

TALASH Initiative

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Recently, the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the TALASH initiative.

About TALASH Initiative

- The **Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub (TALASH)** is a national- program to support the **all-round development of students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)**.
- It was launched by **National Education Society for Tribal Students** in **partnership with UNICEF India**.
- It aims to improve both the **education and personal growth** of tribal students across India.
- The name TALASH, reflects a focused search for self-awareness, life skills, and career clarity among tribal youth.
- The first initiative of its kind in India is **aimed specifically at tribal students**.
- It is expected to benefit over 1,38,336 students enrolled in EMRSs across 28 States and 8 Union Territories, making it a truly national movement for inclusive education.

Features of TALASH Initiative

- It is an **innovative digital platform** designed to equip EMRS students with essential tools for **self-discovery and career planning**.
- It **promotes self-awareness**, helps students make informed **career choices, and builds essential life skills**.

The Initiative Offers

- **Psychometric Assessments:** Inspired by **NCERT's 'Tamanna' initiative**, TALASH offers a common aptitude test to help understand each student's strengths and interests. Based on the test results, **students receive Career Cards** that suggest the best career options suited to their skills and abilities.
- **Career Counselling :** The platform guides students toward informed career decisions, helping them align their aspirations with their aptitudes.
- **Life Skills & Self-Esteem Modules:** It has special sections that help students learn important life skills like solving problems, communication skills, and handling emotions.
- **E-Learning for Teachers:** A **specialized portal equips educators** with resources and training to effectively mentor and support students in their academic and personal journeys.

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