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### Embarking on an Epic Adventure: EMRS Students Reach for the Peaks!

At the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), we firmly believe that education extends far beyond the classroom! It's about empowering young minds with experiences that challenge, transform, and elevate. That's why NESTS is thrilled to share exhilarating news in this special edition of an adventure that our EMRS students ventured on, which promises to be nothing short of extraordinary: In 3 batches rolled out till date, our 58 EMRS students geared up for a 'Basic Mountaineering Course', at the illustrious Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (ABVIMAS) in Manali.



**EMRS students soaring to new heights of triumph and success**

#### **Envision this captivating tale:**

A cohort of 58 vibrant students hailing from 8 diverse states, namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Sikkim & Telangana united by their insatiable curiosity and unwavering courage, embark on a transformative odyssey. Accompanied by six devoted escorts, this 26-day escapade transcends the mere act of scaling towering peaks; it delves deep into the realms of self-discovery, pushing the very boundaries of their existence. This incredible journey for the students of EMRS becomes a testament to conquering not only the daunting heights of majestic mountains but also profound fears that reside within the children's psyche. It was a voyage of profound enlightenment for our tribal students, where each young soul uncovered the latent potential that lied dormant within, waiting to be awakened.

Against the backdrop of nature's grandeur, these intrepid explorers navigated the mystic world of mountaineering, their spirits intertwined with the whispering winds and the rugged terrains beneath their feet. From rock-climbing to river-crossing, it was a soul-stirring saga of personal growth and resilience for tribal students. With every step taken, they shattered the shackles of self-doubt and emerged stronger and more confident. Amidst the towering peaks and vast expanses of untouched wilderness, bonds are forged, friendships are deepened, and life lessons are etched into their hearts. ***In children's words, "Apart from the basic mountaineering course that included mountaineering skills like rock climbing, rappelling, jumaring, etc. we got a massive opportunity to interact with the diversity of the nation."***



**EMRS students undertaking activities of wall climbing and river crossing**

The echo of their laughter mingled with the melodic tunes of nature, creating a harmonious symphony of youthful exuberance and the serenity of the wilderness. As the sun sets behind the rugged peaks, painting the sky in hues of orange and purple, these young souls used to gather around the campfire, their faces illuminated by the warm glow. In the flickering light, stories are shared, dreams are kindled, and aspirations take flight. Each day became a chapter in their collective journey, a testament to their resilience, camaraderie, and unyielding spirit.



**Group of EMRS students expressing euphoria after scaling heights**

This expedition is not merely a physical endeavor; it is a profound rite of passage, a transformative experience that leaves an indelible mark on their souls. ***Zigdal Hissey (Class XI) student jubilantly remarks, "I have accumulated immense courage to conquer anything in my life. Specifically, the satisfaction I got after conquering the Shetidhar peak (15, 700ft), I feel I can achieve anything in my life."*** They return home not just as adventurers who have conquered nature's challenges but as enlightened beings, armed with newfound self-confidence and a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them. The mountains, once perceived as formidable obstacles, have become their greatest teachers, imparting invaluable lessons of perseverance, courage, and the boundless potential that lies within every human spirit. ***In the words of Migma Wonghdi Lepcha of class XII, "The main thing I want to put is that I have truly changed not only physically but have become mentally strong. What I learnt truly was the discipline and the potential to learn and change not only myself but overall contribution to everyone."***

In the tapestry of children's lives, this journey stands as a vibrant thread, weaving together moments of triumph, self-discovery, and enduring friendships. Thus, this expedition becomes a beacon of inspiration, reminding all who hear this tale that within the heart of every individual, there exists a reservoir of untapped potential, waiting to be explored, nurtured, and celebrated.

This voyage was indeed a celebration of bravery, a testament to resilience, and a beacon of hope for all EMRS students across the country. We hope through this expedition their dreams turn into achievements and their stories of strength inspire generations to come.