scholarship (IX-X) are being implemented through National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0)

3. Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS)

Post-Matric Scholarship is provided to the students of Class XI and above for continuing higher studies for 10 months. The ST students whose annual family income is not more than Rs.2,50,000/- are eligible .

The rate of the stipend per month provided to the ST students is presented in the following table:-

| Groups | Hostellers (in Rs.) | Day Scholars (in Rs.) |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| I | 1200.00 | 550.00 |
| II | 820.00 | 530.00 |
| III | 570.00 | 300.00 |
| IV | 380.00 | 230.00 |

The Scheme is implemented through National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0).

4. Supply of Free Text Books

Under this scheme financial assistance in lieu of textbooks is given to the students of Class IX to Degree courses. Rate of supply of free text books for Class: IX-X is Rs. 300/-, Class: XI is Rs. 350/-, Class: XII is Rs. 400/- and Degree is Rs. 500/-.

5. Special Coaching in Core Subjects

Under the scheme, tutorial guidance is given to the ST boarders of the Hostels attached to the Government run High/ Higher Secondary Schools who are reading in Classes VI to XII under Education Department, Government of Tripura. Coaching is given in English, Mathematics & Science subjects for the period of 6 (six) months.

6. Coaching Center for Madhyamik Drop out ST students

Special efforts have been made to provide coaching for the unsuccessful Madhyamik students who could not succeed due to various reasons of inconveniences. Stipend @ Rs. 65/- per student per day is provided to the hostellers, the scheme is implemented through NGOs.

7. Merit Award

The meritorious ST students are encouraged for their excellence in studies. Students, who secure 60% and above marks in their Annual Examination from Class VI to IX & XI and Madhyamik and H.S (10+2) Examination from any recognized Board are awarded in cash together with a certificate.

The rates of Merit award in various levels are given in the following table:

| Sl | Class | Rate of award (in Rs.) | |
|-----|--|------------------------|----------|
| | | ST Boys | ST Girls |
| 1. | Class VI to next higher class | 400 | 500 |
| 2. | Class VII to next higher class | 500 | 600 |
| 3. | Class VIII to next higher class | 600 | 700 |
| 4. | Class IX to next higher class | 700 | 800 |
| 5. | Madhyamik or equivalent | 1,400 | 1,500 |
| 6. | Class XI to next higher class | 1,400 | 1,500 |
| 7. | H.S (+2) Stage | 3,500 | 4,000 |
| 8. | Special Merit Award for Madhyamik Examination or equivalent examination securing 80% marks in average | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 9. | Special Merit Award who passed H.S. (+2) or equivalent examination securing 80% marks in average | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 10. | Special Merit Award, who secured 1 st to 10 th rank in merit position in the Madhyamik/ H.S (+2) Examination | 50,000 | 50,000 |

8. Establishment of Ashram School (Class III to V)

With the aim to provide quality and value based education among the children, hailing from poor tribal families, 3 (three) nos. Ashram Schools were constructed namely Dakshin Karbook Ashram School (Established on 30-07-2007) at Karbook under Gomati District; Ratanmoni Memorial Ashram School (Established on 05-06-2004) at Kanchanpur under North Tripura District and Radhamohan Memorial Ashram School (Established on 12-09-2003) at Ambassa under Dhalai District. Medium of education in these schools is English. In these schools ST students were admitted in Class III and read up to Class V. These schools are run under the control of Tripura Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS).

9. Establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential School (Class VI to XII)

To ensure quality education to all ST students by increasing enrolment ratio as well as reducing in ST Drop-out rates, new EMR School are being setup in all tribal dominated R.D. Blocks. At present, 4 nos. EMR schools are functional at B.C. Nagar under South District, Rajnagar under Khowai District, Khumlwng under West Tripura and Kumarghat under Unakoti District. Besides one Ekalavya Model Day Boarding School (EMDBS) has been made functional from the academic year 2019-20 at Killa. The Medium of education in the EMR Schools is English and the curriculum is CBSE. The schools are funded under 100% grant from Government of India.

10. Inter hostel sports competition & distribution of Sports Goods

Besides normal programmes of Youth Affairs & Sports Department and Tripura Sports Council, the tribal students are provided additional care for making optimal use of their excellence in sports and games. Inter hostel competitions are conducted every year in order to provide them wider exposure and scope for improving skill in the field of games and sports.
