



## Initiative on Public Health of Tribal Students

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The [Ministry of Ayush](#), through the [Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences \(CCRAS\)](#) in collaboration with the [Ministry of Tribal Affairs](#) and [ICMR-National Institute of Research in Tribal Health \(NIRTH\)](#) Jabalpur, has initiated a joint **National Level Project of Health Screening and Management** through Ayurvedic Interventions benefiting over 20,000 Tribal Students.

- The joint initiative seeks to meet the health requirements of children in [Ekalavya Model Residential Schools \(EMRS\)](#) in tribal regions, targeting students aged 10-18, in 55 identified EMRS across **14 states**.
  - It will focus on major areas like [malnutrition](#), [anemia](#), [sickle cell diseases](#), [hemoglobinopathies](#), and [tuberculosis](#) through Ayurvedic interventions.
    - Efforts will be made to instil **healthy lifestyle practices** among children based on Ayurvedic principles, aiming to improve their health, well-being, and disease prevention, while also adopting an **integrated approach** to disease management.
- [Ekalavya Model Residential Schools \(EMRSs\)](#) provide quality education to [Scheduled Tribes \(ST\)](#) children in remote areas. The schools focus on holistic development, including sports, [skill training](#), and [healthcare](#), to facilitate access to higher education and employment opportunities.

**Read more:** [Ekalavya Model Residential Schools \(EMRSs\)](#)

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