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# NEWSLETTER

## Tableaux of Ministry of Tribal Affairs on EMRS theme bagged first position in Republic Day Parade 2023

The tableau presented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the Republic Day Parade 2023 celebrated the transformative initiative of the Eklavya Model Residential School scheme and this thematic presentation was designed, articulated and exhibited by NESTS.



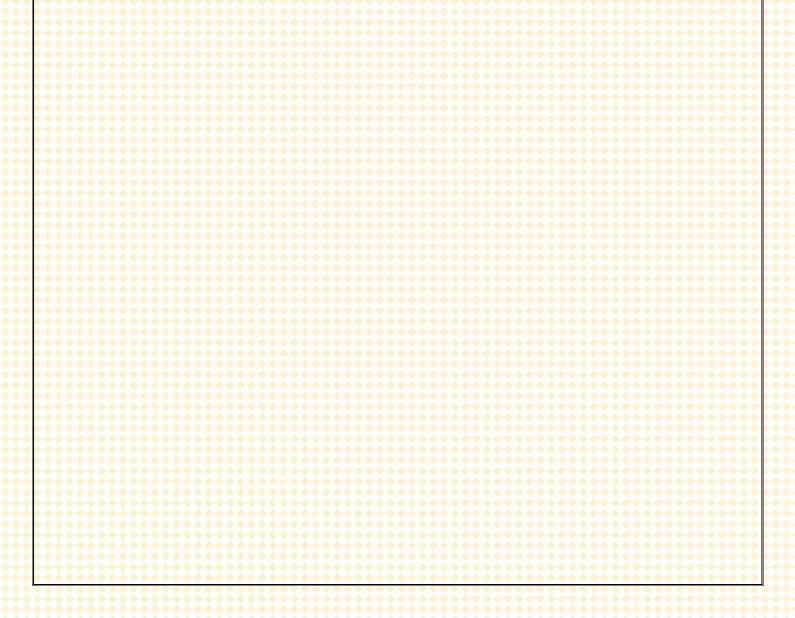
The tableau ingeniously captured the essence of the Eklavya Model Residential School scheme, which aims to provide quality education to tribal children across India. The Eklavya Model Residential School tableau beautifully depicted the significance of education in preserving tribal culture and empowering future generations. With the girl holding a pen and globe, the open book with the pen resembling a bow and arrow, and the projection of the knowledge tree, the tableau showcased the Eklavya Model Residential School scheme's commitment to both academic excellence and cultural heritage. It celebrated the power of knowledge in transforming the lives of tribal students, preserving their cultural heritage, and empowering them to conquer new horizons. The tableau symbolises the transformative power of education in shaping lives and building a brighter future for all. Tribal artisans adorned the tableau, demonstrating their exceptional craftsmanship through intricate artwork, traditional music, and dance forms.

It also showcased a captivating display that highlighted the profound impact of this initiative on the lives of tribal communities.

Among the tableaus selected from Central Ministries & State Government, this tableau emerged as the proud recipient of the first prize, as assessed by the esteemed panel of judges. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs' tableau showcasing the Eklavya Model Residential School scheme not only won the prestigious first prize but also became a beacon of hope for tribal communities across India.



It celebrated the government's commitment towards empowering tribal children through education, enabling them to break free from the shackles of marginalization and realize their full potential.



## Launch of Amazon Future Engineer Program in EMRSs with Learning Links Foundation (LLF)

Moult signing event between NESTS & LLF with Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri Asit Gopal, Commissioner, NESTS & project partners.

Image: Commissioner of tribal Affairs of tr The Amazon Future Engineer Program was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda on 28th December, 2022. In the initial phase, the program was introduced in selected EMRSs, including 54 teachers from six states. This initiative involves collaboration between **NESTS** and Learning Links Foundation (LLF). The launch event is followed by a two-day handson training workshop on 29th & 30th August, 2023 for EMRS teachers at YMCA, New Delhi.

The workshop focused on providing computer science education to EMRS' students. starting from basic computational skills to data-coding skills. The Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) program is a CSR initiative aimed at empowering underrepresented students to develop an interest in computer science and explore higher education and careers in the field. It also supports teachers by providing necessary resources and assistance to create awareness about science and facilitate its computer learning. The launch ceremony was witnessed by Sh. Asit Gopal, Commissioner, NESTS; Smt. Smriti Sharma, Head of Public Policy at Amazon; and Smt. Anjlee Prakash, Founder of Learning Links Foundation.

At the school level, the program implementation includes hands-on coding and computer science exposure sessions for all students in grades 6 to 8. The online sessions aim to provide practical experience and familiarity with coding concepts. These sessions allow students to delve into coding and apply their knowledge in practical projects.



## Launch of Nutrition & Mental Health Wellbeing Workshop for EMRS Teachers and Principals

In a collaborative effort, the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) joined hands to enhance the skills and knowledge of Principals and Teachers from Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) on nutrition and mental health well-being through a face-to-face workshop. The training for PHFI has been conducted in two batches. The first batch took place at Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 and the second batch took place at Manikya Lal Verma Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur, Rajasthan from 09<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. The training was organized following the mandate of NEP 2020 to address nutrition and health of children. By delving into these subjects, the principals and teachers gained valuable insights tailored to the specific context of the tribal ecosystem.



Group activity listing the physical, mental, social and emotional changes in adolescence.



different EMRSs across Odisha. And the second batch consisted of 59 principals and teacher participants nominated from different EMRSs across Rajasthan.

The four-day training program focused on crucial topics related to nutrition, mental health, and overall well-being of children. Workshop was divided into 6 sessions of 3 hours each

Programme is a step forward in direction of evolving education landscape with focus on nutrition, health and well-being. The first batch consisted of 54 principals and teachers' participants nominated from 27



including one session for each module and a session for the group work. The participants were encouraged to ask questions & share their experiences to make the sessions interactive. The sessions were divided into 4 Modules and details of modules are given below: - **Module 1**: Health & Well-being.

Module 2: Nutritional Health among School Children.

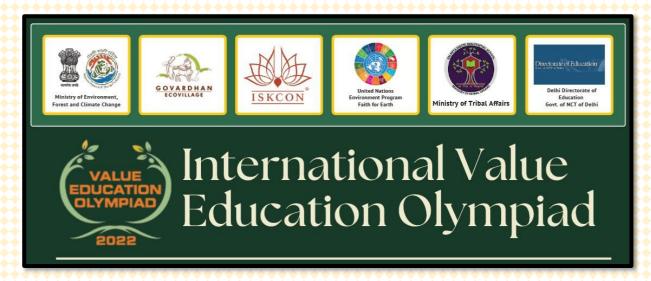
Module 3: Mental Health Issues among School Children.

Module 4: Role of Teachers: Pillars in ensuring the wellbeing of the School Children.

This collaborative initiative aims to equip principals and teachers with the necessary tools and expertise to create a positive impact on the physical and mental health of tribal children in their schools.

## International Value Education Olympiad for EMRS Students with ISKCON

NESTS has collaborated with the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), known as Sri Sri Radha Radhikaraman- Krishna Balaram Mandir and Vedic Educational Center, to implement a comprehensive 'Value Based Education Program' for EMRS students. The program aims to instil core values and ethics among the students. It includes the International Value Education Olympiad, sensitization of students to the global environmental crisis through course materials and recorded sessions, and distribution of books.



Photographs of the winning students in International Value Education Olympiad.



Sonari Bandra EMRS Torsinduri, Jharkhand



**EMRS** Rairmuakala (Sukhrapara), Chhattisgarh



EMRS Karahal,

Sheopur,MP This value-based Olympiad was conducted

across seven states: Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. The initiative aims to foster holistic development among EMRS students by imparting values and promoting awareness of environmental issues. Through this collaboration, NESTS and ISKCON strive to equip students with the necessary tools and knowledge to become responsible and ethical individuals.

The International Value Education Olympiad, which took place on 16th January 2023 received accreditation from the UN Environment Program and the Ministry of Environment, Government of India. The top three winners of the Olympiad were honoured with certificates accredited by the Ministry of Environment, Government of India, and the **UNEP FFE Initiative.** 



## Leveraging Synergies between schools and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through Exposure Visits



Visit of EMRS Principals from Andhra Pradesh to Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) Tirupati, Kurrakalva, Andhra Pradesh.



This initiative seeks to foster synergies between schools and higher education institutions, contributing to the development of a skill-based ecosystem. The principals who participate in these visits can subsequently mentor teachers in schools in their vicinity, creating abundant opportunities for educator empowerment.

EMRS Principals from 13 States actively participated in the Exposure Visit Program, gaining valuable exposure and knowledge from various HEIs.

> Visit of EMRS Principals from Maharashtra to Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Deonar, Mumbai, Maharashtra

The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) in association with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) organized Exposure Visits for EMRS principals to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The objective of these visits is to promote the concept of skill education in all CBSE-affiliated schools which is in accordance with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The visits are scheduled in two phases, with the first phase taking place from January 10<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, and the second phase commencing in April- May 2023.

The Exposure Visit initiative aims to establish a mechanism for school leaders to gain exposure to prestigious organizations in India and get familiarized with the advanced processes and techniques employed by institutions across the country. The program provided an interactive learning experience, access to different environments, opportunities for social interactions, and insights into the latest trends and practices in the workplace.

Visit of EMRS Principals from Maharashtra to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra.



## Pariksha Pe Charcha- 2023: An interactive program of Hon'ble Prime Minister

Every year, the Prime Minister (PM) engages in an interactive session called "Pariksha Pe Charcha" organized by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), under the Ministry of Education. The program aims to address examination-related stress and celebrate the joy of learning. In the academic year 2022-23, this unique event took place at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi, where students, parents, and teachers from grades 9 to 12 had the opportunity to interact with the PM.



This program serves as a platform for students, teachers, and parents to directly interact with the PM and gain insights into effective techniques for managing stress during examinations. It instils confidence, motivates students, and fosters a positive approach towards exams and academics.

The Pariksha Pe Charcha Program was showcased at all the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across the country. Schools from various states shared recorded videos featuring EMRS students and principals expressing their keen interest in hearing the PM's valuable tips and suggestions on handling examination stress. EMRS students demonstrated their enthusiasm for embracing valuable guidance by PM for nurturing their overall development.





EMRS Students watching the live broadcast of Pariksha Pe Charcha Program-2023

#### Celebration of 12-day tribal festival of Aadi Mahotsav

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India organized Aadi Mahotsav, a remarkable 12day tribal festival, held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi. Aadi Mahotsav, recognized as a National Tribal Craft Expo, serves as a significant platform for showcasing the rich cultural heritage, traditional art, and handicrafts of the country. The festival brought together individual tribal artisans, tribal Self-Help Groups (SHGs), as well as agencies and organizations working with tribal communities.



In this grand celebration of tribal culture, the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) actively participated to showcase the vision and mission of the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) scheme. EMRS is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, aimed at providing quality education to tribal children in their own hinterlands. To exemplify the objectives of the EMRS scheme and the high standard of residential education offered across the country, EMRS alumni and National Award-winning teachers and principals from EMRSs took part in the Aadi Mahotsav.

Additionally, symbolic a representation of an EMRS infrastructure, highlighting the ongoing construction of **EMRS** facilities was prominently displayed at the Mahotsav. This portrayal emphasized the expansion of EMRSs throughout the nation and their commitment to provide quality education and residential facilities to tribal students.

Aadi Mahotsav served as a prestigious platform for NESTS to showcase the success and impact of the EMRS scheme while celebrating the vibrant cultural heritage of tribal communities.



## Special visit of EMRS Students at Rashtrapati Bhawan and Amrit Udyan, during Udyan Utsav-1



A memento was presented to the President of India by Smt. Renuka Saruta, Hon'ble MoS, Tribal Affairs, Shri Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs & Shri Asit Gopal, Commissioner, NESTS

The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), in coordination with Rashtrapati Bhawan, organized а memorable visit for 600 EMRS students from Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Nagaland on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. The purpose of this visit was to fulfil the President of India's aspirations to invite students from schools and colleges as they represent the future of our nation to the Udyan Utsav 2023 event. The gardens of Rashtrapati Bhawan were opened to the general public during Udyan Utsav from 31st January to 31st March, 2023 allowing a longer duration for citizens to connect with the esteemed residence.

During their time at Rashtrapati Bhawan, the students had the honour of interacting with our Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, who graciously presented them with a gift as a token of remembrance. The students expressed their immense joy and excitement at the opportunity to visit Rashtrapati Bhawan and interacted with the President of India, an experience that will undoubtedly remain engraved in their memories.



Additionally, the students also had the chance to visit other prominent landmarks such as the Red Fort, National Zoological Park, and National Science Centre. Moreover, they actively participated in the Aadi Mahotsav, a cultural festival held from 16<sup>th</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

This visit not only provided the EMRS students with a remarkable educational experience but also allowed them to immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of our country.

## Bringing discourse on nutrition to the forefront through Poshan Pakhwada 4.0

Poshan Pakhwada is an initiative launched by M/o Women and Child Development (M/o WCD). Poshan Abhiyaan as celebrated each year endeavors to improve nutritional outcomes in pregnant women, lactating mother, adolescent girls, and child under the age of 6 years, in a holistic manner. It is a medium to reach out to communities and sensitize them about the nutritional benefits of millets. In view of the above, M/o WCD has organized Poshan Pakhwada 4.0 during March – April 2023 across the country.



Different EMRSs across the states participated in Poshan Pakhwada with great enthusiasm. In the wake of popularization of Shree Anna/Millets, some activities that were organized in EMRSs included growing plants, millet fairs, manufacturing of organic manure etc. EMRSs witnessed wide participation and enthusiasm generating healthy spirit towards improved nutrition.

#### **NESTS Foundation Day Celebration**

The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) celebrated its 5th Foundation Day on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023. The event was held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi and was attended by all the officers and officials of NESTS. The Foundation Day celebration began with a welcome address by the Joint Commissioner (Admin) of NESTS, highlighting the achievements and challenges of the organization in the last five years. The JC (Admin) emphasized the importance of providing quality education and improving the overall well-being of tribal students in India.



The Commissioner, NESTS delivered the keynote address. He praised NESTS for its efforts in providing academic education and vocational training to tribal students and emphasized the government's commitment to ensure equal opportunities for all. The event also featured cultural program performed by EMRS students of 5 different states featuring Welcome Song, Saraswati Vandana, Tribal Dance and Folk Dance.



Further, NAT 2022 awardee teacher & the teachers shortlisted for NAT 2022 were felicitated for their outstanding contribution in their respective EMRSs. The teachers shared their success stories and expressed gratitude towards the organization for providing them with opportunities to fulfil their dreams. The Foundation Day celebration concluded with the felicitation of officials of NESTS (DEO, MTS and Office Assistants) who had dedicatedly served NESTS in the financial year. The 5<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of NESTS was a resounding success, and we look forward to the continued growth and success of the organization in years to come.



#### Celebration of 1M1B Foundation Day at CBSE



NESTS had collaborated with 1M1B, voluntary organization as pilot project for implementation of Augmented/Virtual reality in EMRSs. The 1M1B (1 Million for 1 Billion) organization celebrated its first anniversary with a grand event held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at CBSE Bhawan. The event was attended by Principals of reputed private schools in Delhi- NCR, CBSE officials, NESTS Officials, EMRS teachers and Principals and AI technocrats who were all eager to commemorate the progress and impact of 1M1B over the past year.

**Glimpses from 1M1B** 

The highlight of the event was a series of inspiring keynote speeches by CBSE officials, principals and teachers from EMRSs and other private schools. The speakers shared their insights and experiences on topics such as converting innovative potentials in performance through the help of AI & AR/ VR, digital citizenship, its social impact, pros and cons, issues in its implementation, hand- holding support and providing valuable perspectives and ideas for the future.



Additionally, the event showcased documentary on EMRS journey that how AR/VR was introduced in all 15 EMRSs and how the students had benefited from the programs and initiatives of 1M1B.



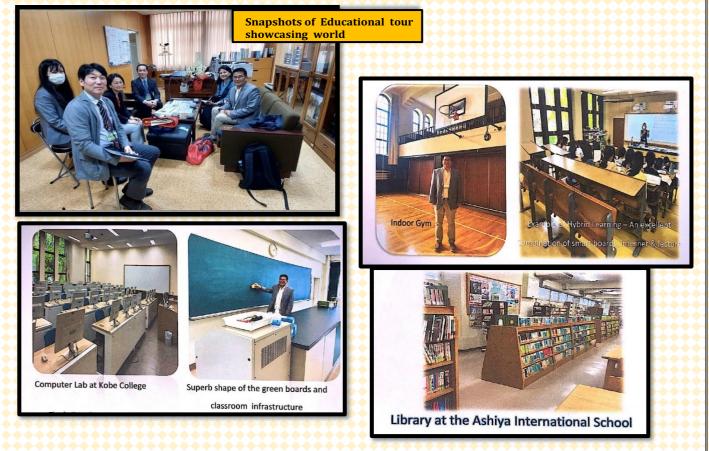
As part of the 1st anniversary celebration, 1M1B also recognized and awarded EMRS teachers/principals from Rajasthan and from other Private Schools for making significant contributions and demonstrating outstanding commitment and dedication in supporting the mission of 1M1B.

## EMRS NAT AWARDEE-2022's Educational & Exposure tour to Japan

Shri Siddharth Yonzone, NAT Awardee-2022 was provided a unique opportunity to make an educational and exposure tour to Japan by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri. PS Tamang. Shri Siddharth Yonzone, NAT Awardee-2022 from EMRS Gangyap, Sikkim along with Mrs. Mala Jigdal, NAT Awardee-2022, a senior Principal of a government school in East Sikkim were given a chance to visit Japan.



The tour took place from the 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. He visited Kobe College in Osaka, Government school, different libraries, classrooms, gymnasiums, laboratories, home Science room, cafeteria etc. in Japan. Mr. Siddharth is motivated to implement some of their best practices like cleanliness & proper organization of school, work education activities, professionalism, work ethics etc. in EMRSs.



#### An International Year of Millets: 2023

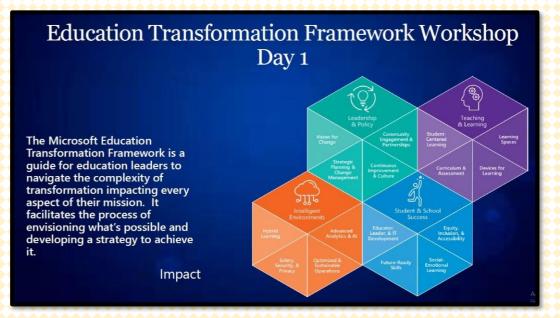
2023 has been declared as an International Year of Millets on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 by the United Nations General Assembly. With the aim to create awareness, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) in coordination with M/s Hindustan Unilever Limited had scheduled a one-day session for cook/chef working in EMRSs at Rajasthan on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at Manikya Lal Verma Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur. The theme was inclusion of Millets in EMRS Menu. Various types of Millets like Jowar, Foxtail Millets, Sama/Barnyard millet, Bajra etc were used in the meal menu.



Total 30 Cooks/Chefs from 27 different EMRSs across Rajasthan had participated in this session. Ms. Ronika Seth, Culinary Expert and Key account coordinator, OOH Division, HUL in coordination with Smt. Indira Mudgal, Deputy Commissioner, NESTS had successfully conducted the training, thereby raising awareness on benefits of millets and its inclusion in EMRS meal menu.

## EMRSs traversing the road to Digital Transformation with Microsoft, India

NESTS has collaborated with Microsoft Corporation to enable Digital Transformation in EMRSs across the States. The program involves orientation of school principals, skilling of teachers in new technology areas and leveraging technology to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in students, Deployment of MS software in schools, introduction of Artificial Intelligence course for EMRS students etc. Microsoft had conducted five online sessions of 3 hours duration each viz. 1 session for Principals/School Leaders/ decision makers and 4 sessions for teachers in the month of May-June 2023.



Teachers, school heads, and principals from EMRSs across the country actively participated in the program. 287 Principals/ School Leaders Education ioined the transformation framework (ETF) Session and shared their of transformation. vision During the session, educators and leaders from Microsoft created their profile on MS Learn and redeemed codes to achieve certificates. Microsoft training envisages digital transformation as a mission in **EMRS** landscape.



## Capacity Building through Online Training & Virtual Workshop by Central Institute of Educational & Technology-NCERT



The National Education Policy - 2020 (NEP- 2020) holds emphasis on the interplay of education and technology. CIET-NCERT conducts online training to promote use of technology in teaching and learning process.

In this light, NEP 2020 has set out laying standards to encourage digital content development, which will become a digital push for quality development in the field of Education.

CIET-NCERT had conducted a five hours online training on **"Safety and Security in Digital Space"** from **5-9 June, 2023** from **4.00 pm - 5.00 pm** to leverage the understanding of teachers, students, teacher educators, administrators, and other stakeholders of school education on the Safety and Security in Digital Space for teaching, learning and assessment.

CIET-NCERT had also conducted a five hours online training on **"Emerging Trends in Educational Technology"** from **12-16** June, **2023** from **4.00 pm - 5.00 pm** to orient various stakeholders of school education on the need, importance and usage of emerging trends in educational technology that can be implemented in teaching, learning and assessment. Furthermore, CIET-NCERT had also conducted a five hours online training on **"Development of eContent: Audio Resources"** from **26-30 June 2023** from

**4.00 pm - 5.00 pm** to identify various forms of audio resources & disseminate it through various platforms.

EMRS Principals from different States actively participated in all the above trainings of CIET- NCERT and gained knowledge from sessions held.

## EMRSs to practice human-centric globalization through Yuvamanthan Model G20

Youth 20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum for youth from all G20 member countries to be able to dialogue with each other. Y20 encourages youth as future leaders to raise awareness of global issues, exchange ideas, argue, negotiate, and reach consensus. Y20 (Youth 20 is a platform for young people around the world to engage in discussions on issues of global importance. Accordingly, Y20 India has collaborated with 'Yuvamanthan' for disseminating e-modules and organizing 'Model G20 summits' viz a viz upcoming G20 Summit.



NESTS with a view to create awareness about G20 amongst students of EMRSs has collaborated with 'Yuvamanthan' for the conduct of YMG20, a prototype of G20 in EMRSs. Yuvamanthan, with an objective to enlighten EMRSs about the conduct of YMG20 summit, had organized the Orientation session of Teacher Coordinators of EMRSs zone-wise on topics such as 'Y20 Themes' and on Organization of 'YMG20' from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023.

The orientation program was divided into Eight (8) Zones across the country, with different themes. The Orientation program was conducted by Shri Danish Kamal, Director of Strategy & Communications, Yuvamanthan, Ms. Palak Kohli, Coordinator, Y20 India and Ms. Sakshi Verma, Operations Head, Yuvamanthan. More than 50 participants from each zone had attended the above said program.

## EMRS students ascending new heights in National Yoga Olympiad organized by NCERT

NCERT each year organizes National Yoga Olympiad since 2016 in pursuit of promoting good health and wellness. This year, NCERT had organized National Yoga Olympiad from 18th – 20th June, 2023 at Regional Institute of Education, Shyamla hills, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. In this yoga Olympiad, NCERT had provided opportunity to - 04 boys & 04 girls from middle level (VI-VIII) and 04 boys & 04 girls from secondary level (IX-X) from each State/UT, KVS, NVS and EMRS students. NESTS had nominated these students, based on their performance in various Yoga events conducted at 3rd EMRS National Sports Meet 2022 and the eligibility criteria mentioned in the Scheme & Guidelines for National Yoga Olympiad by NCERT.







Among the teams, EMRS Secondary Girls team won the **Bronze Medal** in National Yoga Olympiad 2023. The prizes were awarded in the hands of Education Minister Madhya Pradesh in Ravindra Bhawan, Bhopal. The details of the winner team are as given below: -

1) Bhukya Nandini from EMRS Yellareddypet, Telangana.

2) Kalavakuntla Amrutha Varshon from EMRS Pedda Dornala, Andhra Pradesh.

 Anjali Bhavedi from EMRS Mandla, Madhya Pradesh.

4) Neha Parte from EMRS Mandla, Madhya Pradesh.



## NESTS & EMRSs Embracing International Yoga Day-2023



NESTS, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been continuously working in the direction of ensuring overall development of tribal students and their holistic progression. YOGA is an ancient practice that works on a holistic approach towards health and well-being of people. It represents unity of mind and body, thought and action and is much more than physical exercise. NESTS has celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day 2023 on 21st June, 2023 and also encouraged



all EMRSs to initiate activities and events percolating healthy mind and body initiating activities, sessions, workshops etc. at school level. The worldwide acceptance of Yoga is a matter of pride for our country, and as it is an integral part of our cultural and spiritual heritage. International Yoga Day was celebrated with full sprit and joy in Eklavya Model Residential Schools.



### Laying the foundation stone of EMRS

Prioritizing quality education for tribal youth, Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in Birbaanki village, Arki block, Khunti district, Jharkhand.



Sh. Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Tribal Affairs & Jal Shakti laid the foundation stone of 06 nos. of EMRS in Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Gajapati and Kandhamal district of Odisha.



EMRS Ghatgaon, Keonjhar district foundation stone laid on 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

EMRS Kankadahad, Dhenkanal district foundation stone laid on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.





EMRS Nuagada, Gajapati district foundation stone laid on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

EMRS Rayagada, Gajapati district foundation stone laid on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.





EMRS Raikia, Kandhamal district foundation stone laid on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

EMRS G. Udaigiri, Kandhamal district foundation stone laid on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

